



# COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE ASIA-PACIFIC SITUATION REPORT



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## KEY MESSAGES

As a global girls' rights and humanitarian organisation, Plan International's experience indicates that girls and young women are particularly vulnerable in health emergencies. We call on governments to **include meaningful participation of girls and women in its decision-making processes** related to the COVID-19 response and recognise that outbreaks, quarantines and isolation affect girls and boys, women and men differently.

We believe that sex and age-appropriate interventions that **address increased risk of child marriage, sexual violence, sexual reproductive health and rights, mental health and burden of domestic work facing girls and women** are particularly essential and we call on countries to provide foreign assistance to increase funding in light of COVID-19, including intensifying support and preventive measures in refugee and displacement settings.

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REACHED THROUGH OUR RESPONSE in APAC



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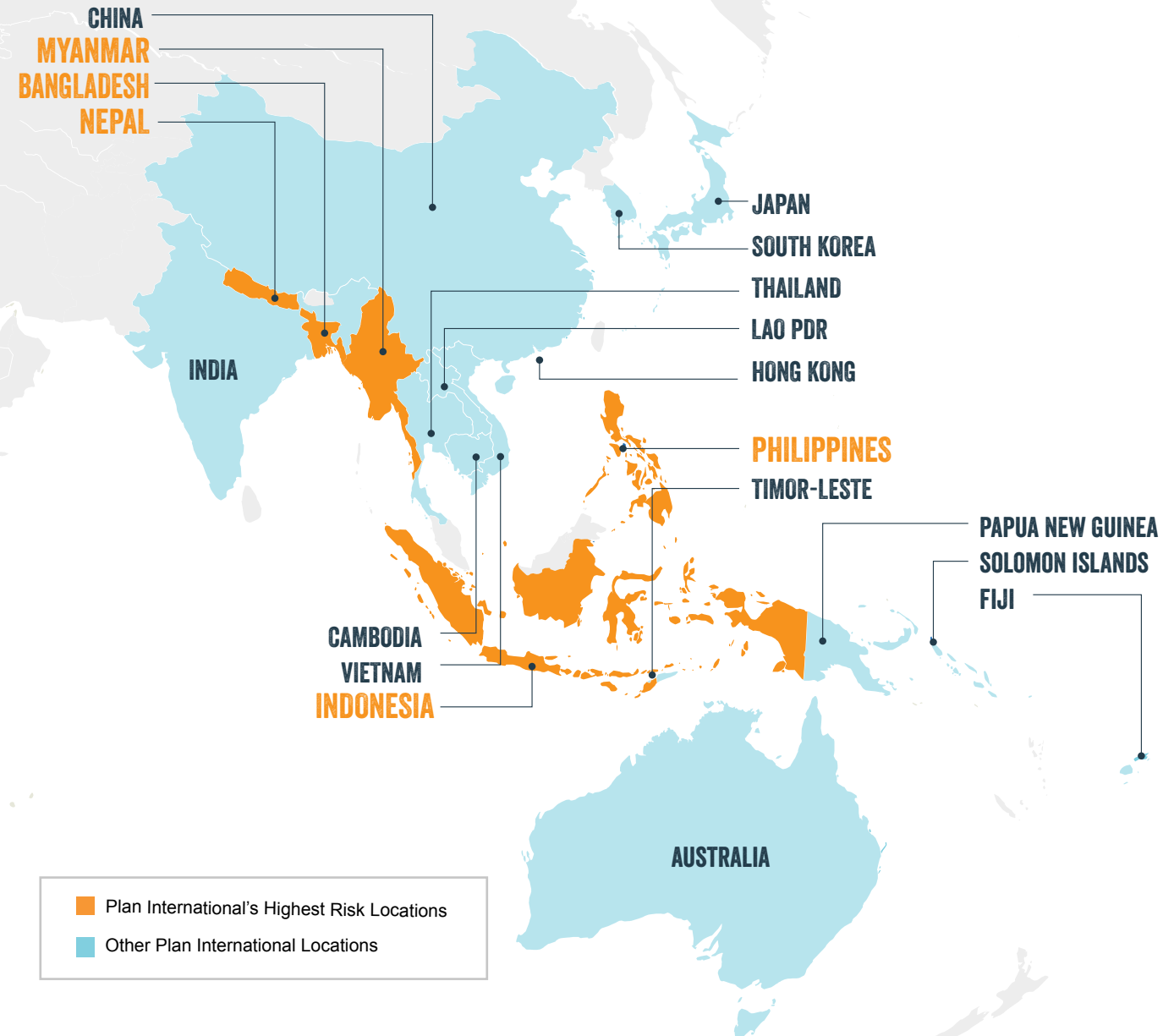
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# COVID-19 REGIONAL OVERVIEW



