

# September Highlights

2020







# *The 75th UN General Assembly*

## **75th UN General Assembly**

This month, we simultaneously marked the 75th anniversary of the United Nations and the commencement of the 75th, but first-ever virtual UN General Assembly.

As the United Nations faces its most serious challenge since its founding in the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the coincidence of these two occasions provided us a crucial opportunity to highlight the importance of multilateralism and international cooperation.

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## **Bangladesh elected as an executive member of 3 UN bodies**

This month, Bangladesh was also elected as a member of the Executive Boards of three UN agencies: UNDP, UNFPA, and UNOPS.

Congratulations Bangladesh! We look forward to continued engagement to uphold rights of women and girls.

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# "Music for Youth Action"

## GB-UNFPA MUSIC FOR YOUTH ACTION



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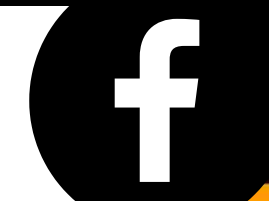
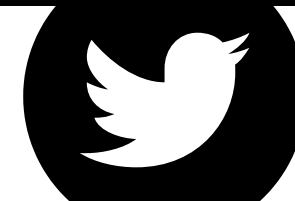


On September 4th, UNFPA collaborated with Gaan Bangla, a popular music channel in Bangladesh, for an event called "Music for Youth Action".

The purpose of the event was to promote youth activism during COVID-19 and to celebrate the power of music as a uniting and inspiring force during times of difficulty.

Many of the most famous singers in Bangladesh performed and delivered inspirational remarks at the event.

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On 24 September, a high-level delegation from The World Bank, European Union and the High Commission of Canada to Bangladesh visited UNFPA's initiatives in Cox's Bazaar. This was one of the first physical high-level visits from Dhaka to Cox's Bazaar during the pandemic.

Together, we are stronger!



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# Distribution of Dignity Kits in Cox's Bazaar



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UNFPA distributed **25,000 dignity kits in Cox's Bazaar** to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Rohingya refugee camps and to ensure that needs of women and girls of reproductive age continue to be met despite the ongoing crisis.

We thank our donors **Australia, Canada, Norway, the UK and New Zealand** for making this essential intervention possible.



# Midwives save lives in the aftermath of Cyclone Amphan



**At UNFPA, we believe in safe birth at all times.**

**That's why we have deployed 20 midwives to four districts affected by Cyclone Amphan.**

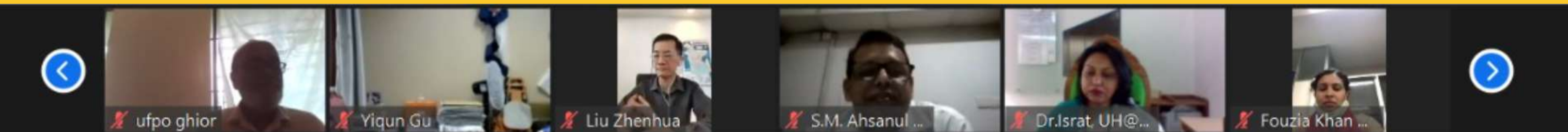
**These brave women will ensure that mothers continue to have access to safe deliveries even in times of crisis.**

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# Launch of a project to reduce maternal mortality in Bangladesh by preventing postpartum hemorrhage



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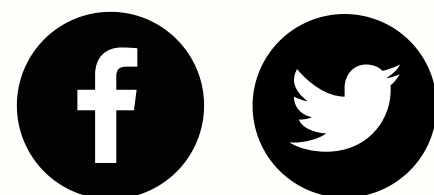
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Providing Comprehensive, Safe and Appropriate Intervention to Prevent Postpartum Hemorrhage for Reducing Maternal Mortality in Bangladesh

On 28 September, UNFPA participated in the launch of a project to reduce maternal mortality in Bangladesh by tackling postpartum hemorrhage.

The intervention is funded by the South-South Cooperation Assistance Fund of the People's Republic of China and will provide the governments of Bangladesh and China an amazing opportunity to learn from each other's experience and expertise in protecting lives of pregnant mothers.

