

December

HIGHLIGHTS 2020



BANGLADESH



16 Days 16 Ways

We work with partners to ensure rape survivors can receive urgent medical attention at health facilities

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WE ADDRESS GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN BANGLADESH

We work with community-based organizations to ensure a safer environment for sex workers

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We strive to ensure the rights of the transgender community are upheld

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Through the UNICEF-UNFPA Global Programme to End Child Marriage we aim to end child marriage by 2030

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We play a lead role in coordinated efforts to combat gender-based violence across Bangladesh

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During COVID-19, we build the Government's capacity to address gender-based violence through virtual trainings

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Our Women Friendly Spaces provide a safe haven for women and girls during emergency situations

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We help to establish Women Help Desks at police stations to assist survivors of gender-based violence

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In line with the ICPD Programme of Action, we support the Bangladesh Government to ensure efforts to empower women and girls

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#EndViolence

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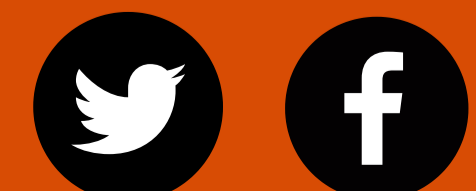
WE ADDRESS GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN BANGLADESH

Our annual 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence continued in December.

We marked the campaign on social media by highlighting 16 Ways in which we strives to make a safer space for all women and girls.

Let's work together to End Violence in Bangladesh!

More info:



16 Days in Cox's Bazar



To mark 16 Days of Activism Against GBV, our Communications Team in Cox's Bazar produced four stories on women who are working to protect women and girls in the Rohingya camps and surrounding host communities.

Please have a look at them by clicking the photo of each of these real life heroes!

World Aids Day

We started the month by marking **World Aids Day**.

As we combat COVID-19, we must not forget about HIV and AIDS, which continue to threaten lives in **Bangladesh** and around the world.

Let's ensure universal access to protective equipment and health services so the spread of sexually transmitted infections does not spike during the pandemic.

More info:



As the world combats another virus, COVID-19, it must not forget HIV.

Natalia Kanem
Executive Director of UNFPA

#WorldAIDSDay



CERF Anticipatory Action Pilot



During **floods**, it is often really difficult for patients to reach the hospital. As a result, **pregnant** women end up staying at home for their deliveries

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- **SHARMIN AKTER LIZE**
a midwife from Gaibandha District,
Bangladesh



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When the floods began, I was **7 months pregnant**. My family and I were staying on the road and we **did not feel safe**. The soap and other hygiene items I received really helped to take care of my health at that time. I knew that if I was well, my child would be well too.

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- **SADIA, 22**
Kurigram District, Bangladesh



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Throughout the month, we have been sharing touching stories of the beneficiaries of the CERF Anticipatory Action Pilot project we took part in last summer.

Please have a look at them by clicking the images above!

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International E-conference on Emerging Population Issues

On 1-2 December, we hosted a virtual conference that brought together key stakeholders in Bangladesh to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on population issues such as demographic dividend, SRHR and ageing.

In addition to various academics from the University of Dhaka, the Minister of Planning, Hon. M. A. Mannan attended the meeting as a chief guest.



More info:



International Day of Persons With Disabilities

**WE ENSURE
A WORLD THAT
IS INCLUSIVE
TO EVERYONE**

#DisabilityDay



International Day of Persons With Disabilities



On December 3, we marked the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Particularly during COVID-19 we call upon everyone to make society more inclusive to people with disabilities. As we Build Back Better after the pandemic, we must ensure that all public services are accessible and responsive to the needs of people with disabilities.

More info:



Meeting with Bangladesh Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development



This month, we also participated in a virtual meeting by the Bangladesh Association of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (BAPPD), where each of its three sub-committees reported on their progress in strengthening the Parliament's capacity in population and development issues.

We look forward to building our partnership with BAPPD to achieve the 3 Zeroes in Bangladesh by 2030.

