Sweden has committed a grant of Swedish Krona (SEK) **4.6 million** to UNFPA Bangladesh for COVID-19 response. In addition, **SEK 23 million** was also granted to support the ongoing midwifery programme, which is essential for the continuation of midwifery education and modeling midwifery-led care in Bangladesh.

**Thank you Sweden!** These resources are crucial amidst these difficult times.
Together with UNDP Bangladesh, we distributed 3,000 dignity kits to vulnerable women living in slum areas.

The kits included supplies to uphold reproductive health needs, help prevent gender based violence, and curb the spread of COVID-19.
UNFPA colleagues met with the newly appointed Director General of DGHS, Prof Abul Basher Md Khurshid Alam for an introductory meeting.

During the meeting, UNFPA express commitment to continued engagement and advocacy with DGHS, especially during these exceptional times, as we continue to work towards achieving the triple zeros.
As part of the UNFPA and Prezi global campaign to encourage young people to share accurate information about COVID-19 by recording their own videos, 10 young leaders at UNFPA Bangladesh created and published their own videos to kick-start the campaign.

Every small action counts!
UNFPA hosted a four-day virtual lab to co-ideate integrated solutions to gender-based violence in Bangladesh. Over 50 local and international experts from various professional backgrounds took part in the sessions and completing the various collaborative exercises.
Several plans for potential projects were created in the course of the sessions. The aim is that these drafts will serve as foundations for actual interventions in the near future.
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Shudipto Mukherjee
UNDP Representative, Bangladesh

"COVID19 cannot be an excuse for us to give up on the aim of ending gender-based violence by 2030."

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This World Humanitarian Day, we paid tribute to all those who have risked their lives to protect others during this pandemic. People like midwives, caseworkers and humanitarian emergency responders.

Thank you. You are our #RealLifeHeroes.
On World Humanitarian Day, we also published a story on how for the first-time ever, UNFPA distributed dignity kits specifically designed for the transgendered community in Bangladesh.

The kits were handed out as part of the historic effort to provide relief to vulnerable communities in Bogura, Gaibandha, Kurigram, Jamalpur and Sirajgonj districts BEFORE a natural disaster strikes.

Trans rights are human rights. Let us ensure we address their needs in our work.
“Since my childhood, I wanted to do something impactful for women and girls”, says Anjuman Hossain, a humanitarian worker at UNFPA's Women Friendly Spaces in Cox’s Bazar.

Today, Anjuman and her family take pride in her work as Project Coordinator for Gender-based Violence in Emergencies at Mukti Cox’s Bazar – a partner organization to UNFPA.
3 years since the Rohingya influx
3 years ago, almost 1 million Rohingya people fled to Bangladesh to seek refuge from horrific violence and persecution in Myanmar.

Through these difficult years, UNFPA has stood by the side of the Rohingya people and supported them in their struggle to rebuild their lives.
This month, we had a wonderful all-staff meeting that was organized by the Humanitarian Team in Cox's Bazaar. Even though it was a virtual meeting, it felt as if we all visited CXB!
Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, UNFPA's sub-office in Cox's Bazar continues to ensure life-saving needs relating to sexual and reproductive health and rights are met, and that gender-based violence is prevented and responded to for both the Rohingya and Bangladeshi host communities.

This video provides a summary of the work delivered by UNFPA in Cox's Bazar during for the period of April - June 2020.
Roselidah Rafael, Head of Sub-Office in Cox’s Bazar, UNFPA Bangladesh was nominated and selected as a colleague that demonstrates "Ethical Leadership in Action"!

She was recognized for fostering a high performing team under alternative working modalities and assuring a safe movement of personnel between CXB and Dhaka under difficult circumstances.

She was also noted for leading her team with compassion, abnd demonstrating the best of UNFPA’s leadership values.

Congratulations Roselidah!