



# 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.

# 26,415,687 PEOPLE

REACHED THROUGH OUR RESPONSE in APAC



# 1,987,995

Hygiene/Menstrual hygiene kits and Non-food items (NFI) distributed



# 883,753

IEC materials distributed



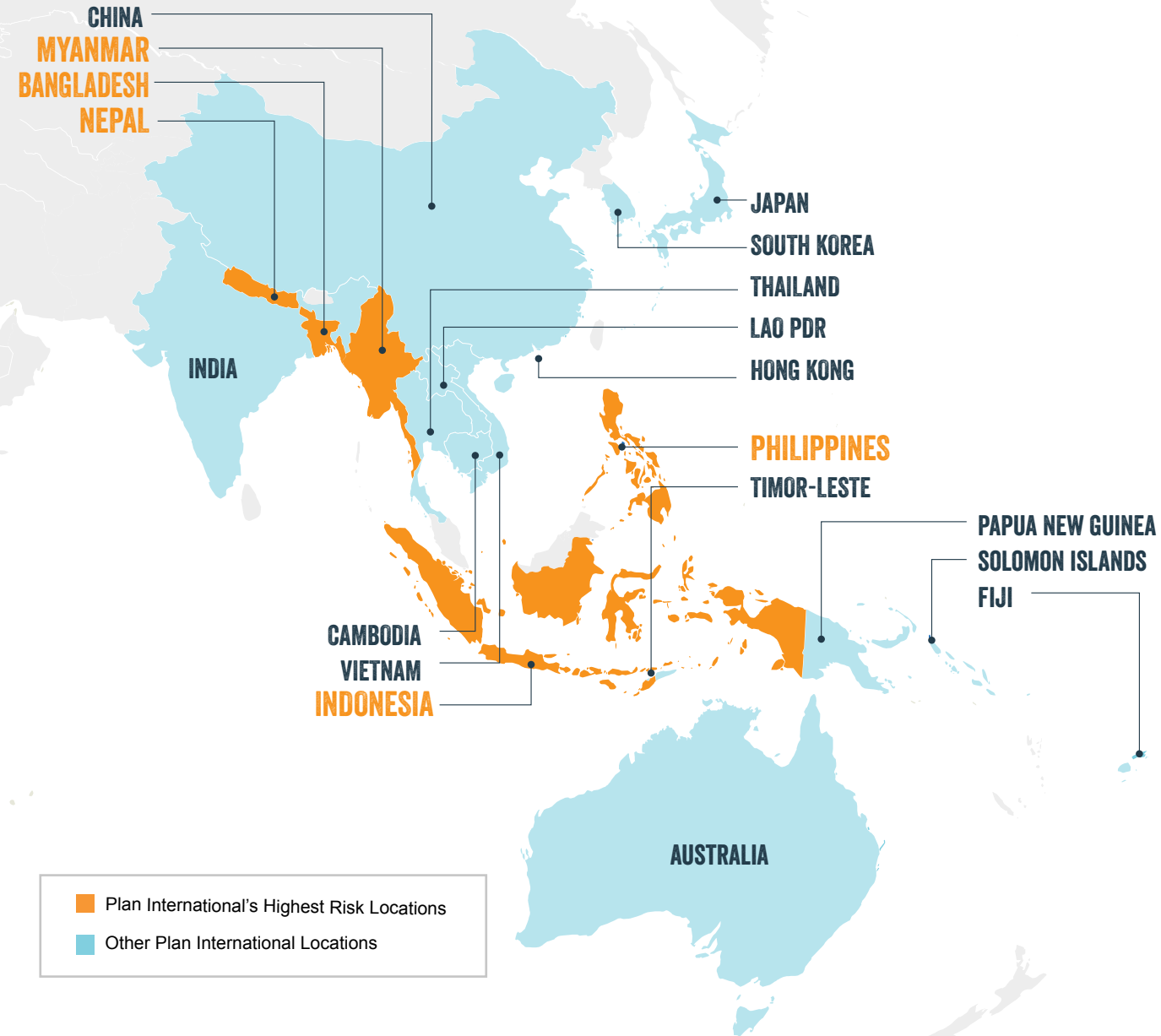
# 1,006,348

PPE equipment distributed



# COVID-19 REGIONAL OVERVIEW

Reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths as of 31 August 2020 from WHO



