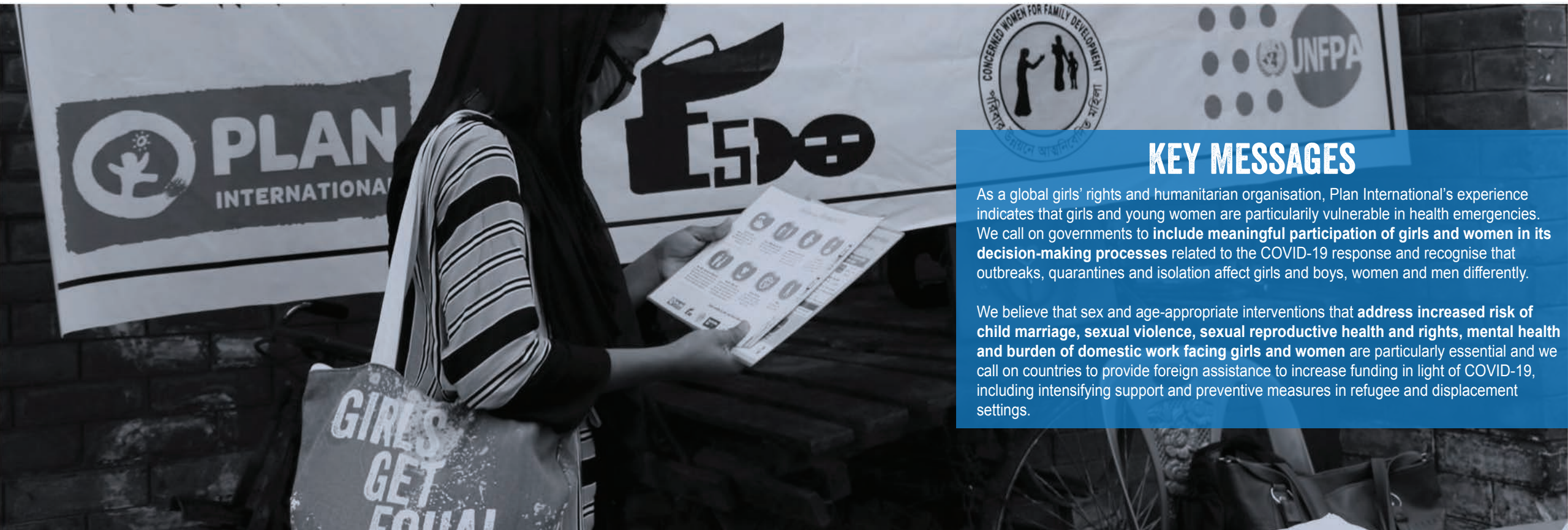




COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE ASIA-PACIFIC SITUATION REPORT



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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.

