As a global girls’ rights and humanitarian organisation, Plan International’s experience indicates that girls and young women are particularly vulnerable in health emergencies. We call on governments to include meaningful participation of girls and women in its decision-making processes related to the COVID-19 response and recognise that outbreaks, quarantines and isolation affect girls and boys, women and men differently.

We believe that sex and age-appropriate interventions that address increased risk of child marriage, sexual violence, sexual reproductive health and rights, mental health and burden of domestic work facing girls and women are particularly essential and we call on countries to provide foreign assistance to increase funding in light of COVID-19, including intensifying support and preventive measures in refugee and displacement settings.

Plan International Myanmar launched a virtual adolescent-led education and protection campaign in partnership with UNICEF. The campaign aims to empower youth to take control of the situation and become leaders by educating their peers, supporting and protecting each other, especially girls and young women, from violence and abuse during social isolation. The virtual campaign was rolled out in Kachin and Nyaung U supporting youth at refugee camps and host communities.
Plan International’s Highest Risk Locations

Other Plan International Locations

All Plan International countries in Asia-Pacific have completed COVID19 Emergency Response Plans

Regional Influencing

- Released a Joint Statement with 17 other aid agencies calling on governments to allow refugees stranded in the Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea to disembark, [read here](#).

- Actively engaging with Southeast Asia Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO) and participating as a speaker in their webinar series.

- Stop widening gender inequalities: Asia’s COVID-19 responses must leave no one behind blog published on DEVPOLICY, a leading aid and development platform, [read here](#).

COVID-19 REGIONAL OVERVIEW

Countries, territories or areas with reported laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases and deaths as of 14 May 2020 (WHO, Sitrep #115)

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<th>Locations</th>
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<td>17,822</td>
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<td>China</td>
<td>84,464</td>
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<td>Fiji</td>
<td>18</td>
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### REGIONAL REACH

**Beneficiaries Reached So Far**

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<td>2,645,929</td>
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<td>Including girls and women</td>
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<td>Non-food items distributed</td>
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<td>People reached with key messaging around COVID-19 prevention hygiene behaviours</td>
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<td>Vulnerable families that have received food rations</td>
<td>48,342</td>
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<td>Girls and boys who are/have been engaged in distance learning programs</td>
<td>153,483</td>
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<td>People have received livelihood support (105 of which are people with disability)</td>
<td>6,752</td>
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<td>Handwashing and sanitation facilities (in households, community and institutions built or repaired)</td>
<td>89</td>
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<td>Primary healthcare facilities have received essential support to prevent, control and manage COVID-19</td>
<td>437</td>
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<td>Education and Communication materials have been produced and distributed</td>
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**Figures as of 13 May 2020**
Program Snapshots

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- Coordinating with national Department of Education to support interventions in response to extended school closures.
- Together with Girls Advocacy Alliance, released a joint statement on spike in gender-based violence during quarantine and calling for gender-responsive approach.
- Supported 3,113 vulnerable families with cash assistance.
- Distributed 2,130 hygiene kits for children in sponsorship communities.
- Training young populations on journalism and media production to produce youth-friendly public service announcements about the outbreak and mental health.
- Providing weekly inputs to the House Committee on the Welfare of Children on possible gaps, deficiencies, recommendations and other concerns in the implementation of the Bayanihan Act.

**Indonesia**
- Providing support to local governmental education offices to produce radio programmes so children can continue to learn during lockdowns.
- Coordinating with Ministry of National Development Planning to analyse assessments, policy briefs and impacts COVID-19 has on children.
- Trained people with disabilities to become entrepreneurs and produce reusable sanitary pads and face masks.
- Supporting Youth Coalition For Girls to advocate for inclusive education.

**Bangladesh**
- Reached 41,369 beneficiaries through 10,694 awareness raising sessions in programme areas.
- Reached 6,641 adolescents, pregnant women, mothers and couples through counselling support.
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**Right now, adolescent girls and women are facing a big problem due to unavailability of sanitary pads during periods. Therefore, we are using clean clothes available at home. Pregnant women are also facing problems because they are not able to have nutritious food.**

Neha, Nepal

**Most parents in my village dropped out of school early so they don’t have the knowledge to support their children’s education and help them study during this time.**

Yusti, Indonesia
School Closed

Reported Cases of COVID-19

School Partially Open

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Program Snapshots

- Reached 1 million people in 2,098 villages through awareness-raising programmes.
- Contributed to government’s efforts to ensure family nutrition by distributing 45,426 food kits.
- Distributed personal protective kits to 16,609 frontline health workers.
- Supported 55,545 families with hygiene kits.
- Reached 8,956 through nutrition awareness activities with pregnant women, young mothers, and families.
- Collaborating with the Office of Basic Education and Safe School Network to produce home learning materials and train teachers virtually.
- Supporting local youth leaders in prevention campaigns in programme areas.
- Developing pre-school level teaching kits on COVID-19.
- Using social media to disseminate youth-friendly messages on awareness and prevention.
- Collaborating with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport with hygiene and disinfection packages to 158 schools in Aileu and Ainaro.
- Collaborated with Ministry of Health to promote access to sexual and reproductive information and services through a radio talk show.
- Launched an awareness campaign to tackle harmful social norms and increase access to SRHR services for girls and young women.
- Built 64 hand washing stations for 51 households along with hygiene promotion activities.
- Distributed 1,500 menstrual hygiene management kits to programme areas.
- Installed hand-washing facilities in schools and distributed learning materials while training teachers to promote hygiene practices.
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- Distributed learning materials to schools in 19 sponsorship communes.
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- Partnering with Child Helpline to initiate online counselling services for boys and girls.
- Supporting distant learning programmes in 32 primary schools.
- Launched and interactive online platform to connect youth, especially girls, to provide safe and accessible space to lead discussion, share information and voice their needs.
- Provides cash assistance to unemployed people with disabilities through partnership with Disabled People’s Federation.
- Designing communications materials about online safety for children and youth, social distancing in the recovery phase targeting and schools and water, sanitation and hygiene.
- Collaborating with a major international clothing brand to raise funds for programmes supporting women affected by COVID-19.

Baifeun, Lao PDR

COVID-19 is directly affecting our lives and mental health. In my family, women normally do all the cooking which means that we must go to the market where it is crowded, putting us at greater risk.

Ha Vy, Vietnam

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