

KEY MESSAGES

As a global girls' rights and humanitarian organization, 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 recognize 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 all countries who provide foreign assistance to increase funding in light of COVID-19, including intensifying support and preventive measures in refugee and displacement settings.



Countries with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths as of 2 April 2020 (WHO, Sitrep #73)		
COUNTRY	Total Confirmed	Total Deaths
Bangladesh	54	6
Cambodia	109	0
China	82724	3327
Fiji	5	0
India	1636	38
Indonesia	1677	157
Laos	10	0
Myanmar	15	1
Nepal	5	0
Papua New Guinea	1	0
Philippines	2311	96
Solomon Islands *	-	-
Thailand	1771	12
Timor-Leste	1	0
Vietnam	218	0

*No data for Solomon Islands on WHO SitReps

All Plan International countries in Asia-Pacific have completed COVID19 Emergency Response Plan, a comprehensive update will be shared in the next report

INNOVATION SPOTLIGHT !

Plan International Myanmar is exploring a virtual adolescent-led education and protection campaign together with UNICEF Kachin. This initiative will offer protection support for girls and young women living in Internally Displaced Camps and Host Communities.

Selected youth leaders will be empowered to take action in combatting this pandemic, while protecting and supporting girls and women from violence and abuse during impending social isolation.

“ As a girl staying at home during COVID-19, I have more housework to do while struggling with new studying methods online. ”
- Tu, 17, Vietnam



COUNTRY SNAPSHOTS

BANGLADESH



- Trained 500 volunteers to carry out hygiene awareness activities in Cox's Bazar
- Developing education tools for parents and caregivers in Cox's Bazar
- Disseminated child-friendly prevention messages
- Collaborating with youth networks to use online platforms and cell networks to share prevention messages

INDONESIA



- Distributed 80 liters of liquid hand sanitizers and 300 bars of soap to communities in South Jakarta- 2,600 people reached
- Distributed 200 package of hygiene kits to sponsor children families in East Nusa Tenggara
- Using social media to disseminate youth-friendly messages on awareness and prevention

MYANMAR



- Finalising a virtual program where girl leaders from Internally Displaced Camps and Host Communities are empowered to protect other girls from violence and abuse
- Engaging with the Ministry of Health in Rakhine and Kachin to discuss possible interventions while continuing to distribute food to internally displaced persons in Rakhine and maternal and child cash transfers in Kachin

NEPAL



- Circulated radio messages developed by the Ministry of Health on precaution measures through 9 FM stations
- 20,130 raising awareness flyers have been printed and distributed across seven districts
- Engaged in Health, WASH, Child Protection, Education clusters meetings

PHILIPPINES



- Leading efforts to develop a Rapid Gender Assessment package of tools for the humanitarian sector
- Advocating to promote mental health and increase awareness amongst youth through Youth Reporter on social media



CAMBODIA



- Developed a strategy for prevention and hygiene promotion campaigns together with the Ministry of Rural Development
- Disseminating child-friendly awareness messages to Khmer migrant children
- Broadcasting audio messages to raise awareness of prevention methods in different ethnic minority languages

FIJI



- Developed a joint gender, disability, inclusion analysis with key recommendations for prevention and mitigation procedures
- Disseminated child-friendly prevention messages

INDIA



- Trained 35 key officials in Maharajanj district on the identification of symptoms of infectious person to prevent cross-broader transmission
- Mobilized a 15-day awareness drive in 202 villages in Uttar Pradesh on the symptoms and preventive measures

COUNTRY SNAPSHOTS

LAOS PDR



- Commencing a training and prevention program to the Ministry of Health - to be provided to Provincial and District Health staff
- Partnering with Provincial Health Department for the procurement of Personal Protective Equipment and disinfection and cleaning equipment
- Supporting schools with hygiene kits, cleaning equipment and training

CHINA



- Coordinated and distributed hygiene equipment to six key epidemic prevention communities including 40,000 pairs of latex gloves, 460 bottles of hand soap, 200 gallons of hand sanitiser and 2,300 face masks

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



- Distributing health promotional materials in programme areas

SOLOMON ISLANDS



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TIMOR-LESTE



- Working closely with the Ministry of Education Youth and Sport, Ministry of Health and, Ministry of Civil Protection and Planning on socialisation of prevention and mitigation
- Through Co-Lead on Education Cluster coordination, led the COVID-19 socialisations for Pre-schools
- Supporting the National Disaster Risk Management Directorate to lead the provision of WASH in School and Communities

THAILAND



- Collecting data on the impact on migrant communities and identifying their needs with IOM
- In the process of procuring Personal Protective Equipment kits in programme areas
- With local government, exploring edutainment options for children who are out of schools

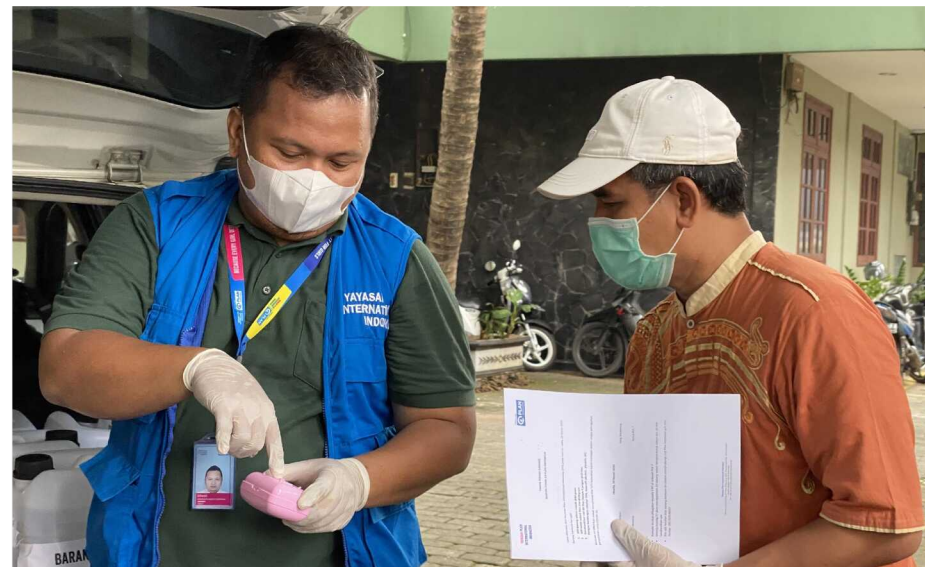
VIETNAM



- Facilitated hygiene promotion in communities through child-clubs and parenting clubs, reaching 52,660 children and 3,000 adults
- Publicised prevention and awareness materials to 24 schools and local partners in programme areas

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Co-hosting a South Asia Webinar on CEFM and COVID19 with UNICEF and UNFPA
- Coordinating with Child Helpline International on providing advice, outreach and referral services to children and young people



“ Like many of my friends, I feel unsafe when all small shops are closed, it is difficult for girls to get sanitary and hygiene products. Ensuring the safety of girls is the priority during this difficult time like this. ”

-Etefina, 17, Timor-Leste