18,240,645 PEOPLE

REACHED THROUGH OUR RESPONSE in APAC



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849,079

IEC materials distributed



943,022

PPE equipment distributed

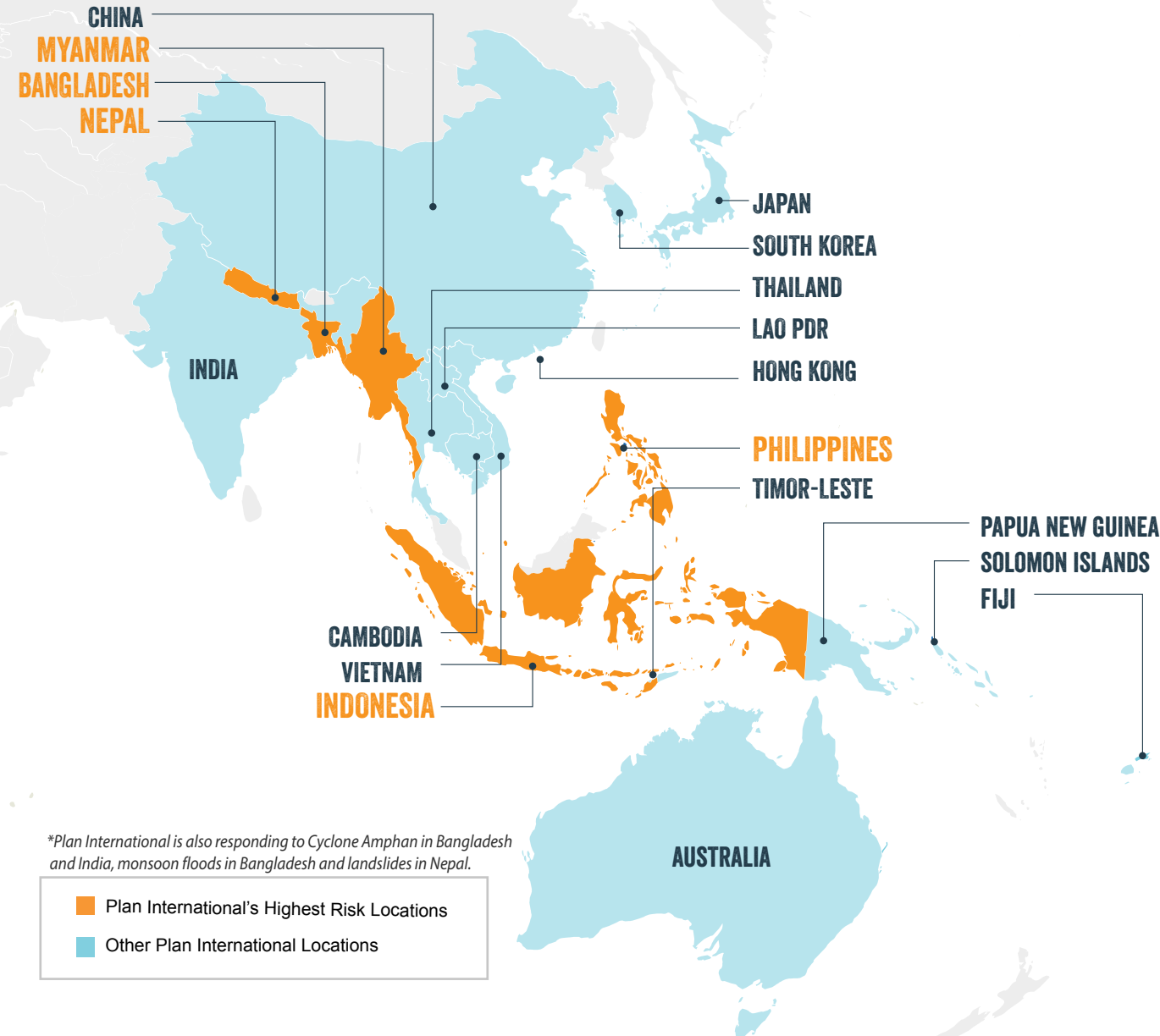


COVID-19 REGIONAL OVERVIEW

Reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths as of 6 August 2020 (WHO, Sitrep #199)

LOCATIONS	TOTAL CONFIRMED	TOTAL DEATHS
Bangladesh	246,674	3,267
Cambodia	243	0
China	88,804	4,684
Fiji	27	1
India	1,964,536	40,699
Indonesia	116,871	5,452
Lao PDR	20	0
Myanmar	357	6
Nepal	21,390	60
Papua New Guinea	153	2
Philippines	115,980	2,123
Solomon Islands*	-	-
Thailand	3,330	58
Timor-Leste	25	0
Vietnam	717	8

* No data for Solomon Islands on WHO SitReps



*Plan International is also responding to Cyclone Amphan in Bangladesh and India, monsoon floods in Bangladesh and landslides in Nepal.

- 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

- 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.
- Collaborated with peer Asia-Pacific Coalition for School Safety's members, Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education, and Norwegian Refugee Council, to launch the inter-agency resource – '[Safe back to School: A practitioner's Guide across Asia region](#)'.
- 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.



REGIONAL REACH



**BENEFICIARIES
REACHED SO FAR**

18,240,645
PEOPLE



Including

9,113,787
girls and women



4,585,223

People reached with COVID-19 prevention and hygiene messages



427,391

Girls and boys participated in distance learning programs



361,374

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



217,304

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



1,864,753

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



54,615

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



106,155

Vulnerable families received food rations



1,108

Primary healthcare facilities received essential support



1,572

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



7,500

Teachers received learning support training



943,022

Personal protective equipment (PPE) distributed



849,079

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

Figures as of 28 July 2020



PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS

INDONESIA



-Collaborating with National Alliance to End Violence against children and Joining Forces to advocate for children rights amid pandemic.

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

-Developing policy brief on Community-Based Total Sanitation including menstrual hygiene management to feed into national policy discourse.

-Broadcasting issues on child protection through radio talk shows in South Central Timor and Nagekeo Districts.

-Supporting children to access education in remote areas by broadcasting educational content on 1,000 stations.

BANGLADESH



-Led the Voluntary National Review 2020 and Youth Perspectives, [read here](#).

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

-Reached 4,862 people, including 2,322 children, with child protection awareness raising messages.

-Distributed hygiene kits reaching 25,500 households in Bhola district.

-Distributed menstrual hygiene management kits to 1,454 adolescent girls in Teknaf.

-Provided counselling services to 5,631 pregnant women and their husbands, and lactating mothers.

-Provided 765 students from 7 high schools with education kits.

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 chatbot resource on Facebook for youth to access and learn about issues and protection measures.

-Distributed food rations to 46,000 IDP camps in Rakhine State..

-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.



PHILIPPINES



-Facilitated online discussion on Trafficking in Persons during the COVID-19 Pandemic on July 29. The online discussion is called "Protecting Fishers from COVID-19 and Human Trafficking".

-Facilities a series of short orientations on menstrual hygiene management (MHM) and COVID-19 prevention tips, reaching 1,500 participants in the City of Manila.

-Distributed hygiene management materials to health and frontline workers in 64 barangays, benefitting 61,762 people.

-Distributed 729 MHM kits to adolescent girls and young women in schools 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.

