During COVID-19, it is critical to encourage all women to continue visiting health facilities for quality healthcare services, without fearing infection.

Attending health facilities during pregnancy saves lives.

Dr Asa Torkelsson
UNFPA Representative in Bangladesh
World Population Day: Theme song 'Triple Zeros'
World Population Day

Virtual national commemoration with Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Marking World Population Day, Dhaka University and UNFPA Bangladesh jointly hosted a webinar to discuss safeguarding the health and rights of women and girls during COVID19. The State of World Population report was also highlighted during the discussions.
Panel media interview with UNFPA Representative on RTV for World Population Day

**Forthright**

Please watch on Rtv on 20 July 2020 at 5:05PM
Premiere at FB on 21 July 2020 at 5:05pm

**Panelist**

- Asa Torkelsson
  Country Representative, UNFPA Bangladesh

- Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman
  Former Advisor To The Caretaker Government & Chairperson, BRAC

- Prof. Dr. A F M Ruhul Haque
  MP Former Health Minister

Producer: Imrul Hasan

WATCH VIDEO
On 1 July, UNFPA supported the Government and OGBS to inaugurate a **20-day** virtual training session for **11 District SRHR Officials**.

During the training, the officials received important information relating to demand and supply of maternal and health services, particularly during the COVID-19 context.

The training was funded by the Government of UK.
UNFPA launched a campaign with DGHS to increase advocacy efforts for safe and increased health facility visits by women in Bangladesh for sexual and reproductive health services.
On Youth World Skills Day, we drew attention to the importance of improving the life skills of youth in Bangladesh.

Inspiring stories about what local youth had learned in UNFPA's skills trainings and concerning statistics regarding the status of youth in the country were broadcasted on social media.

"LEARNING ABOUT SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, GENDER, AND MANAGING MY EMOTIONS OPENED UP A WORLD OF INFORMATION TO ME. THE LIFE SKILLS THAT I LEARNED FROM CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE HAS HELPED TO IMPROVE BOTH MY MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH."

MD. SHAHED (16)
KUTUPALONG REFUGEE CAMP

More info:
UNFPA and Economic Relations Division (ERD) held a meeting to review UNFPA's programme implementation for the year 2019. Each of UNFPA's four key focus areas was covered in the course of the meeting.
Along with United Nations in Bangladesh, we were part of the first-ever United Nations CERF initiative to provide relief to the most vulnerable communities before disaster strikes.

With support from Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, UNFPA delivered hygiene kits, dignity kits and health kits to 15,000 women and girls and the transgender community, providing them essential sexual and reproductive health supplies.

The kits also included flashcards with COVID-19 precautionary measures, as well as helplines to report incidents of gender-based violence and to receive psychosocial support.
Orientation for youth volunteers

Stiffs and Volunteers Orientation
Date: 10 July 2020
Venue: ESDO Safe School Initiative Project Office
Nageshvari, Kurigram
Supported By: Plan International Bangladesh
Implemented by: Eco-Social Development Organization (ESDO)

Periods Don’t Stop for Floods or Pandemics!

Together with Plan Bangladesh and ESDO, we held an orientation session for youth volunteers who will be distributing menstrual hygiene kits to girls most left behind, as part of our UN CERF supported forecast-based action.
Anticipatory Action before floods intensify in Kurigram, Jamalpur and Gaibandha districts
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More than 2.4 million people in Bangladesh have been affected by the worst floods in decades.
Through its Pandemic Emergency Financing (PEF) facility, the World Bank is providing Bangladesh with a grant of **USD 14.8 million**. The Government of Bangladesh has selected **UNFPA and WFP, Bangladesh** to implement this fund, of which UNFPA is receiving **USD 8.5 million**.

Working closely with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and other UN agencies and partners, the activities delivered by UNFPA include strengthening laboratory and surveillance capacities for COVID-19 testing, and supporting the government with providing COVID-19 treatment and ensuring infection prevention and control.
Female tea garden workers and their families sensitized on COVID-19 prevention through the Joint SDG Fund
Voluntary National Review 2020 and Youth Perspectives

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More info:
Singer of the popular band Warfaze, **Polash Noor** and Miss World Bangladesh 2019, **Rafah Nanjeba Torsa** joined the Youth Against COVID19 campaign.

Each of them made a video on how youth can deal with different issues they face amidst the ongoing pandemic.
Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic situation in Bangladesh, the Country Office Management distributed a Home-based Protection Kit to all UNFPA staff, personnel and their dependents.

The home-based protection kits include seven items such as pulse oximeter, digital thermometer and zinc tablets. A webinar was held for all-staff to explain how to effectively and safely use the kits.
4th Community Support and Monitoring Policy Dialogue on the topic of 'UN and Donors Actions for Community Support and Monitoring'
Celebrating women's leadership at UNFPA Bangladesh

View album: