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HIGHLIGHTS 2020



BANGLADESH

প্রাকৃতিক দুর্যোগসহ যেকোনো পরিস্থিতিতে সহিংসতামুক্ত থাকা আপনার অধিকার!



আর নয় চুপ করে থাকা, ঘরে বসেই হোক নারী নির্ধাতন প্রতিরোধ। নিপীড়ক এর সাথে একই ঘরে বসবাস করতে বাধ্য হলে, ঘরও হয়ে উঠতে পারে নারীর জন্যে সবচেয়ে বিপদজনক জায়গা। সামাজিক সহায়তা ও সচেনতা এই সময় নারী ও মেয়েদের সুরক্ষার মূল দিক - আপনি যদি আপনার আশেপাশে, ঘরে-বাইরে যে কোনো সহিংসতা বা নির্ধাতন দেখেন বা শুনে তবে ১০৯ অথবা ৯৯৯ নম্বরে (টোল ফ্রি) জরুরি ভিত্তিতে যোগাযোগ করুন।



আপনি একা নন এবং আপনার কাছেই সহায়তাকারী আছেন। দুর্যোগ বা মহামারীর সময়ে ঘরে-বাইরে যেকোনো ধরনের সহিংসতার শিকার হলে মনে রাখবেন- আপনি একা নন, এবং আপনার কাছেই সহায়তাকারী আছেন। সহিংসতার শিকার হলে তা আপনার দোষ নয়; যেকোনো পরিস্থিতিতে সহিংসতামুক্ত পরিবেশে বেঁচে থাকা আপনার অধিকার। নারী ও কিশোর-কিশোরীর প্রতি সহিংসতা ঘটলে ৯৯৯ বা ১০৯ এ কল করুন (টোল ফ্রি)।



চোখ, কান খোলা রাখুন। আপনার আশেপাশে পারিবারিক সহিংসতার শিকার নারী, কিশোর-কিশোরীদের অনেকেই এই দুর্যোগকালীন সময়ে গৃহবন্দী হয়ে আছেন তাদের নিপীড়কের সাথে। আপনার আশেপাশে, ঘরে এবং বাইরে, যে কোন ধরনের নারী নির্ধাতনের ঘটনা ঘটলে ৯৯৯ অথবা ১০৯ নাম্বারে (টোল ফ্রি) কল করে জানান।



ঝুঁকিতে থাকা ব্যক্তিদের প্রতি যত্নশীল হউন। যেকোনো দুর্যোগ বা মহামারীর সময়ে জেভার-ভিত্তিক সহিংসতার ঝুঁকিতে থাকা নারী, কিশোর-কিশোরী এবং প্রতিবন্ধীদের প্রতি বিশেষভাবে যত্নশীল হউন।



ঘরে থাকুন, সজাগ থাকুন। দুর্যোগকালীন সময়ে আত্মীয়, অনাত্মীয়, কাছের বা দূরের যে কেউ বাসায় থাকলে, কিশোর-কিশোরী ও শিশুদেরকে তাদের সাথে একা সময় কাটাতে দিবেন না। এতে তাতে প্রতি সহিংসতার ঝুঁকি বেড়ে যেতে পারে।



গর্ভবতী নারীদের প্রতি অধিক যত্নশীল হউন। স্বাস্থ্যকষ্ট নিয়ে যেসব গর্ভবতী নারী হাসপাতালে আসেন তাদের জরুরী ভিত্তিতে সেবা দিতে হবে। কারণ, করোনা সংক্রমণজনিত বিরূপ পরিণতির ঝুঁকি তাদেরই বেশি।



দায়িত্ববান পুরুষ হউন। দুর্যোগ বা মহামারীর কারণে সৃষ্ট পরিস্থিতিতে নারীদের গৃহস্থালী কাজের বোঝা বহুগুণ বেড়ে গিয়েছে। দায়িত্ববান পুরুষ হিসেবে, গৃহস্থালির কাজে সমানভাবে অংশ নিন।



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One year since the
Nairobi Summit on
ICPD25

**OUR
MARCH
FORWARD
CONTINUES**



Together, we
will make sure
that promises
made are
promises
kept.”