■ Plan International's Highest Risk Locations  
■ Other Plan International Locations

Reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths as of 9 July 2020 (WHO, Sitrep #171)

| LOCATIONS        | TOTAL CONFIRMED | TOTAL DEATHS |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Bangladesh       | 172,134         | 2,197        |
| Cambodia         | 141             | 0            |
| China            | 85,399          | 4,648        |
| Fiji             | 21              | 0            |
| India            | 767,296         | 21,129       |
| Indonesia        | 68,079          | 3,359        |
| Lao PDR          | 19              | 0            |
| Myanmar          | 318             | 6            |
| Nepal            | 16,423          | 35           |
| Papua New Guinea | 11              | 0            |
| Philippines      | 50,359          | 1,314        |
| Solomon Islands* | -               | -            |
| Thailand         | 3,202           | 58           |
| Timor-Leste      | 24              | 0            |
| Vietnam          | 369             | 0            |

\* No data for Solomon Islands on WHO SitReps

## REGIONAL INFLUENCING

- Collaborating with Save the Children on a Policy Brief on COVID-19 and Protection of Girls from Violence aimed at ASEAN and SAARC.
- Actively participating in regional COVID-19 working groups such as Regional Migrant and Refugee, the Regional WASH and the Regional Logistic working groups.
- Co-led a joint webinar with the Asia Pacific Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) on 'Adolescent and Youth Engagement in times of COVID-19' highlighting Plan International Myanmar's work. Link of the webinar and recording can be found in this [Link of presentations](#) and [Link of webinar recording](#) Password: 2U=1U6I5





# REGIONAL REACH



**BENEFICIARIES  
REACHED SO FAR**

**13,436,709**  
PEOPLE



Including

**6,836,684**

girls and women



**3,850,200**

People reached with COVID-19 prevention and hygiene messages



**422,891**

Girls and boys participated in distance learning programs



**350,965**

Parents and caregivers participated in 'Coping with COVID-19' support sessions



**198,552**

Children and youth participated in 'Coping with COVID-19' support programmes



**1,718,040**

Menstrual hygiene and hygiene supplies distributed



**36,878**

People received cash and voucher assistance (254 of which are people with disability)



**92,518**

Vulnerable families received food rations



**1,014**

Primary healthcare facilities received essential support



**1,171**

Handwashing and sanitation facilities built or repaired (households, communities and institutions)



**7,325**

Teachers received learning support training



**784,175**

Personal protective equipment (PPE) distributed



**822,609**

Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials produced and distributed

Figures as of 30 June 2020





# PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

## NEPAL



-Engaging with local government in Sindhuli to continue education and learning opportunities for children staying at home.

-Reached 14,996 people with messages on protection, gender-based violence, good hygiene management, menstrual hygiene management, education and early childhood development.

-Training 13 youth to build their media skills to raise their concerns and voices during COVID-19.

-Continuing to broadcast child protection messages through on radio stations in programme areas.

-Broadcasted prevention from sexual exploitation and abuse messages through radio stations 1,116 times in programme areas.

-Distributed 1,400 surgical masks and 35-liter hand sanitizers to public health offices in programme areas.

-Distributed meal packs and hygiene materials to 5,783 migrant workers in Banke.

-Distributed menstrual hygiene management and hygiene products to 500 vulnerable women and girls.

-Built 2 temporary contactless toilets in quarantine centers in Dudhauri Municipality.

-Installed 7 temporary handwashing stations in Banke and Bardiya districts.

-Continuing to broadcast hygiene promotion, including menstrual hygiene management, and COVID-19 awareness messages through radio stations.

## PHILIPPINES



-Published a joint press release under Girls Advocacy Alliance raising concern over the rising cases of violence against women children, [read here](#).

-Reached 13,446 families of sponsored children (benefiting 67,230 individuals) with emergency cash assistance to help them meet immediate needs.

-Delivered 46 (IDP) recovery and livelihood grants to Internally Displaced Persons' businesses.

-Continuing to provide mental health and psychosocial support to youth experiencing distress and anxiety due to the pandemic.