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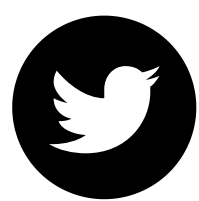




# Mental health support for health service providers



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COVID-19 also presents an unprecedented risk to both the physical and mental health of health workers around the world.

To ensure that health workers in Bangladesh have the skills to cope with the stress caused by COVID-19, UNFPA also held three online trainings on mental health for healthcare providers from 15 hospitals around the country this month.



# Training on COVID-19 testing

Beating COVID-19 requires investments in building the capacity of healthcare workers.

That's why this month, UNFPA organized trainings on COVID-19 testing for local Lab Consultants.

They are now being deployed to 23 laboratories around Bangladesh to ensure quality testing.



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# Workshops on "Strengthening Sexually Transmitted Infections services in the public and private sector"



**On September 27, UNFPA organized trainings in Rajshahi and Mymensingh divisions to strengthen the public and private sectors' services for sexually transmitted infections.**

**The trainings were conducted in person and UNFPA staff joined the visits to the divisions with DGHS, Department for International Development and Light House.**



# Health facility management and leadership training

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This month, UNFPA also took part in organizing two 4-day trainings and two half-day orientations for clinicians in Dhaka and Chattogram, to ensure they know how to effectively manage COVID-19 patients and uphold the standards of high-quality health facilities.

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# Strengthening Parliament's Capacity in Population and Development Issues (SPCPD)

UNFPA projects that Child Marriage and Gender- Based Violence will increase during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To mitigate this risk in Bangladesh, the “Strengthening Parliament's Capacity in Population and Development Issues (SPCPD)” Project, supported by UNFPA, organized the 15th “Eliminating Child Marriage and Preventing Gender Based Violence Sub-committee (ECMSC)” meeting on September 17 at the Parliament of Bangladesh.



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# World Patient Safety Day

Health workers cannot save lives, unless they lead save lives on duty.

During COVID-19, this principle is more true than ever.

That's why on World Patient Safety Day we encouraged everyone to speak up for health worker safety!

## WORLD PATIENT SAFETY DAY

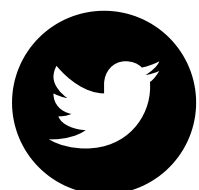


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***Wearing protective equipment during COVID-19 is very important, as it prevents me as well as the patient from getting infected.***  
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**Ite khatun**  
Midwife

Safe health workers, Safe patients

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# World Contraception Day

This month, we also marked World Contraception Day.

The supply of contraceptive methods has decreased globally as a result of COVID-19.

UNFPA continues to work hard to ensure that no woman has unmet need for family planning and that different forms of contraception remain accessible in Bangladesh during this difficult time.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**52%** of women in Bangladesh use modern methods of contraception.



Source : BDHS 2017-18



# Shahana cartoon

UNFPA's popular cartoon series 'Shahana' is now being aired on RTV every Monday & Tuesday at 5.30 pm from 21 September - 20 October.

The show allows young people to obtain crucial information about their life choices and reproductive health in their own homes in an entertaining and informative way.

Do not forget to tune in!



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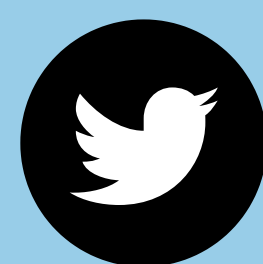
# UN75 Survey

COVID-19 cannot be overcome by the United Nations and its member states alone.

Everyone should have a say in what the world will look like after this crisis.

That's why UN is currently conducting a massive global survey on how people around the world want the recovery process from this pandemic to be executed. Have your say in the conversation here.

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The graphic features a light blue background with a faint world map and several grey virus-like icons. At the top left is the UN logo, followed by the text 'UN75' in large blue letters and '2020 AND BEYOND' in smaller blue letters. To the right of this is the slogan 'SHAPING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER' in blue. Below this, the text 'WHAT SHOULD THE WORLD LOOK LIKE AFTER COVID19' is written in blue. Further down, 'WE WANT YOU TO TELL US' is written in blue. A prominent orange banner contains the text '1 Minute survey' in white. In the center, there is a circular graphic of a globe with a blue surgical mask overlaid on it. At the bottom right, there is a logo for UNFPA consisting of a grid of orange dots and the text 'UNFPA' in white on an orange background.





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