



February Highlights

2021



DFAT'S VISIT TO COX'S BAZAR



In the beginning of February, we had the honor of welcoming officials from DFAT to the UNFPA supported Hope Field Hospital in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

We thank the Australia for its continuous support and partnership to help ensure safe deliveries, even amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

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KOICA VISITS COX'S BAZAR



This month, we were also happy to have welcomed a delegation from KOICA to visit our **'Girl Shine'** programme in Cox's Bazar.

Girl Shine aims to reduce the risk of violence for adolescent girls and provide them with the skill sets needed to ensure their wellbeing as they transition to adulthood, including their knowledge around menstrual health.



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TRAININGS FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



This month, we visited the District Hospital in Khagrachari District to conduct a 2-day training on Sexually Transmitted Infections for the local staff.

In addition, in Mymensingh division we conducted a 2-day training on health sector response to GBV, which featured participants from medical college hospitals from 4 districts.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR COVID-19 RESPONSE IN 2020



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While COVID19 undoubtedly made 2020 a challenging year for UNFPA, it did not stop us from providing critical support to people around Bangladesh in their time of need.

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WORLD BANK GRANT TO SUPPORT HEALTH AND GENDER ACTIVITIES IN COX'S BAZAR



This month, UNFPA Bangladesh signed an agreement with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for a multi-year **\$38.8 million World Bank-supported Health and Gender Support Project in Cox's Bazar District.**

We look forward to implementing the project which will enable us to scale out progress towards our UNFPA mandated 3 Zeros for the people we serve for years to come, as well as contribute important steps towards the realization of the SDGs in Bangladesh by 2030.

**GRANT FROM
FRANCE
FOR COMMUNITY
LEVEL MENTAL
HEALTH AND
PSYCHOSOCIAL
SUPPORT**



This month we also secured a €200,000 grant from France to fund a Community Level Mental Health and Psychosocial Support initiative for GBV response and prevention in selected areas of Bangladesh.

Through the project, we will develop new tools to improve both remote and face-to-face MHPSS services in the country as well as establish referral systems for survivors at the district level.

VULNERABILITY MAPPING OF SEX WORKERS IN BANGLADESH AND MYANMAR

**COVID-19 increases
vulnerabilities of sex workers.**

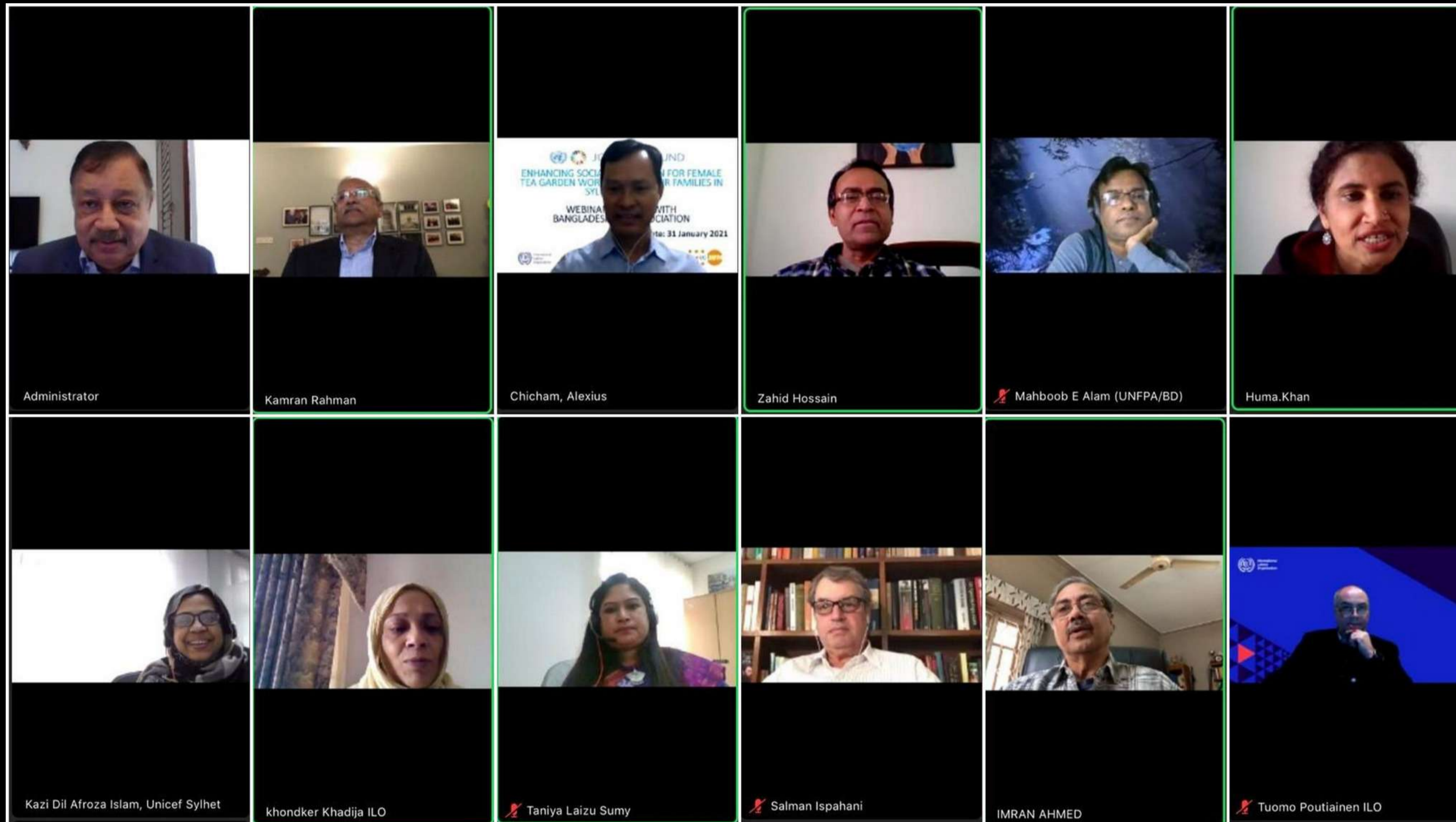
To ensure their needs are met, we will be collaborating with UNAIDS and World Food Programme to conduct vulnerability mapping exercise of female sex workers in Bangladesh and Myanmar.



