

June Highlights

2021



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BANGLADESH

SWEDEN CONTINUES ITS SUPPORT TO UNFPA'S COVID-19 RESPONSE



This month, the Government of Sweden reasserted its commitment to supporting UNFPA's COVID-19 response in Bangladesh with a new contribution of **\$700,000**.

Thank you Sweden for your unwavering commitment to protecting the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls.

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NEW CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES



This month, UNFPA also received financial contributions from the **United States**.

The contributions of **\$2.2 million and \$400,000** will be used to strengthen sexual and reproductive health services and COVID-19 response in Cox's Bazar.

Thank you United States for your commitment to supporting the Rohingya people and host communities in Cox's Bazar during this difficult time.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF OGSB FISTULA FOUNDATION



This month, Bangladesh took a major step forward in its efforts to end fistula as the Hospital Committee of **OGSB** declared that **a foundation dedicated to performing fistula repairs will be established in the country.**

The foundation will play a huge role in supporting around **20,000 women** who continue to suffer from fistula in Bangladesh.

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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY



This month, we celebrated World Environment Day. There is no greater threat to humanity than the climate and environmental crisis.

By restoring ecosystems, we can reverse the damage we have done and help our planet heal.

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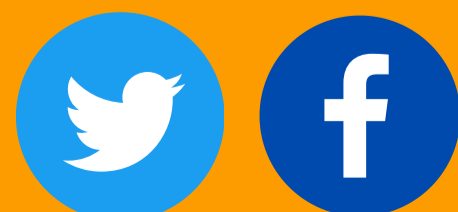


WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Everyone has a right to sexual and reproductive health and rights services, including refugees.

This month on World Refugee Day, UNFPA reiterated its commitment to supporting the Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar and all those fleeing persecution or insecurity around the world.

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We are determined to ensure every refugee has access to sexual and reproductive health and rights services, and is protected from sexual and gender based violence all the time, and everywhere.

Together We Heal, Learn and Shine

Dr Asa Torkelsson
UNFPA Representative in Bangladesh

*Image taken before COVID

ROHINGYA NAVIGATE NEW PARENTHOOD IN BANGLADESH



Life as a refugee does not prevent one from falling in love and starting a family.

UNFPA helps Kawser and Mohammed, a young Rohingya couple in Cox's Bazaar protect the health of their newborn.

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LEADING THE WAY TO HELP ROHINGYA ADOLESCENTS HEAL, LEARN AND SHINE AGAIN



Going through the bodily and emotional changes of puberty is always difficult.

It is even more difficult when you live in a refugee camp. Psychosocial Support Kits that UNFPA distributed in Cox's Bazar helped Rohingya adolescents to stay active and cope with the mental health strains caused by puberty.

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VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON CHILD MARRIAGE AND PROTECTING ADOLESCENT HEALTH



On June 20, UNFPA had the pleasure of participating in a virtual workshop on preventing child marriage and protecting adolescent health during COVID-19 in Sundarganj Upazila.

In the event, the Honorable Speaker of Bangladesh Parliament, Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury; UNFPA Representative, Dr. Asa Torkelsson; and various Members of Parliament and BAPPD interacted with local adolescents on issues affecting them during COVID-19.

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ANNUAL PROGRESS REVIEW MEETING WITH ECONOMIC RELATIONS DIVISION



2020 PROGRESS REVIEW MEETING

GOB/UNFPA 9TH COUNTRY PROGRAMME (2017-2020)

Chaired by: Dr. Nahid Rashid, Additional Secretary (UN Wing Chief), Economic Relations Division (ERD)

Co-chaired by: Dr. Asa Torkelsson, UNFPA Representative

Organized by

**Economic Relations Division (ERD) &
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**

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On June 24, UNFPA conducted its annual Progress Review Meeting with Economic Relations Division, where the results and progress of UNFPA's 9th Country Programme in 2020 were reviewed.

The meeting was co-chaired by the Additional Secretary of ERD, Dr. Nahid Rashid and attended by over 80 high-level representatives of different government institutions. We want to extend our gratitude to everyone who provided their invaluable insights at the meeting. Your guidance will enable UNFPA to strengthen its efforts in Bangladesh in the coming years!

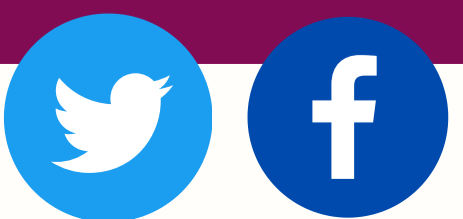
GBVIMS+ TRAINING IN COX'S BAZAR



This month, to ensure safe and ethical data collection, storage, analysis and sharing processes, the GBV Sub-Sector led by UNFPA facilitated a Primero/GBVIMS+ training for partners in Cox's Bazar.

The Primero/GBVIMS+ tool is designed to integrate best practices and standards in case and information management related to gender-based violence.

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BASIC TRAINING ON THE CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE MODULE



On June 6-10, we conducted a basic training on the module of our Champions of Change life skills education programme in Cox's Bazar for ten project officers from Plan International and YPSA.

With the skills and knowledge acquired at the training, the project officers will be able to ensure that quality life skills training remains available in the Rohingya camps and surrounding host communities during COVID-19.

YOUTH LEADER ORIENTATION PROGRAMME



This month, we completed a 16 day training for 100 youth leaders in Jamalpur Sadar Upazila.

The main purpose of the training was to orient the youth leaders to select 1875 financially challenged people in Jamalpur Sadar Upazilla, who will receive Menstrual Health Management kits as part of UNFPA's flood response efforts in the upazila in the coming months.

UNICEF - PROTHOM ALO WEBINAR ON THE DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND IN BANGLADESH



On June 27, UNFPA participated in an online panel discussion organized by UNICEF and Prothom Alo on the demographic dividend in Bangladesh.

Despite the challenges of #COVID19, UNFPA will continue to do everything in its power to ensure that Bangladesh is able to realize the immense potential of its large youth population.

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HAPPY FATHERS' DAY

This month, we also celebrated Fathers' Day!

Without the support of their fathers, girls in Bangladesh cannot achieve their maximum potential and fully contribute to the future of their country.

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TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS ON SRHR, GBV AND COVID-19



This month, we supported Light House in organizing a training on sexual and reproductive health, gender-based violence and COVID-19 precautions for 30 community volunteers in Ukhiya and Cox's Bazar.

Out of the participants, 15 were female sex workers and 15 members of the local transgender community. It is a key priority for UNFPA that members of these marginalized groups in Bangladesh have the capacity to address SRH, GBV and COVID-19 related issues in their communities.

MEETING ON INTRODUCING THE DMPA-SC INJECTABLE CONTRACEPTIVE IN URBAN AREAS

On June 27, we attended a meeting at the Directorate General of Family Planning on introducing the DMPA-SC injectable contraceptive in urban areas.

By increasing women's access to the injectable DMPA-SC contraceptive, we can ensure that family planning remains available in Bangladesh despite the disruptions caused by COVID-19.



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TRAINING ON PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID



This month, UNFPA and Mukti conducted trainings on providing Psychological First Aid to a total of 100 volunteers in UNFPA's Women Friendly Spaces in the Rohingya camps of Cox's Bazar.

The trainings will enable the volunteers to keep affected people safe, calm and connected during emergencies.

TRAINING ON LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION FOR TECHNICAL OFFICERS OF CWFD



This month, as part of the Accelerate Action to End Child Marriage in Bangladesh project, UNFPA conducted a 3-day training on life skills education for 29 technical officers from our partner Concerned Women for Family Development.

After the training, the participants will be competent in conducting cascade training in the field.



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