



# 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.

**5,686,842** PEOPLE

REACHED THROUGH OUR RESPONSE in APAC



**1,283,522**

Menstrual hygiene and hygiene supplies distributed



**738,930**

IEC materials distributed



**494,129**

PPE equipment distributed

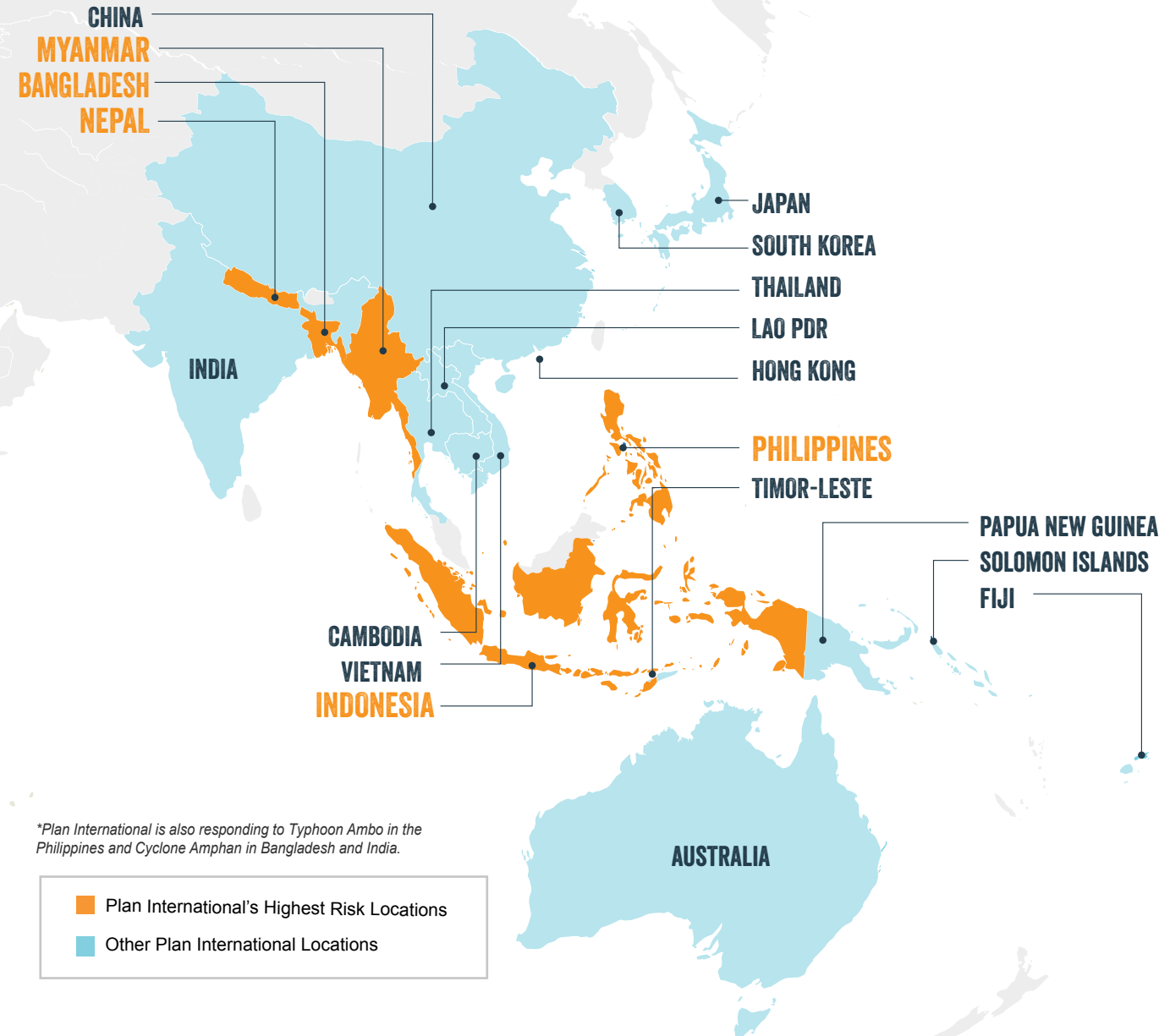


# COVID-19 REGIONAL OVERVIEW

Reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths as of 11 June 2020 (WHO, Sitrep #143)

LOCATIONS	TOTAL CONFIRMED	TOTAL DEATHS
Bangladesh	74,865	1,012
Cambodia	126	0
China	84,652	4,645
Fiji	18	0
India	286,579	8,102
Indonesia	34,316	1,959
Lao PDR	19	0
Myanmar	248	8
Nepal	4,364	15
Papua New Guinea	8	0
Philippines	23,732	1,027
Solomon Islands*	-	-
Thailand	3,125	58
Timor-Leste	24	0
Vietnam	332	0

\* No data for Solomon Islands on WHO SitReps



\*Plan International is also responding to Typhoon Ambo in the Philippines and Cyclone Amphan in Bangladesh and India.

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

All Plan International countries in Asia-Pacific are implementing their 6 months COVID-19 Emergency Response Plans

## 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-leading the priority action on Regional Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) with youth and children together with UNICEF and WHO as part of the Regional RCCE Working Group.
- Released 'Hear it from the Girls - Asia and COVID019', a brief report highlighting ongoing impacts on girls' lives through their voices and anecdotes while incorporating regional key challenges, analysis, and recommendations to governments, [read here](#).



# REGIONAL REACH



**BENEFICIARIES  
REACHED SO FAR**

**5,686,842**  
PEOPLE



Including

**2,937,978**  
girls and women



**2,504,571**

People reached with COVID-19 prevention and hygiene messages



**200,230**

Girls and boys participated in distance learning programs



**182,661**

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



**108,403**

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



**1,283,522**

Menstrual hygiene and hygiene supplies distributed



**18,801**

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



**58,453**

Vulnerable families received food rations



**538**

Primary healthcare facilities received essential support



**471**

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



**2,416**

Teachers received learning support training



**494,129**

Personal protective equipment (PPE) distributed



**738,930**

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

Figures as of 2 June 2020



# PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

## INDONESIA



-Leading children's forum with Ministry of Women and Empowerment and Child Protection to promote children's rights during the pandemic.

-Working with provincial governments to engage volunteers to raise awareness about child protection and mother and child health during the pandemic at the village level

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

-Installed water tanks and delivered water trucks to remote communities.

-Collaborating with UNICEF to conduct radio talk show on "Safe school on COVID-19".

## MYANMAR



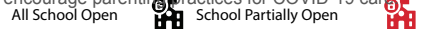
-Supported youth to produce 23,000 masks in Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camps in Rakhine.

-Trained 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.

-Continuing to distribute food rations to Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) living in conflicted areas.

-Training young people to produce youth-friendly content on prevention and control, nutrition, substance abuse, coping mechanisms and mental health.

-Launched online "Plan Challenge" campaign to encourage parenting practices for COVID-19 care



## PHILIPPINES



-Broadcasting prevention and awareness messages on five radio stations in programme areas, reaching 641,458 people.

-Supported 1,035 families with aid in the form of Multipurpose Cash Transfers, Food Vouchers, and Livelihood Assistance.

-Leading an online peer education sessions called #QuarANTALK in partnership with Y-Peer Pilipinas.

-Coordinating with provincial level protection and gender-based violence referral services under the RAISE Above project.

## NEPAL



-Collaborating with Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizen to broadcast child protection messages on 273 radio stations

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

-Broadcasted child protection messages through 16 local radio stations, reaching 385,402 people.

-Broadcasted radio messages on Prevention from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in Sindhuli, Banke, Bardiya, Kalikot, Makwanpur and Jumla districts.

-7 temporary contactless handwashing stations were set up providing with soaps and water supply at quarantine centers and public places in Sindhuli and Sunsari.



## BANGLADESH



-Reached 5,865 beneficiaries in awareness and child protection sessions in Cox's Bazar, including 2,603 children.

-Reached 34,505 beneficiaries in awareness and prevention messages, including 21,682 children.

-Distributed 1,827 Hygiene kits to adolescent girls and young women in refugee camps and Plalongkhali Union of Ukha Sub-District (Upazilla).

-Distributed 1,220 IEC materials with awareness messages on preventing child marriage, general health care during COVID-19, mental stress, violence against women.

-Distributed early warning cyclone messages (Amphan) in all five camps in Ukhiya through SMS, WhatsApp, emergency basis skype meetings, and leaflets.

-Provided cash support to 431 households in Cox's Bazar and 861 sponsored families in Dhaka district.

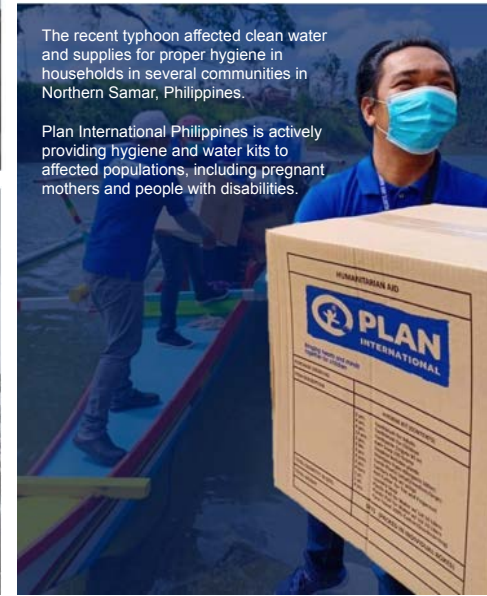


“ All the more during the quarantine, we must protect and promote children's rights at all times. We must be extra careful as online threats are now heightened. There are online scammers and predators seeking to prey on the most vulnerable ones in the world of internet - children. ”

-Mau, Philippines

The recent typhoon affected clean water and supplies for proper hygiene in households in several communities in Northern Samar, Philippines.