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MEETING WITH BANGLADESH TEA ASSOCIATION



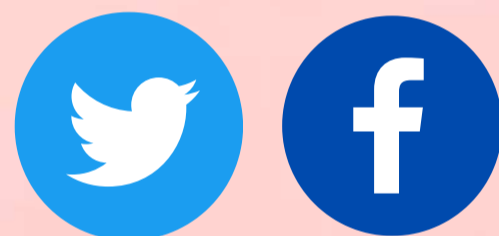
This month, the Joint SDG Fund team in Bangladesh discussed the collective effort to expand social protection and basic social services for female workers and their family members to ensure a sustainable tea industry in the country.

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VALENTINE'S DAY QUIZ

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To teach young people in Bangladesh about the building blocks of healthy relationships this Valentine's Day, we conducted an online quiz on sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Girls from our Girl Shine programme in also completed the quiz in Bangladesh, which inspired them to take against child marriage and gender-based violence in their communities.

HYGIENE KIT DISTRIBUTION IN BOGURA AND JAMALPUR



Maintaining good hygiene is a must to combat the spread of COVID-19.

This month, we were happy to have joined hands with the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs to distribute 4,320 hygiene kits to adolescent girls at the Kishori Resource Centers in Bogura & Jamalpur Districts.

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WORLD RADIO DAY



To mark World Radio Day on 13 February, we shared the story of Sofira, who recently received a radio from UNFPA and DFAT.

The radios were distributed as part of UNFPA's and DFAT's effort to address the mental health strains and educational challenges the pandemic poses for Rohingya youth and adolescents in Cox's Bazar.

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HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON 2021 POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS

On February 10, we hosted a high-level consortium meeting with the Government and development partners to stimulate support to BBS on conducting the 2021 Population and Housing Census in Bangladesh amidst the challenges posed by COVID-19.

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INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY



To watch the video



Dr. Asa Torkelsson

UNFPA Representative to Bangladesh

On the occasion of International Mother Language Day, staff of the United Nations in Bangladesh paid respect to all the Language Martyrs by exchanging greetings in their mother languages.

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VIDEO ON 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM



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This month, ISCG released a video that highlights some of the activities we engaged in Cox's Bazar for 16 Days of Activism last year.

Take a look at the video to hear more from the brave women, men and gender-diverse persons about their efforts to put an end to all forms of violence in the Rohingya and surrounding host communities.



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