-Distributed 125 boxes of gloves, and 445 boxes of surgical masks and 400 hygiene kits were given to the Marawi City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office and gloves to the Manila City Disaster Risk Reduction Office.

-Raised awareness on referral pathway systems related to child protection in 25 barangays in Western Samar, reaching 2,896 families.

-Reached 1,000 families in Iligan City with hygiene materials and COVID-19 awareness messaging.

-Participated in the Child Protection Minimum Standard (CPMS) webinar series on Community-Level Approaches to Child Protection hosted by the Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action

-Leading an online peer education session called #QuaranTALK in partnership with Y-Peer Pilipinas.

-Co-hosted a series of webinars to assist IDP entrepreneurs in Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur.

## INDONESIA



-Working with Education Cluster and the Ministry of Education to develop Home Learning guidance.

-Facilitated a dialogue between children and young people with the Minister of Education to discuss issues and recommendations on distance learning.

-Supporting to local government's education office on radio learning program in Soe district, East Nusa Tenggara.

-Facilitated a dialogue between children and young people with National Commission for Child Protection to raise concerns and provide recommendations.

-Distributed 2,020 menstrual hygiene management and hygiene kits in Jakarta province.

-Produced a video tutorial on producing face masks for children and people with disability.

-Published 'School reopening faces safety dilemma in Indonesia' opinion piece, [read here](#).

## MYANMAR



-Developing child protection training materials for virtual protection and education in Rakhine Internally Displaced Person (IDP) camps.

-Continuing to train youth leaders from virtual education and protection campaign to offer protection support for girls and young women living in 24 IDP camps and 24 host communities, as well as in 220 villages.

-Launching chat-bot resource on Facebook for youth to access and learn about protection measures.

-Supported youth from IDP camps in Rakhine to produce 23,000 masks in non-formal education centers.

-Supporting the employment of 100 youth in Sittwe to produce protective face masks for project beneficiaries.

## BANGLADESH



-Collaborated with Ministry of Education and Press Institute Bangladesh to facilitate a Facebook-based live education classes reaching millions of adolescents and children.

-Partnered with Sesame Workshop Bangladesh to broadcast parenting messages during COVID-19, benefiting over 2,000 parents.

-Collaborated under Girls Not Brides to advocate for specific budget allocation for preventing child marriages in the proposed national budget for 2020-2021, [read here](#).

-Participated in the COVID-19 and School Safety webinar, hosted by the Global Alliance for Disaster Reduction and Resilience in Education Sector (GADRRRES).

-Reached 2,555 beneficiaries in awareness and child protection sessions, including 914 children.

-Conducted 942 counselling sessions to adolescents, pregnant mothers, lactating mothers and newly married couples.

-Supported 1,079 adolescents to receive counselling on personal and menstrual hygiene management along with raising awareness to the harms of child, early and forced marriage.

-Provided 388 couples to receive family planning services.

-Provided counselling services to 6,670 pregnant women and their husbands, and lactating mothers.

-Supported 575 vulnerable people to get nutritious food from the Union councils.



Plan International Indonesia facilitated an online forum for 50 children and young people from various regions in Indonesia to hold discussions with the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Indonesian Child Protection Commission.

An took part to represent children with disabilities and gave her recommendations on how to make education more inclusive:

"During the pandemic, it is increasingly difficult for us to understand the subjects given to us because there is no assistance from the teacher. I hope that the Minister can provide us with teachers who can speak sign language and can supply us with the equipment to support our education at school and at home."

-An, Indonesia



All School Open



School Partially Open



School Closed



Reported Cases of COVID-19



# PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA



-Promoted good hygiene practices in 11 primary schools and 1 health centre in Northern Bougainville, reaching 1,289 students.

-Reached 1,000 students and 31 teachers in schools across Central Bougainville with information and education materials and COVID-19 awareness raising.



“Children from vulnerable communities are missing on learning because they cannot afford an online education, I am also worried about workers who have lost their jobs and are unable to access essential rations because they don't have valid documents.

-Vidhi, India



## THAILAND



-Conducting online sessions with 25 school principals and local education authorities in Chiang Rai reinforcing key messages from Ministry of Public Health Guideline.

-Procuring 4,200 of washable facemasks and 2,000 hygiene kits to distribute to migrant workers in programme areas.

-Produced and disseminated back-to-school video in Chiang Rai to promote good practices on prevention and mitigation measures.

-Reached 2,491 people with good hygiene practices in school through social media.