More info:



Preventing and Responding to Gender-Based Violence: Everyone Has a Role to Play

PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE: EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY

Join the dialogue between the activists and policymakers, civil society organizations, service providers, media, and the public to accelerate concrete policy response to gender-based violence and promote zero tolerance of gender-based violence across all spheres of society.

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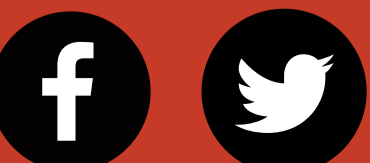
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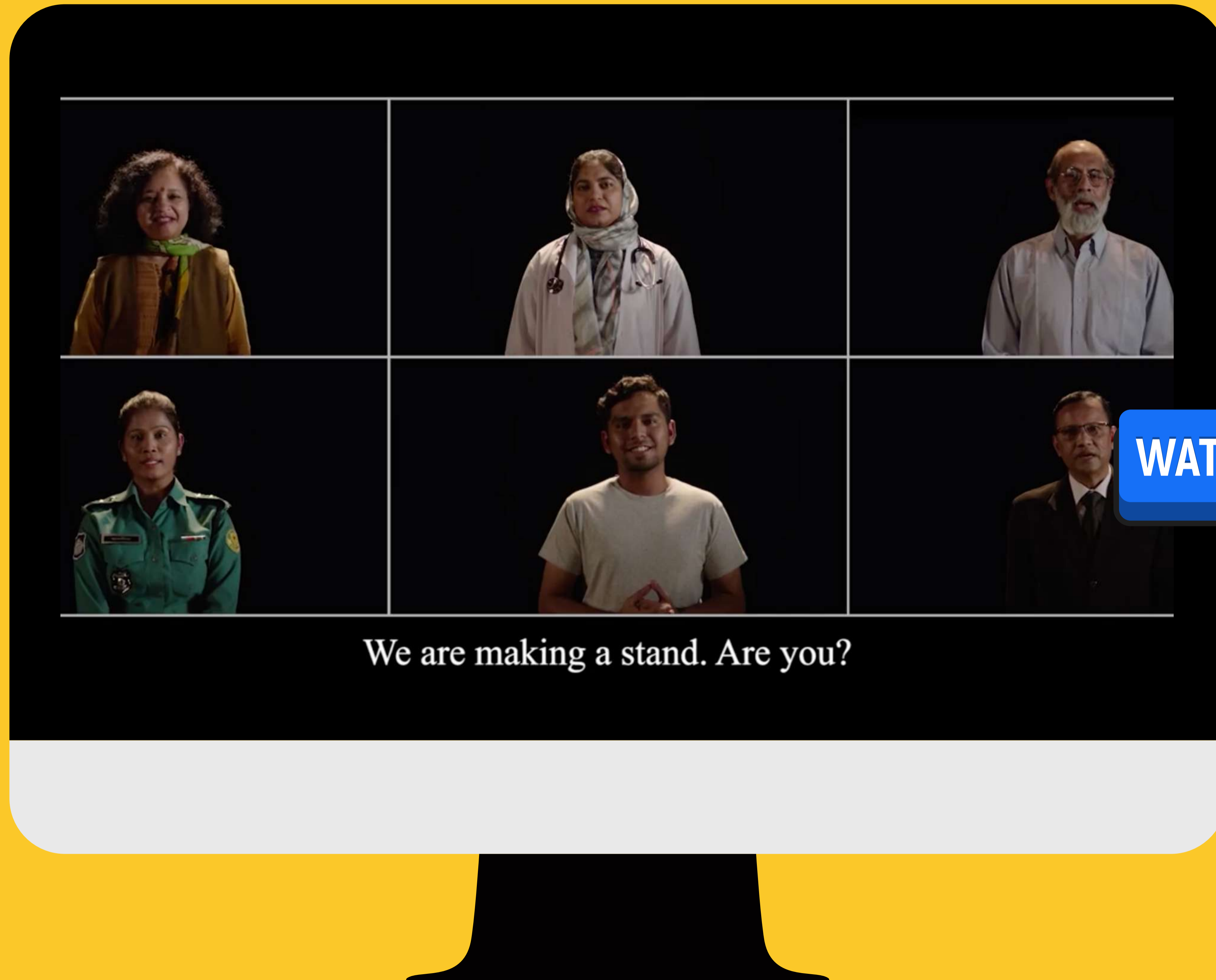
On December 8, we hosted a virtual event called
"Preventing and Responding to Gender-based Violence: Everyone Has a Role to Play".