Dr. Natalia Kanem
Executive Director of UNFPA

#THEMARCHCONTINUES



One year since the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25



**TO FINISH THE
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
OF THE ICPD**

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One year since the Nairobi Summit on ICPD25

This month, we celebrated the one year anniversary of the Nairobi Summit. To mark the occasion, we held a policy dialogue with GED to devise strategies to achieve the Three Zeroes and national commitments Bangladesh made at the summit to empower the country's women and girls.

While COVID-19 may have made the road ahead may be slightly steeper than before, we will make sure that the march for universal sexual and reproductive health and rights continues.

More info:



Launch of WHO's Global Strategy to Eliminate Cervical Cancer

WHO made history this month by launching a global strategy to eliminate cervical cancer. This is the first time ever that the world has come together to eliminate a cancer.

To show our support to the landmark initiative, we helped the government host an event to commemorate the launch. The government also illuminated a major government in teal, which is the colour of the global movement to eliminate cervical cancer.

Let us all work hard to achieve a #CervicalCancerFreeFuture in Bangladesh and around the world!



More info:



Generation Breakthrough grant

This month, our flagship Generation Breakthrough project received a grant of 100,000 USD from ISDB's Transform Fund. The grant will be utilized to increase young people's access to information on COVID-19, SRHR and GBV, as well as to expand the mental health and psychosocial counseling services offered through the Alapon helpline.

In addition, UNFPA staff members have been selected to participate in the The Transformers Academy 2020 training, which will be held by ISDB in December.



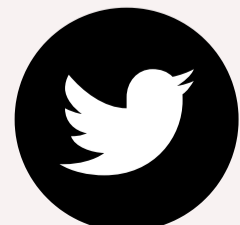
GEMS Teacher Training Closing Ceremony

On November 7, we virtually joined a ceremony to mark 60 teachers completing the GEMS teaching training module in Cox's Bazar.

Even during COVID-19, let us ensure our continued support to the Ministry of Education in delivering Life Skills education and rolling out the GEMS module and SRHR edutainment material across schools in Bangladesh.



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Psychological First Aid Training in Cox's Bazar

Our team in Cox's Bazar and Bandhu Social Welfare Society delivered a Psychological First Aid training to 29 frontline volunteers working with the transgender community in Cox's Bazar.

The training will help the volunteers provide mental health and psychosocial support to transgender people who continue to suffer from severe discrimination in communities around Bangladesh.



More info:



Meeting with the new Secretary of Statistics & Informatics Division



Early this month, our Representative Dr. Asa Torkelsson met with the met with new Secretary of the Statistics & Informatics Division.

In the meeting, we assured continued collaboration between UNFPA and Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, including our support to the 2021 Population & Housing Census in Bangladesh.

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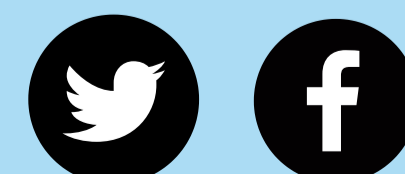
Midline survey on child marriage in Bogura and Jamalpur Districts



This month, we joined UNICEF and Department of Women Affairs in disseminating the findings of our Global Programme to End Child Marriage in Bogura and Jamalpur Districts.

The survey findings will ensure stronger policies and targeted subnational interventions to tackle the persistent problem in #Bangladesh.

More info:



National Seminar on Engaging Parliamentarians in Controlling Non-Communicable Diseases



Amidst COVID-19, we should not lose focus of other diseases threatening the health of people in Bangladesh.

In the beginning of the month, we virtually attended a national seminar alongside parliamentarians that highlighted the adverse effects of non-communicable diseases and efforts to control of this leading cause of death.

