International Day of the Midwife - 5 May 2020

Every Midwife is a valuable part of the community, country and health system.

#Midwives2020
On Midwifery Day, we had a virtual signing ceremony with Her Excellency Charlotta Schlyter, Ambassador of Sweden, and Dr. Asa Torkelsson, UNFPA Representative, as Sweden contributed of SEK 5 million (USD 500,000) for COVID-19 response.

Through the support from Sweden, UNFPA will work closely with the Government of Bangladesh to ensure COVID-19 response activities relating to prevention, diagnosis, isolation, and treatment will be strengthened, ensuring quality healthcare for all, including women and girls.
Jismin Khatun, a midwife from Bangladesh, shares her midwifery story as a panelists with other experts from Asia-Pacific.
Clad in gloves, masks, goggles, and gowns, these midwives are our heroes. They are braving COVID-19 to ensure that no mother dies while giving life.

Opinion-editorial by UNFPA Representative in Bangladesh, Dr. Asa Torkelsson, marking International Day of the Midwife.
"Wearing PPE is very important, as it saves me as well as my patients from getting infected from COVID19. As a midwife, I feel proud because I can save many lives of both mothers and newborns",
says Ite Khatun, Midwife from Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh
"I want a safe delivery for all mothers. As a midwife I feel proud as I can manage any critical situation and save many lives"
- Sultana Parvin, Midwife, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh
"Based on our training on COVID19 preventive measures, we advise mothers on handwashing, physical distancing, and using masks."

Midwives in Bangladesh play a key role in community building awareness among pregnant and new mothers on their health and wellbeing.
UNFPA supported the Director General Health Services and Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh to deploy 60 midwives to the dedicated COVID-19 hospitals on a rotation basis, starting in Dhaka.

The midwives have been trained through a virtual orientation programme conducted by UNFPA. This roaming team of midwives is an innovative approach to ensure that women and girls continue to receive quality healthcare despite the COVID-19 situation.
UNFPA and DFID supported Director General Health Services to recruit 60 lab technicians to increase capacity in responding to the current COVID-19 crisis.
All UNFPA's 23 Women Friendly Spaces in Cox's Bazar remain open and operational providing lifesaving Gender Based Violence services including face-to-face case management, COVID-19 information and referral services as well as integrated sexual and reproductive health services in 19 facilities.

UNFPA conducted 5 virtual trainings sessions for case workers and a case manager on 'Coping with Stress caused by COVID-19'.

The training focused on stress as a normal response to the COVID-19 pandemic, managing stress and anxiety and highlighted provided positive coping strategies.
In all 23 UNFPA’s Women Friendly Spaces in Cox’s Bazar, Volunteers and Women Support Group members are making use of sewing machines inside the facilities and have produced approximately 700 washable cloth masks to date.

The masks are primarily being distributed to women and girls who attend the Women Friendly Spaces. In the near future, the aim is to widen the distribution and include vulnerable women and girls in the camps as well as pregnant women in UNFPA’s supported health facilities.
UNFPA Bangladesh Gender Team and Implementing Partners received an online training on remote Gender Based Violence case management and referral, facilitated by UNFPA Asia Pacific Regional Office. The training will be cascaded to case workers in four districts under the ASTHA and GAC projects.
Mother’s Day

Every mother should enjoy a healthy pregnancy and safe childbirth. This is our promise to you.

#HappyMothersDay
UNFPA is encouraging young people across Bangladesh to play an active role in sharing accurate information about COVID-19 within their communities.

Watch and share the video series launched by UNFPA & Prezi:

#YouthAgainstCOVID19
As we embrace tele-working, the Operations team provided an all-staff training on the rolling out of the e-signature process to be followed by all UNFPA offices. The training included a step-by-step demonstration on using DocuSign and AODocs. The training was attended by 60+ colleagues from UNFPA Bangladesh.
UNFPA Bangladesh was selected as one of the 9 finalists of the 2020 Call for Innovations to End Preventable Maternal Deaths!

The submitted proposal aims to provide evidence-based, quality, sexual and reproductive health services to urban slum populations in Bangladesh.

Congratulations to the team!
These are the frontline heroines that continue providing legal support & protection to women & girls during COVID-19.

While everyone celebrated Eid at home, these women served at policestations across Bangladesh.

We salute you!
While **fistula** has been virtually **eliminated** in developed nations, hundreds of thousands of **women** and **girls** in the developing world still live with this debilitating condition.

**DR. NATALIA KANEM**  
**UNFPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
On 20 May 2020, the Director General of Health Services, along with UNFPA and our implementing partners, held a virtual meeting to discuss preparations for International Day of Ending Obstetric Fistula.

During the meeting, Director General Health Services committed to ensure that measures will be in place across Bangladesh to provide emergency obstetric care to women and girls, while also preparing for increased treatment of fistula in the aftermath of COVID-19.
UNFPA supported Director General Health Services and Implementing Partners in developing a poster to share widely to increase awareness on ending fistula across Bangladesh.

"End gender inequality! End health inequities! End Fistula now!"
Marma's 20 year struggle with fistula finally results in freedom:
International Day of Ending Fistula - 24 May 2020

Shima's story of fighting fistula:
Recovering from fistula and rebuilding their lives:
Healthcare providers across Bangladesh shared videos advocating for increased attention to end fistula.

We salute them for their dedication to save lives during COVID-19 and appreciate their support to raise awareness on International Day to End Fistula.
UNFPA advocates for ending fistula in Bangladesh with OGSB:
UNFPA has been engaging closely with the Government of Bangladesh, advocating for ensuring adequate response to the most vulnerable groups, including sex workers, and young people, on Gender-Based Violence, safety of pregnant mothers and women of reproductive age, particularly those living in shelters in the cyclone affected districts.
VIDEO: Heads of Agencies speak on UN Bangladesh COVID-19 Response
UNFPA supported Director General Health Services and Implementing Partners in developing a poster to share widely to increase awareness on safe motherhood, during COVID-19.
National Safe Motherhood Day

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