The event was organised to devise concrete policy measures to respond and promote zero tolerance for GBV in Bangladesh.

More info:



Stand Against Rape



[WATCH VIDEO](#)



Roundtable discussion with women leaders from the Rohingya and host communities

To mark the ending of 16 Days of Activism, our team in Cox's Bazar hosted a roundtable discussion with women leaders from the Rohingya and host communities.

UN Resident Coordinator Mia Seppo attended the meeting, which was followed by a “fashion show”, where each participant showcased their commitment to human rights by walking down a runway with a large board with one of their organizations’ commitments for next year written on it.



Color Your Future

#16DaysOfActivism



For 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, our team in CXB conducted an art competition with our partner Mukti, where girls from Cox's Bazar were asked to draw their bright futures, as they see it.

Click the link below to view the winners of the competition!



Colour Your Future
Art Competition

More info:



Innovation Bold mobile app

The Innovation Bold project team rolled out a mobile app in three midwifery centers located in three slums around Dhaka to improve vulnerable women's access to emergency obstetric and newborn care services.

The mobile app will be used to establish a 24/7 referral platform which aims to reduce delays in women reaching hospitals in emergency situations.



Human Rights Day

On December 10, we marked Human Rights Day.

On this day, we remind everyone that Reproductive and Women's Rights are Human Rights, which must be upheld, particularly in the context of this pandemic.

More info:



“
Let's stand up for
human rights
today, and
everyday.
The time is **now**,
and now. And now.”

Dr Asa Torkelsson
UNFPA Representative in Bangladesh



UNFPA-supported GBV Responders receive Joyeeta Award

This month, two GBV Responders from UNFPA's ASTHA project, Rupali Khatun and Sabikun Nahar, received the prestigious Joyeeta Award from the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, for their breakthrough achievements in the Education and Professional sector!

Congratulations Rupali and Sabikun!
Your efforts help us create a safer Bangladesh for all women and girls!

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Townhall and Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse during COVID-19



On December 16, the inter-agency PSEA network hosted a Townhall Meeting on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse during COVID-19.