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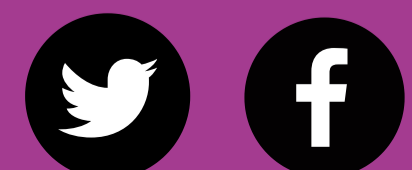
Annual Progress Review and Planning Workshop



On November 17-18, we participated in a two-day workshop with the Government to review our progress and discuss our plans to address sexual and reproductive health and rights issues in Bangladesh in the coming year.

At the event, the Director General of DGHS, Dr. Abul Bashar Md. Khurshid Alam, thanked UNFPA for the technical assistance provided to the Government throughout the year, particularly in addressing family planning and gender-based violence during the pandemic.

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16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

This month marked the beginning of our annual 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign. Between November 25 and December 10 each year, we join hands with our partners around the world to make a robust stance against all forms of GBV.

To mark the occasion, we are carrying out a "16 Days 16 Ways" campaign on social media to showcase 16 ways in which UNFPA combats gender-based violence in Bangladesh.

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It is time for women and girls to be valued at equal par with men. It is time to direct behaviour and action in this direction. It can be done.

In the pandemic we have rapidly changed our behaviours to save lives. We can do the same to end gender-based violence.

- *Dr Asa Torkelsson*
Representative, UNFPA Bangladesh



#16DaysOfActivism
#EndViolence



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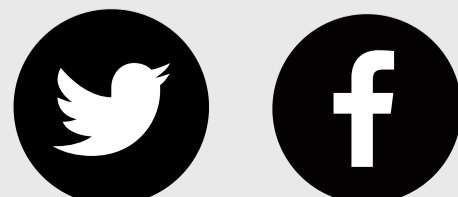
Experts Meeting on Actions Against Sexual Violence

To prepare for 16 Days of Activism, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs had an Experts Meeting on Actions Against Sexual Violence.

Three incredibly interesting sessions were held at the meeting, which covered issues such as comprehensive sexuality education, access to justice for GBV survivors and drivers behind GBV.

In addition to high-level government representatives, many youth activists had the opportunity to voice out their fresh perspectives in the sessions.

More info:



International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women



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[WATCH VIDEO](#)



16 Days of Activism was officially kicked off on November 25, when we marked the International day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Together with the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, we commemorated the day by hosting a “National Dialogue on Actions Against Sexual Violence. The State Minister of Women and Children Affairs, Fazilatun Nessa Indira; UN Resident Coordinator Mia Seppo and many other high-level representatives of the Government and its development partners participated in the lively discussions.

16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence

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**WE ADDRESS GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE
IN BANGLADESH**