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



NEPAL



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

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

-Distributed food rations and personal hygiene materials to 2,468 migrant workers along the border in Banke.

-Broadcasted health and hygiene messages through local radio stations in Sunsari and Sindhuli districts, reaching 66,813 households.

-Continuing to facilitate educational content over radio in Banke.

-Provided cash assistance to 24,488 vulnerable families in programme areas.

-Using social media to disseminate COVID-19 prevention and awareness message.

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

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"As a girl leader, I want to show fellow girls and young women that our capabilities are unlimited. We can help in small or big ways. Our gender identity is not a hindrance to help our country deal with COVID-19. Girls or boy, youth or adult - if you have the dedication, you can help."
”
-Raquel, The Philippines



In the community in Soe, Indonesia schools, markets and public places have been closed since the end of March 2020. Girls and young women are particularly vulnerable during crisis as it is difficult for them to manage their periods safely and with dignity due without access to sanitary products, toilets and handwashing facilities. To respond to their needs, Plan International Indonesia is distributing dignity kits to girls and women containing sanitary pads, soap, toothpaste and detergent.

“Normally people think of food or clothing, but menstrual hygiene products are too often neglected,” she says. “People may forget that these products are a necessity for girls like me.”

-Yalen, Indonesia



All School Open



School Partially Open



School Closed



Reported Cases of COVID-19



PROGRAM SNAPSHOTS



CHINA



-Providing lunch boxes 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.



“ I am worried about final year students, because now is the time we start thinking about careers but, how will we find jobs during a pandemic? ”

-Shruti, India



“ When the government announced the lockdown, I was worried about how to protect myself and others. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected my mental health, but the lockdown affects my daily life and business. ”

-Bee, Lao PDR

VIETNAM



-Conducted 39 communication sessions on prevention of child marriage, school-drop out and child protection with 2,322 participants in Ha Giang province.

-Constructed 7 hand washing stations in schools in Ha Giang province, reaching 2,290 beneficiaries.

-Installed 82 sinks to households across 12 villages in Nam Dan commune, reaching 410 direct beneficiaries.

FIJI



-In partnership with Partners in Community Development Fiji, reached 41 beneficiaries in disaster risk training in Rotuma.

-Providing support to suicide prevention awareness among youth.

CAMBODIA



-In partnership with Ministry of Rural Development, conducted hygiene promotion and menstrual hygiene management trainings to 187 commune councillors and district officers.

-Collaborating with Joining Forces to launch 'Back to School' campaign focusing on prevention of school drop-out.

-Conducted hygiene promotions sessions in 206 villages, reaching 202,677 people.

-Provided child protection counselling services to 206 beneficiaries, including 108 women and 98 children.

-Distributed 21,792 posters and 105,380 leaflets on COVID-19 and good hygiene practices.

-Using social media to disseminated child protection messages reaching 295,720 people.

TIMOR-LESTE



-Engaged with the Office of the First Lady and the Child Right Commissioner to support girls who are victims of gender-based violence to continue their education.

-Launched "Let's Go Back to School" campaign in 6 villages in Ainaro municipality.

-Distributed 110 menstrual hygiene management and hygiene kits in Aileu municipality.

-Distributed 12,092 facemarks in 71 schools in Aileu and Ainaro.

SOLOMON ISLANDS



-Constructed toilets for 22 families, reaching 112 people to promote good hygiene practices in Guadalcanal province.

INDIA



-Collaborated with UNFPA and Health Department of Bihar in the production of 'We Care' video used to support vulnerable population of family planning.

-Provided counseling to 344 families on child protection and gender-based violence.

-Distributed nutritional food rations to 95,243 families.

-Distributed 1,105,660 sanitary napkins to 110,556 families with hygiene kits.

-Supported 39,745 frontline health workers with Personal Protective Equipment.

-Provided 16,804 frontline workers with hygiene kits and demonstrated good hygiene practices

-Disseminated COVID-19 awareness and prevention messages across 3,018 villages reaching 45,167 families.

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

THAILAND



-Collaborating with Thailand Safe Schools Network to pilot a teacher's e-learning platform to manage and mitigate risk of COVID-19 in schools.

-Continuing to disseminate COVID-19 prevention and awareness messages in 153 communities in programme areas.

-Produced manual tailored for school teachers to educate students on COVID-19.

-Distributed Information and Communication materials to promote COVID-19 prevention measures in 5 schools in Rayong Provinces, reaching 1,763 people.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



-Partnered with Keita Young Women's Association to advocate and address young women's issues, gender-based violence support and COVID-19 awareness.

-Distributed 608 Information and Communication materials to 2 health clinic, reaching approximately 11,508 people.

-Reached 988 students and 34 teachers with COVID-19 awareness messaging in 7 primary schools in Kunua.

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.

-Disseminated key messages on COVID-19 prevention through media channels reaching 1,022,072 people.

-Distributed 12 thermometers, 300 packs of soap, and 300 bottles of hand sanitizer, 20 sets of Information and Communication materials, and 280 boxes of face mask to the same schools, reaching out to 4,992 students and 263 teachers.



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