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

| LOCATIONS        | TOTAL CONFIRMED | TOTAL DEATHS |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Bangladesh       | 308,925         | 4,206        |
| Cambodia         | 273             | 0            |
| China            | 85,547          | 4,644        |
| Fiji             | 28              | 2            |
| India            | 3,542,733       | 63,498       |
| Indonesia        | 169,195         | 7,261        |
| Lao PDR          | 22              | 0            |
| Myanmar          | 749             | 6            |
| Nepal            | 37,340          | 207          |
| Papua New Guinea | 459             | 5            |
| Philippines      | 213,131         | 3,419        |
| Solomon Islands* | -               | -            |
| Thailand         | 3,411           | 58           |
| Timor-Leste      | 27              | 0            |
| Vietnam          | 1,040           | 32           |

\* No data for Solomon Islands on WHO SitReps

## REGIONAL INFLUENCING

- Actively participating in regional COVID-19 working groups such as Regional Migrant and Refugee, the Regional WASH and the Regional Logistic working groups.
- With Save The Children, released a thematic policy brief- '[Because We Matter: Addressing COVID-19 and Violence against Girls in Asia-Pacific](#)' to secure commitment from regional and national leaders to priorities and invest consistently in the protection of girls.
- Co-leading the priority action on Regional Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) with youth and children

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



# REGIONAL REACH



**BENEFICIARIES  
REACHED SO FAR**

**26,415,687**  
PEOPLE



Including

**13,289,431**  
girls and women



**6,280,433**

People reached with COVID-19 prevention and hygiene messages



**427,391**

Girls and boys participated in distance learning programs



**395,558**

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



**367,262**

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



**1,987,995**

Hygiene/Menstrual hygiene kits and Non-food items (NFI) distributed



**57,311**

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



**106,329**

Vulnerable families received food rations



**1,109**

Primary healthcare facilities received essential support



**1,613**

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



**7,500**

Teachers received learning support training



**1,006,348**

Personal protective equipment (PPE) distributed



**883,753**

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

*Figures as of 25 August 2020*



# PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

## INDONESIA



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

-Collaborating with Ministry of Social Affairs to facilitate psychosocial support training to government agencies.

-Partnering with National Alliance to End Violence against children and Indonesia Joining Forces to advocate government and national task forces to ensure fulfilled children rights and all children, especially girls are safe and protected.

-Reached 541,191 people with awareness and prevention messages through social media.

## MYANMAR



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

-Distributed 1,300 health and safety equipment to Regional Departments of Health and Social Welfare.

-Distributed food rations to over 48,000 IDPs in Sittwe, Rakhine.

-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.

-Reached 4.6 million with digital protection and education campaign.

## BANGLADESH



-Coordinating with Director of Health Services to provide technical guidance on sexual reproductive health and rights and health programming.

-Provided cash grants to 1,100 vulnerable families in Hatibandha and Jaldhaka sub-districts.

-Reached 15,590 beneficiaries through COVID-19 awareness raising sessions in Cox's Bazar.

-Reached 4,862 beneficiaries with child protection messages in programme areas.

-Distributed hygiene kits to 17,003 households in Cox's Bazar.

-Provided 780 adolescents with counseling services on menstrual hygiene, delayed marriage and its benefits, and COVID-19 prevention.

-Launched 3 raising awareness on child marriage and gender-based violence campaigns.



## PHILIPPINES



-Facilitated webinar to address the impact of COVID-19 on the fisheries industry and resulting risks of trafficking and exploitation, [watch here](#).

-Distributed local government units in Lanao del Sur with PPEs, hygiene kits and, information and education materials, reaching 22,294 individuals.

-Collaborated with Joining Forces Alliance to produce a position statement calling for support of continued learning for children during COVID-19, [read here](#).

-Conducted a series of trainings on menstrual hygiene management and prevention tips, reaching 1,500 in the City of Manila.

-Distributed 729 menstrual hygiene management kits to adolescent girls and young women in Western Samar.

-Partnering with Y-Peer Pilipinas to disseminate youth friendly information and educational materials called [#QuarantTIPS](#) and co-leading peer education sessions called [#QuaranTalk](#).



## NEPAL



-Broadcasted hygiene promotion and awareness raising messages through radio stations, reaching 55,813 households in Sindhuli and Sunsari.

-Distributed hygiene and menstrual hygiene materials to 760 girls in Banke and Sunsari districts.

-Conducted 288 curriculum-based radio schooling classes in Banke, Bardiya, Sindhuli and Sunsari.

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

-Distributed food rations and hygiene materials to 2,468 seasonal migrant workers and their families in Banke.



In West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia, Plan International Indonesia is working closely with communities and duty bearers to ensure children, especially girls, have access to education during the pandemic.



"Through my work, I do really hope that all children will enjoy their right to quality education even in an emergency situation."

-Maulinnais, Disaster Risk Reduction Project Coordinator for Plan International Indonesia



All School Open



School Partially Open



School Closed



Reported Cases of COVID-19



# PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

## SOLOMON ISLANDS



-Working with Live and Learn, Solomon Islands Development Trust and the Honiara City Council to deliver activities in protection, agriculture and livelihoods, water, sanitation and hygiene and psychosocial support.

“ I feel under pressure because I lack the time to study as much as I need to as I must do the housework and look after my younger siblings.”  
-Sokhan, Cambodia



## INDIA



-To date, provided 95,980 families with food rations, 116,824 families with hygiene kits, 39,745 frontline workers with PPEs and distributed 267,256 soaps and 1,168,240 sanitary pads distributed.

-Supported 126 young women in skills development and entrepreneurship training in Uttar Pradesh, resulting in an average of Rs. 3,000 additional income for families.

-Provided awareness raising sessions on breastfeeding to 26,489 pregnant and lactating mothers, including 906 frontline workers.

-Conducted hygiene promotion activities across 3,036 villages in programme areas.

-Continuing to campaign to ensure school enrollment of all girls when schools open.

## VIETNAM



-Collaborated with Central Youth Union to facilitate communication activities on life skills and child protection, reaching 170,000 individuals.

-Produced a short film on child protection messages that has been broadcasted on social media, e-newspaper and YouTube, reaching 470,000 beneficiaries.

-Disseminated COVID-19 prevention messages in communities reaching 22,256 people.

## THAILAND



-Facilitated training for 96 teachers and education support personnel in Chiang Rai on risk communication and child-led multi-risk assessment tools.

-Disseminating manual tailored for schoolteachers to educate students on COVID-19.

## FIJI



-Providing support to suicide prevention awareness among youth.

-Working with Partners in Community Development, Disabled Peoples Federation, Fiji Council of Social Services, Empower Pacific, Rainbow Pride Foundation, and the Australia Pacific Climate Partnership to deliver activities in protection, agriculture and livelihoods, water, sanitation and hygiene and psychosocial support.

## 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 a major international clothing brand to raise funds for programmes supporting women affected by COVID-19.

## 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

-Supported European Union with launch of Civil Society Action to Prevent and Mitigate COVID-19 project which will benefit 40,000 individuals in high risk areas. [read more here.](#)

-Collaborating with Australian Humanitarian Partnership to support cash transfers to 550 vulnerable girls and 500 boys and their families.

## TIMOR-LESTE



-Held seminar for 248 university students on prevention and awareness raising.

-Supported 23 youth leaders to promote child protection during emergency in communities.

-Distributed hygiene kits to 19,244 children across 150 primary schools in programme areas.

-Distributed 12,092 facemasks and 71 thermo scanners to 71 schools in Aileu and Ainaro.

## CAMBODIA



-Partnered with Ministry of Rural Development, conducted 3 hygiene promotion and menstrual hygiene management trainings for 187 commune councilors and district officers.

-Reached 773,458 people, including 205,419 children, with Child Helpline services.

-Distributed hygiene and menstrual hygiene materials to 25,742 vulnerable households.

-Supported 32 primary schools in Ratanakiri and Stung Treng to implement distance learning.

-Provided child protection counseling services to 206 beneficiaries

-Installed 50 pedal hand washing stations in public places around Phnom Penh.

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA



-Partnered with Kieta Young Women's Association to advocate and address young women's issues, particularly on gender-based violence prevention and support

-Reached 988 students and 34 teachers with COVID-19 awareness raising messages across 7 primary schools and 2 health clinics in Kunua.

-Distributed 288 bars of soap and 608 information and educational materials, reaching 11,508 people.

-Supporting awareness raising and prevention radio programs.



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