



## Highlights

March 2020







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**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

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**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**



**At Sephaphir Health Camp in  
Moheshkhali, Cox's Bazar**



**Cox's Bazar**

**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.**

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**UNFPA also engaged with girls through *Girl Shine project* to increase awareness on life-skills and sexual & reproductive health among Rohingya girls and those of the host communities.**

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**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**



**UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Mission  
to Netrokona and Jamalpur**





**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 communicate
- **Travel** restricted to essential travel only and abiding by Government regulations



### UNFPA Bangladesh COVID19 Response

## 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**





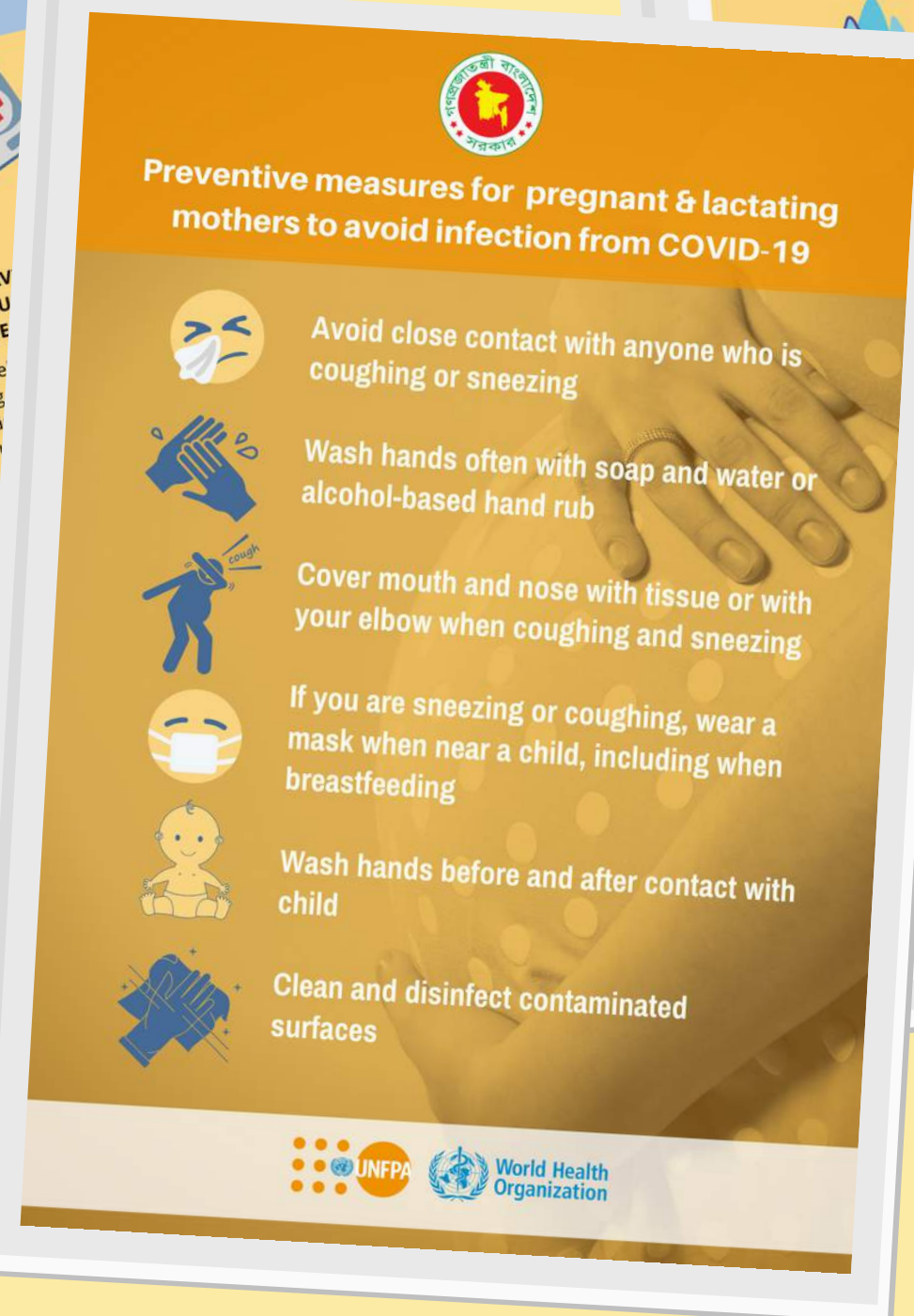


**Awareness sessions** on COVID-19 held for **65 social mobilizers** in **Cox's Bazar** to ensure prevention of transmission and wide-spreading of misinformation.

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







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