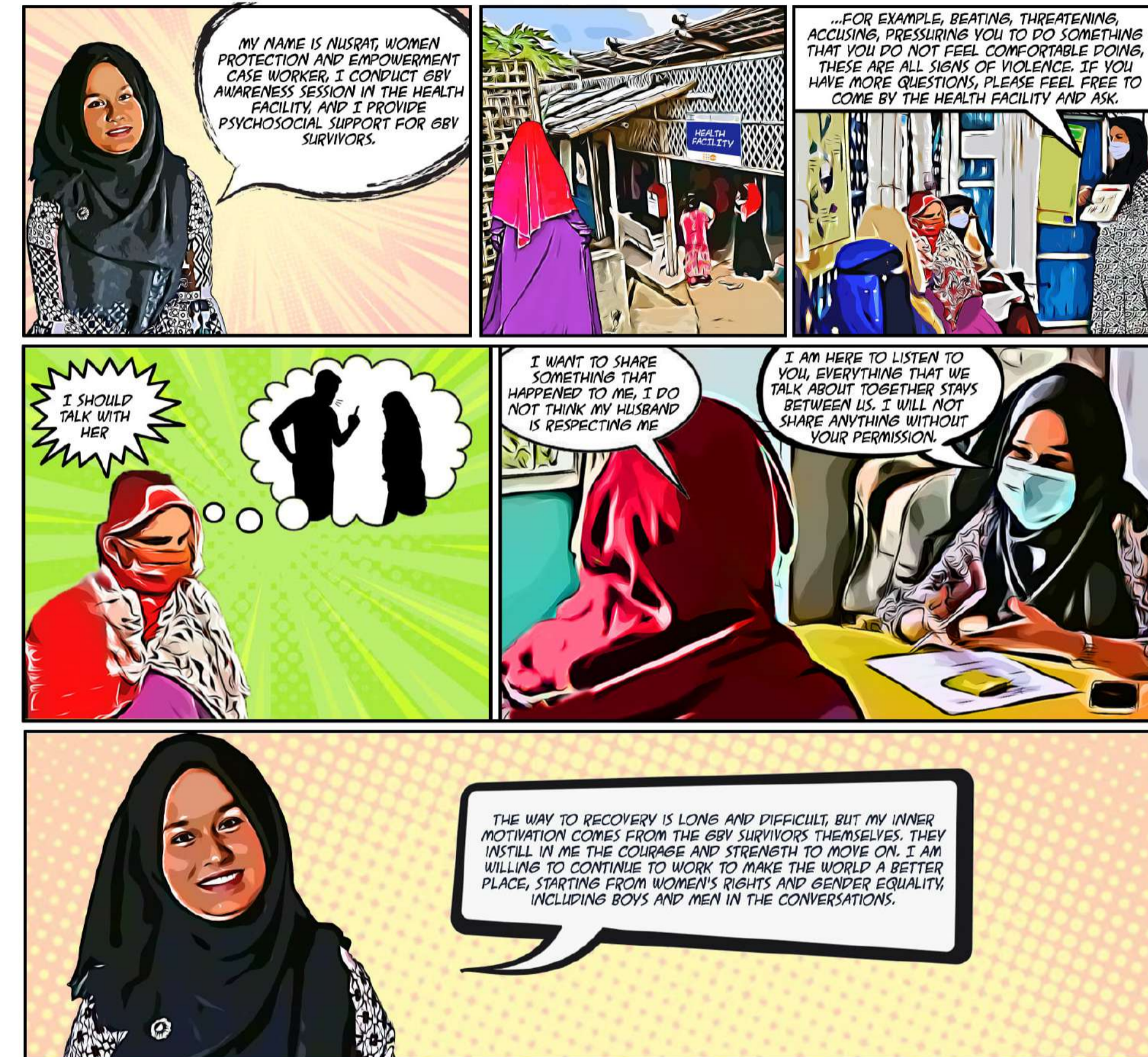
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16 Days of Activism in Cox's Bazar



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE



The theme of 16 Days of Activism in Cox's Bazar this year is "Engage, Act, Prevent Violence!"

On November 25, our team in Cox's Bazar hosted an event to highlight our efforts to ensure that women, girls and other marginalized groups in the refugee camps and surrounding host communities are able to live lives free from fear and abuse.

Empowering fistula survivors



This month, we aided 10 fistula patients from remote Sunmagnaj district to come to Dhaka to receive a treatment at the MAMMS Institute.

In addition, cloth masks made by fistula survivors we have trained in tailoring were made ready for distribution this month. Each of the packages features a personal story of the fistula survivor who made the mask, which will help us raise awareness for the discrimination fistula patients still face in society.

Empowering female tea garden workers

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At the end of the month, we participated in a Technical Workshop on the Joint SDG Programme to enhance social protection for female tea garden workers and their families in the Sylhet division, Bangladesh.

The programme that aims to empower one of the most left behind groups in the country is being implemented by 4 UN Agencies in partnership with the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Bangladesh Tea Association, and Cha Shramik Union.

Humanitarian photography workshop for Youth Volunteers



This month, we also held a photography workshop for 4 young people in Bangladesh to train them in capturing photo stories in humanitarian settings.

The objective of the workshop is to equip young people with storytelling skills and to empower them to act as agents of change during emergency situations through active community participation



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