Plan International Philippines is actively providing hygiene and water kits to affected populations, including pregnant mothers and people with disabilities.

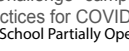
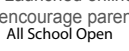


Plan International Myanmar has launched a virtual youth-led education and protection campaign together with UNICEF. The first of its kind, the campaign is superheaded by 125 young leaders, with over 700 of their peers, in Mandalay Regional and Kachin State to raise awareness about COVID-19 and promote reporting pathways for child protection and gender-based violence issues during this time of increased isolation.

As part of the campaign, youth leaders are drawing and painting sun ally symbols near their homes to signify shining a light on incidents of violence and abuse that might otherwise be ignored. It also lets their peers and other community members know that they have an ally during these difficult times.

“I call upon my fellow youth leaders to share our newly acquired knowledge with our peers and communities to that we can protect one another.”

-Htu Mai, Youth Leader





# PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS



The Children's Council in Quang Binh held a meeting with 100 children who raised their voices and discussed the country's law and concerns of the pandemic on their health, education and daily lives.

"I feel more empowered as the elected deputies and representatives from the provincial departments listened and responded to my ideas." - Ha



"The situation is getting worse daily. People living below poverty line are unable to purchase food items and medicine and other essential items."  
-Pravalika, India



## TIMOR-LESTE



-Continuing to work with Ministry of Health to promote access to sexual and reproductive information and services through radio talk shows.

-Connected 206 households to water pipeline.

-Installed public hand washing stations in three sub municipalities of Ainaro.

## 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.

-Reached 5, 329 people with health services in Oudomxay.

## SOLOMON ISLANDS



-Distributed IEC materials in Ontong Java and running tippy tap demonstrations and providing nine water tanks to communities.

-Supported 5 primary schools in West Guadalcana on menstrual hygiene management and good hygiene practices.

## INDIA



-Virtually trained 76 youth advocates on 'Youth Safeguarding Policies and Online Safety during COVID-19'.

-Provided 42,936 Government frontline health workers with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits.

-Distributed hygiene kits to 66,401 families, including sanitary napkins for adolescent girls.

-Shared menstrual hygiene awareness messages through SMS to more than 600 courtyard shelter workers and 10,000 adolescent girls.

-Collaborating with UNFPA to develop a mobile app targeting vulnerable families to request for support, including safe transportation, tele-counseling, and sexual and reproductive health services.

-Provided 2, 067 people living with HIV/AIDS and their families with nutrition packages

-Shared awareness and prevention messages across 2,813 villages and 197 slums, reaching 44,823 families.

-Provided tele-counseling to 2,946 Government frontline workers.

-Distributed food rations to 56,169 vulnerable families.

-Provided hygiene kits to 16,026 frontline workers.

## FIJI



-Working with partners to deliver activities in protection, agriculture and livelihoods, water, sanitation and hygiene and psychosocial support.

-Providing cash assistance to unemployed people with disabilities through partnership with Disabled People's Federation.

## VIETNAM



-Launched an online campaign focusing on impacts of COVID-19 on girls and women with nearly 12,116 participants.

-Providing counseling to families with children at risk of school dropout or early marriage.

-Supported prevention and awareness activities reaching 37,392 people, including 15,680 children.

-Reached 7,200 beneficiaries through prevention and awareness sessions.

-Supporting learning aids to prevent school dropouts, reaching 791 children so far.

-Using social media to disseminate youth-friendly messages on awareness and prevention.

## THAILAND



-Provided 155,000 liters of clean water to 6,916 people in programme areas experience seasonal drought.

-Distributed 445 pieces of washable face masks to migrant children, youth and their families in Trat Province.

-Supporting local youth leaders in prevention campaign in programme areas.

-Supporting local teacher groups to produce child-friendly IEC materials on COVID-19 prevention and awareness raising in schools.

-Coordinating with local health office and health promotion hospital in Chiang Rai Province to conduct 'back-to-school' campaign.

-Using social media to disseminate youth-friendly messages on awareness and prevention.

## CAMBODIA



-Supported the Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Education to organise virtual discussions on the importance of menstrual hygiene.

-Issued the joint statement, "Donors and government must put children's rights at the heart of the COVID-19 response" with the Joining Forces Alliance.

-A joint gender assessment on the impact of COVID-19 among ethnic minorities is underway with CARE.

-Supporting distance learning within 32 primary schools in Stung Treng and Ratanakiri.

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA



-Collaborating with Ministry of Health and Arawa Town Council to design COVID-19 awareness billboards in public spaces.

-Supported the Central Bougainville Taskforce and Town Council to provide information and advice for COVID-19 awareness.

## CHINA



-Providing lunch boxes for children returning to schools in programme areas.

-Supporting the sanitisation and hygiene promotion of schools in programme areas, reaching 73 schools so far.

-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.



All School Open



School Partially Open



School Closed



Reported Cases of COVID-19

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