Indonesia is still facing challenges in reproductive health research and information dissemination. Despite countless best practices and lessons learned from existing family planning and maternal and child health programmes, Indonesian researchers and programme managers that participate in research dissemination, including writing manuscripts, getting published in accredited journals, and participating in national and international scientific meetings, remain few and far between.

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Indonesia has established the Knowledge Hub for Reproductive Health, an interactive platform and scientific forum to develop and disseminate studies and researches on reproductive health, and to promote evidence-based advocacy for policy/programme strengthening in collaboration with the Ministry of National Development Planning/National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas) and University of Indonesia’s Faculty of Public Health (FKM UI).
As of 30 April 2021, the Government of Indonesia announced 1,668,368 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 45,521 deaths, and 1,522,634 recovered cases.

The National Population and Family Planning Board (BKKBN), Fatayat Nahdlatul Ulama (NU), and UNFPA Indonesia signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the involvement of religious and community leaders in promoting family planning and reproductive health, and preventing gender-based violence (GBV) and harmful practices during the COVID-19 pandemic on 17 February 2021.

In collaboration with BKKBN, UNFPA co-facilitated the 54th session of Commission on Population and Development (CPD54) Side Event entitled “Strategies to Address Malnutrition/Stunting Among Women and Girls in Indonesia and the Philippines” on 22 April 2021.

To celebrate the 2021 Girls in ICT Day, UNFPA in collaboration with UN in Indonesia, UN Women, International Organization for Migration (IOM) held a Twitter Q&A session with author and gender equality campaigner Kalis Mardiasih on online safety for women and girls on 29 April 2021.

In celebration of International Women’s Day, UNFPA facilitated a talkshow on the topic of “Women’s Leadership: Ensuring the Protection of the Rights of Women with Disabilities” on 16 March 2021 in collaboration with the National Commission on Violence against Women (Komnas Perempuan), Ministry of Women’s Empowerment and Child Protection (MOWECP), and Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA).

UNFPA conducted a webinar to raise awareness on maternal mortality in Indonesia, in commemoration of the Kartini Day, entitled History of Maternal Deaths in Indonesia from Past to Present on 30 April 2021. The event was a collaboration with the Knowledge Hub for FKM UI and the Executive Office of the President of Republic of Indonesia (KSP), which was attended by more than 1,000 participants from across Indonesia.
COVID-19 SITUATION IN INDONESIA

Risk Zone Maps

The cases increase risk:
- High (2.72%)
- Medium (61.87%)
- Low (33.60%)
- No Cases (1.56%)
- Not Affected (0.19%)

Confirmed Cases by Sex
- Male: 51.1%, 48.9%
- Female: 49.7%, 51.0%

Confirmed Cases by Age Group
- 0-4: 0.5%, 0.9%
- 5-9: 2.5%, 2.0%
- 10-14: 2.5%, 2.0%
- 15-19: 2.5%, 2.0%
- 20-29: 2.5%, 2.0%
- 30-39: 2.5%, 2.0%
- 40-49: 2.5%, 2.0%
- 50-59: 2.5%, 2.0%
- 60-69: 2.5%, 2.0%
- 70+: 2.5%, 2.0%

National Trend (Data Accumulation)
- Confirmed cases, Recovered, Hospitalized, Death
West Sulawesi Earthquake
A 6.2 magnitude earthquake hit Majene, West Sulawesi, on 15 January 2021 at 02:28 AM local time. On 2 February, the Regional Disaster Management Agency (BPBD) reported 102 deaths, 6,738 people injured, and 74,741 people temporarily displaced in 335 sites. Essential facilities like five-story Mitra Hospital, the Governor's office, Mamuju Hospital, Regional Province Hospital, Community Health Centres in Majene District (Puskesmas Malunda, Puskesmas Ulumanda, Puskesmas Salutambung), as well as two hotels, a mall, and over 300 houses were heavily damaged.

UNFPA’s response included:

- Distributed a total of 900 dignity kits (including maternity, post-delivery, new born baby and female and male elderly kits) and four Reproductive Health tents to support the provision of sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services, and to save lives among the affected population.
- Led RH and GBV rapid assessment with the Ministry of Health (MOH), Indonesian Midwives Association (IBI), MOWECP, BKKBN, and women-led NGOs (see our humanitarian microsite).
- Supported the establishment and operations of the West Sulawesi RH sub-cluster and provision of SRH delivery services.
- Conducted outreach and provided services for people living with HIV.