-Engaged 135 youths and 153 adult community members in programme areas to produce face masks and alcohol-based hand gel for further production in their communities.

-Distributed food rations to migrant families facing food insecurity in Rayong and Trat province.



## TIMOR-LESTE



-Engaged with the Office of the First Lady to stop child marriage and end violence against children cases.

-Reached 10,000 sponsorship families in Aileu and Ainaro with hygiene kits.

-Reached 270 adolescent girls through a digital campaign to speak up against and share their thoughts on gender-based violence in relation to the pandemic.

-Supported a youth-led organisation to deliver a workshop reflecting the needs and issues to improve on during lockdown, reaching 150 children across programme areas.

-Supported 15 community leaders to share and raise awareness of referral pathways and discuss gender-based violence and violence against children in communities.

-Installed water pumps in three communities in Aileu.

## FIJI



-Conducting community-based training focusing on COVID-19 awareness with gender, disabilities and LGBTIQ+ inclusion in Rotuma.

-Providing support to suicide prevention awareness among youth.

## CAMBODIA



-Provided child protection counselling services to 78 people, including 35 children.

-Conducted 49 awareness raising sessions on COVID-19, gender-based violence and violence against children, reaching 46,493 people.

-Supported 32 primary schools in Stung Treng and Ratanakiri provinces to roll-out distance learning programmes.

-Distributed hygiene materials to 160 poor households with children under 5 in Siem Reap.

-Installing 75 pedal-operated handwashing stations in public spaces across programme areas.

-Procured and in the process of distributing handwashing stations to 10,600 vulnerable households.

-Provided cash transfers to 300 vulnerable households in programme areas.

-Constructed 18 community water-pipe systems across programme areas.

-Continuing to broadcast awareness messages on COVID-19 through radio stations in four provinces.

## CHINA



-Providing lunch boxes for students for returning students in programme areas.

-Produced informational and educational posters for students returning back to school on proper hygiene management, online safety and mental health.

-Collaborating with a major international clothing brand and a Chinese foundation on a mass media campaign to raise awareness of women's economic empowerment in COVID-19 recovery stage..

## VIETNAM



--Trained 35 government officials, village heads and local authorities in Lai Chau province on COVID-19 prevention measures.

-Disseminated medical equipment to 8 Communal Health Centers in Ha Giang province, benefitting 27,904 people.

-Conducted awareness raising activities on COVID-19 prevention in Quang Tri, reaching 2,431 beneficiaries and in Kon Tum and Lai Chau, reaching 3,128 beneficiaries.

-Provided learning aids to 2,203 students in Lai Chau and Kon Tum provinces.

-Supported 9 schools in Kon Tum with 18 handwashing stations, benefitting 5,721 people.

-Installed 4 handwashing stations in a preschool in Quang province, benefitting 315 children.

-Provided cash grants to 191 vulnerable households (benefitting 498 people) in Quang Tri province.

## LAO PDR



-Partnered with Centre of Education and Health to disseminate age-appropriate key messages as part of the National COVID-19 Task Force Group.

-Collaborating with the Ministry of Education and Sports on the Back to School campaign.

-Providing technical assistance to Ministry of Education and Sports on developing distance learning materials on comprehensive sexuality education for secondary school students.

-Partnered with Ministry of Health to develop and disseminate key awareness messages through SMS and radio

-Distributed hygiene kits reaching 2,014 beneficiaries.

## INDIA



-Reached 7,067 People Living with HIV/AIDS families were provided with nutrition packages or linked with ration services initiated by the government.

-Distributed 946,070 menstrual hygiene management products and hygiene kits to 94,607 families.

-Trained 500 peer educators on key messages related to gender-based violence and gender discrimination.

-Supporting youth in running remedial classes for peers, reaching 2,520 children.

-Delivered life-saving Antiretroviral medicines to 20,257 People Living with HIV in 14 states covering 357 districts.

-Distributed food baskets to 81,852 vulnerable families.

-Shared COVID-19 awareness messages across 2,935 villages and 295 communities and 45,167 sponsored families over the phone.

-Reached 2,400 people through an interactive voice response campaign on COVID-19 awareness and psychosocial support.

-Provided 16,787 frontline workers with hygiene kits.

-Supporting local education department to ensure all schools across operational areas are sanitised appropriately to make it conducive for learning when schools reopen.

## SOLOMON ISLANDS



-Developing informational material on COVID-19 prevention and awareness to be distributed in programme areas.



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