Visit to Asian University For Women in Chittagong to celebrate Women's Day with future women leaders who strive to change the world
We engaged with young participants through an interactive game on sexual and reproductive health and rights at the Women's Day celebrations organized by UN Bangladesh.
International Women's Day in Chittgong & Moheshkali in Cox's Bazar

UNFPA Representative, Asa Torkelsson, also met with many inspirational midwives & empowered women within the community.
Teams engagement with youth and adolescents through our board-game that raises awareness on life-changing matters through an interactive and engaging manner.

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Celebrating Women's Day with our staff!

Celebrating all women & girls in Bangladesh, as we strive towards a gender equal world for all. We are Generation-Equality!
UNFPA celebrates Women's Day with young boys in the Rohingya camps and host community areas in Cox's Bazar.
UNFPA also engaged with girls through the *Girl Shine project* to increase awareness on life-skills and sexual & reproductive health among Rohingya girls and those of the host communities.
Handing over the Thematic Paper 'Implications of the Emerging Demographic Profile for Bangladesh Development Strategy' to the General Economics Division, Planning Commission, highlighting the need for population development issues to be integrated into the 8th Five Year Plan.
The purpose of the visit was to monitor Phase 2 of the UNFPA-UNICEF joint Global Programme to Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage (GPECM) and to better understand the impact that is needed to end the harmful practice of child marriage in the country.
"Stopping child marriage is like saving a life. Girls and boys need to be treated as equals. They are both human and need to be treated that way,"- Farida Yasmin, former Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Barhatta, Netrakona, who has prevented 59 child marriages so far.
UNFPA Business Continuity Plan successfully activated on 22 March 2020
Management Actions

- Business Continuity Plan tested (19/3) and activated (22/3)
- Critical Response Team activated (22/3) constituting of the Country Management Team and technical colleagues
- A COVID-19 repository created and updated daily for easy access to staff of official communique
- Travel restricted to essential travel only and abiding by Government regulations

Coordinated Response

- Provided inputs to the National Preparedness and Response Plan (NPRP) by the Government of Bangladesh and WHO
- Providing continuous inputs to the Country Preparedness and Response Plan (CPRP), particularly through Case Management and IPC, Risk communication and community engagement, and Social stability and peace preservation. The CPRP looks at multi-sectoral international support to the implementation of the NPRP
- Leading national GBV cluster and GBV sub sector as part of inter-sectoral coordination in Rohingya Refugee response
- Participating in the regular health cluster meetings led by WHO

Addressing staff morale, anxiety, and safety

- Hand sanitizers placed inside the office at key locations
- Official transport provided for staff that have critical travel
- Open, transparent, and direct communication with staff
- All UNFPA staff that returned from overseas during March in self-quarantine for 14 days
- Staff attended awareness sessions conducted by WHO
- 'Tea and Talk’ sessions in English and Bangla by technical staff

Programmatic Support & Risk Communications

- Provision of PPE for frontline healthworkers, particularly midwives and doctors in maternal wards
- Support to the Director General of Health Services through deployment of staff and the procurement of medical equipment and supplies
- Awareness raising on prevention and control of COVID 19 in coordination with implementing partners and with social mobilizers
- Resource mobilization plan is being prepared
- IEC material on precautions for pregnant & breastfeeding mothers developed in English & Bangla
- Daily social media content on COVID-19 precautionary measures, particularly addressing SRHR & GBV developed and disseminated in English & Bangla
150 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) distributed to midwives working in remote locations and midwives and doctors working at maternity wards in Cox’s Bazar
Awareness sessions on COVID-19 held for 65 social mobilizers in Cox’s Bazar to ensure prevention of transmission and wide-spreading of misinformation.

The social mobilizers in turn provided awareness sessions to members of Community Action Groups in Rohingya Camps and Host Communities.
IEC Material on Precautions for Pregnant & Lactating Mothers developed in English, Bangla, and Chittagonian