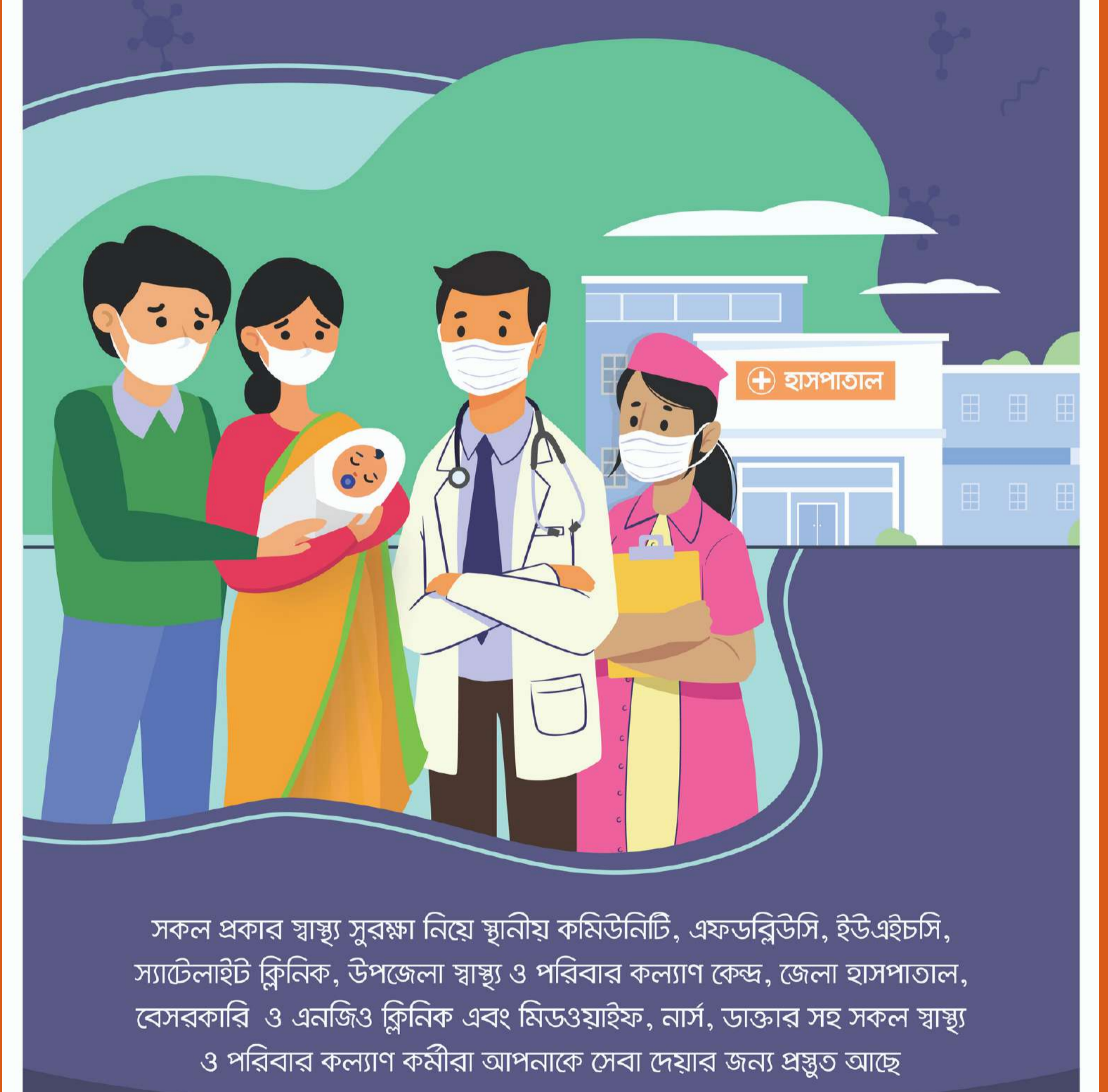
The event was a great opportunity to declare there is zero tolerance for any form of sexual exploitation and abuse in the UN System!

Radio Public Service Announcement

মিডলাইফ, ডাক্তার, নার্স, স্বাস্থ্য, পরিবার পরিকল্পনা
কমী সবাই করোনা কালেও সকলে সর্বদা প্রস্তুত



মাস্ক পরে, শারীরিক দূরত্ব বজায় রেখে
সেবা নিতে স্বাস্থ্যকেন্দ্রে চলে আসুন
আসুন পূর্ণ আস্থা রেখে



সকল প্রকার স্বাস্থ্য সুরক্ষা নিয়ে স্থানীয় কমিউনিটি, এফডব্লিউসি, ইউএইচসি,
স্যাটেলাইট ক্লিনিক, উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ কেন্দ্র, জেলা হাসপাতাল,
বেসরকারি ও এনজিও ক্লিনিক এবং মিডওয়াইফ, নার্স, ডাক্তার সহ সকল স্বাস্থ্য
ও পরিবার কল্যাণ কমীরা আপনাকে সেবা দেয়ার জন্য প্রস্তুত আছে

UNFPA, USAID and JHUCCP jointly worked on creating posters, three radio programs and jingle on Maternal and child health services during COVID period.

Donor Coordination Meeting for the Community Support Team initiative



As we expand our Community Support Team initiative in Dhaka to more effectively screen and treat COVID-19 patients, we held a meeting with the major donors and implementing partners of the initiative this month.

The meeting gave us a valuable opportunity to share views on the project's implementation so far and how we can maximize its impact in the coming months.

It is the people behind our work that make things happen. Without people, nothing can be achieved.

UNFPA in Bangladesh aims to continue building stronger partnerships with all our partners in 2021 towards the realisation of the ICPD agenda.





Season's Greetings from
UNFPA BANGLADESH





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