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After a safe delivery in a UNFPA Supported health facility, a mother with her new born baby.

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

UNFPA as the leading agency for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response services to Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar. About 855,000 Rohingya refugees currently reside in 34 formally established camps within Cox's Bazar District. ¹

COVID 19 situation: (continue updating)²

Cox's Bazar district: 2,623 COVID-19 positive cases (cumulative) were reported in total in Cox's Bazar district as of 30 June 2020. The first laboratory confirmed case

was identified in Cox's Bazar on 23 March, 2020. Among Rohingya refugees: 50 COVID-19 cases (30 Male, 20 Female) have been reported in total by June 30th. 39 Rohingya refugees are in quarantine in the camps as of 28 June 2020. From the host community: 2,519 COVID-19 cases have been reported to date.

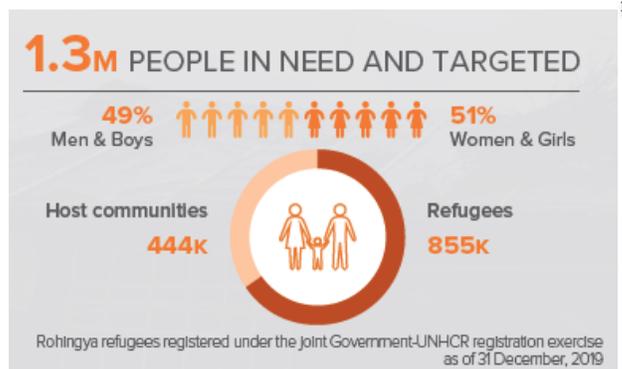
Cyclone Amphan³:

Cyclone Amphan hit parts of Bangladesh on 20th May and left 7 people injured and damaged 2,000 academic institutions, most of them secondary schools. Although the Cyclone Amphan did not make a direct landfall in Cox's Bazar, the camps still felt the effects of ferocious wind and rain. As the cyclone approached, volunteers—who are migrants themselves—walked through the camps with megaphones to warn resident. Cyclone Amphan awareness sessions conducted reached 797 people (529 Females, 268 Male) in Ukhiya and Teknaf. For Emergency preparedness, the GBS Subsector partners disseminated monsoon/cyclone emergency preparedness and response as well as GBV risk mitigation messages on the radio (focused on encouraging people to stay at home), in community sessions, and in mosques through religious leaders, reaching 2,158 Refugees including 955 females.

RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (SRHR)

- **International Midwives' Day (5th May) was celebrated through** a virtual live programme that was attended by midwives and other participants from across Bangladesh. Subsequently, one participating midwife from a UNFPA's Implementing Partner in Cox's Bazar was selected to be a panelist during a webinar organized by Asia Pacific Regional Office (APRO).
- A total of **950 reusable sanitary pads were distributed through Community Health Workers (CHWs) and Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (ASRHR) mentors** on the occasion of International Menstrual Hygiene Day celebrated in Cox's Bazar on 28th May 2020.



¹ Joint Response Plan 2020, Inter Sector Coordination Group, Bangladesh

² COVID-19 Situation Report: Cox's Bazar Level Update, World Health Organization, 30 June, 2020

³ Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG) Situation Report, May 2020

- UNFPA supported a two-day **Family Planning Counseling training** for 13 midwives and paramedics and a six-day Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC) training was also organized for 9 midwives in Cox's Bazar between 20th and 25th June 2020.



A midwife providing postnatal care during COVID-19

- Setup of a **50-bedded Isolation and Treatment Center** for maternity COVID cases at Camp 4 supported by UNFPA was completed and opened on the 21st June 2020.
- UNFPA procured and distributed **9,600 face shields, 9,600 hand gloves, and 500 N95 masks** to **23 Government health** facilities which includes Upazila Health Complexes (UHC), Union Health and Family Welfare Centres (UH&FWC), Mother and Child Welfare Centres (MCWC) and Sadar (District) Hospital and to UNFPA

implementing partners. An additional 169 sets of other PPEs which included face masks, goggles, protective cover all, hand gloves, and shoe covers were also made available to front-line health workers.

- **Mapping of the health facilities with isolation rooms for managing emergency obstetric cases** was completed. **77%** (17 out of 22) of the mapped health facilities has at least one isolation room for managing emergency obstetric cases.
- UNFPA worked with SRHR Working Group (SRHR WG) and Health Sector to foster **strategies to re-build community confidence in accessing healthcare services in the context of COVID-19** through the CHWs programme.

GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IN EMERGENCIES (GBViE) - PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

- All UNFPA's **23 Women Friendly Spaces** (19 in camps and **4 in the Host community**) remain open and operational providing lifesaving GBV services including case management, COVID19 information and referral services and SRH services in 19 facilities. On a daily basis a total of **38 case workers** are present in the camps and 8 in the host community facilities.
- In UNFPA supported WFS's, Volunteers and Women Support Group members are making use of sewing machines inside the facilities and have produced over **1,535 hundred washable cloth masks** to date. The masks are primarily being distributed to women and girls who attend the WFS's.
- On June 24th, UNFPA handed over **470 washable face cloth masks** made by female volunteers to a SRHR health facility for female beneficiaries, specifically pregnant women and new mothers in an effort to contribute to the protection measures to this vulnerable group.
- On June 30th, UNFPA received over **25,000 COVID-19 Dignity Kits** in Cox's Bazar. These will be distributed to Rohingya refugee women of reproductive age, new mothers, vulnerable women and girls as well as those with disabilities as a means promoting their dignity and contributing to their psycho-social and physical well-being.

ADOLESCENTS AND YOUTH

- UNFPA reached 17,970 young people and caregivers with COVID-19 risk communication sessions. Among them 9,151 were adolescent and young boys, 4,099 were adolescent and young girls, 2,922 were male caregivers, and 1,798 were female caregivers. A cadre of 40 youth facilitators and 50 adolescent peer leaders from the Rohingya refugee camps and host communities were trained and deployed to facilitate the COVID-19 sessions and to serve as peer educators and resource persons in their communities.
- A total of 900 flash cards and 4,320 leaflets - on COVID-19 and referral pathways to the Alapon helpline -were distributed to adolescents and youth in four Rohingya camps and one host community.
- To address the PSS needs of A&Y in Cox's Bazar, a surge roster of 3 Alapon helpline counselors were trained and activated to support the existing 8 helpline counselors. Alapon is UNFPA flagship remote PSS counselling service where adolescent and youth issues pertaining to GBV and SRHR can be addressed by professional psychologists who are young people who recently graduated from a psychology degree from a university.

- As Co-Chair of the Youth Working Group, under the umbrella of the Education Sector, UNFPA co-developed the Education Sectors COVID-19 Response Strategy, localized the Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action “COVID-19 Working with and for Young People Practical Guidance,” including ensuring its translation to Bengali, initiated the development of a COVID-19 response related self-directed learning package for young people, and mapped COVID-19 response activities for A&Y that are currently being implemented by youth actors engaged in the Rohingya response.

COMMUNICATION: DONOR VISITS, EVENTS AND ADVOCACY

- Published social media assets, posters, photos and videos on COVID-19 and on the occasion of International Day of the Midwife (5 May), Menstrual Hygiene Day (28 May), World Refugee Day (20 June), Father's Day (21 June).
- A midwife portrait and quote on Facebook, to view it, published on Facebook, click [here](#)
- A Fathers' Day card highlighting the role of men in a gender-equal world, in Bangla, published on Facebook [here](#) and in English, published on Facebook [here](#), on Twitter in English [here](#) and on Instagram, [here](#)
- World Refugee Day : a publication on Rohingya women and girls, on Facebook [here](#), on Twitter [here](#) and on Instagram, [here](#)
- Two awareness-raising posters for COVID-19, in English language, to view them, click [here](#)
- Two posters explaining the key steps to take to reduce the spread of COVID-19, focusing on breastfeeding and pregnant mothers, for wide dissemination in the camps and in the host communities in Cox's Bazar; to view all the materials, click [here](#) – available in Rohingya, Bangla and English languages;
- A video on **preventive measures of COVID-19**, addressed to breastfeeding and pregnant mothers in the Rohingya camps and host communities of Cox's Bazar, to view all the materials, published in English [here](#) and in Bangla [here](#) on Facebook .

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS - 2020

Donors during the reporting period:

Japan, Denmark, CERF, DFID-UK Department for International Development, Sweden, World Bank, Australian High Commission, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Canada, Friends of UNFPA, Norway, Women's Refugee Commission.

The total funding requirements for SRH and GBV sectors is USD 21,459,994 in 2020.