South Kalimantan Flood
Frequent heavy rainfall since 5 January 2021 has caused the overflowing of Martapura and Riam rivers and flooding in Banjar, Tanah Laut and Hulu Tengah Selatan districts of South Kalimantan. As of 22 January, the Provincial Government reported 55,031 IDPs, 506,326 people directly affected, and 20 deaths.

UNFPA’s response include:

- Distributed a total of 500 dignity kits (including maternity, post-delivery, new born baby and female and male elderly kits) to the most affected population in Hulu Tengah Selatan and Banjar districts.
- Supporting the establishment of RH and GBV sub-clusters at the provincial level with close engagement with local institutions under the leadership of MOH and MOWECP.
UNFPA NEWS

MEETING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH NEEDS IN TIME OF PANDEMIC
6 JANUARY 2021

With the COVID-19 pandemic restricting access to health services, Indonesia has experienced setbacks in the progresses made in global commitments like the Nairobi Summit Statement, including the Three Zeros (Zero Maternal Deaths, Zero Unmet Need for Family Planning, and Zero Gender-based Violence and Harmful Practices). With creative and collaborative action, however, challenges in reproductive health can be overcome.

ENDING FGM/C THROUGH EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
8 JANUARY 2021

Female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) has been practiced and preserved for generations in some Indonesian communities. While the younger generations tend to neglect or abandon the practice, those who support it want to preserve the harmful tradition as part of cultural, religious and social norms. UNFPA’s joint initiative with UNICEF, the Better Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for All in Indonesia (BERANI) project funded by Global Affairs Canada, has supported the MoH in the dissemination of the IEC materials. The Ministry of Women’s Empowerment and Child Protection (MOWECP) has also developed advocacy strategies that targets religious leaders, youth and civil society organizations (CSOs), using a family-based approach with support from the BERANI project.

UNFPA INDONESIA: WE MUST PROTECT GIRLS FROM THE OVERWHELMINGLY HARMFUL IMPACTS OF CHILD MARRIAGE
11 FEBRUARY 2021

“The negative impacts of child marriage outweigh the justifications, such as safeguarding girls from premarital sex, protecting them from sexual harassment, or escaping poverty,” says Anjali Sen, UNFPA Indonesia in response to the viral social media posts by Aisha Weddings that encourage Muslim women to marry between the age of 12-21.
PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (SRH)

- Facilitated Training of Trainers for midwives on 18-21 February, participated by 26 trainers that are now capable of facilitating future training with FKMUI.
- Procured and disseminated 200 dignity kits to pregnant mothers and 289 personal protective equipment (PPE) packages to 325 midwives in DKI Jakarta, West Java, and East Java in collaboration with DoctorSHARE.
- Held 19 capacity building sessions on SRH, GBV, and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) with Centers of Integrated Services for the Empowerment of Women and Children (P2TP2As), Women’s Crisis Centers (WCCs), and IBI.
- Provided MHPSS support and consultation to 139 midwives in collaboration with Yayasan Pulih and IBI.
- Developing the Pocket Book for Humanitarian Workers on SRH, GBV, and MHPSS Facilitation in Crisis Situations in collaboration with Yayasan Pulih.
- Developed and disseminated the video on Minimum Health Services for Older Persons in health crisis situations with MOH (English/Bahasa Indonesia).
- Conducted a webinar to raise awareness on maternal mortality in Indonesia, in commemoration of the Kartini Day, entitled "History of Maternal Deaths in Indonesia from Past to Present" on 30 April 2021. The event was a collaboration with the Knowledge Hub for FKMUI and the Executive Office of the President of Republic of Indonesia (KSP), which was attended by more than 1,000 participants from across Indonesia.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

- Co-facilitated seven coordination meetings with Yayasan Pulih on the integration of RH, MHPSS, and GBV services with WCC-(Indonesian Social Foundation for Humanity) YSIK, P2TP2A, and Witness and Victim Protection Agency (LPSK).
- Provided MHPSS and GBV training to 130 GBV service providers (program managers, case managers, health workers, and first responders) at North Lombok District Office of Women’s Empowerment and Child Protection (DP3A); WCCs; P2TP2 Bekasi, Depok, and Jakarta; and P2TP2A Bogor and Tangerang.
- Developed information, education, and communications (IEC) materials on GBV prevention during the COVID-19 pandemic with gender transformative approach messaging, and reached 84,447 women, men, boys, and girls between 2020-2021 through partnership with Yayasan Pulih.

HIV

- Developed Partner Notification Guidelines for Community Response to HIV prevention among intimate partners, which include SRH and GBV.
- Supported the Indonesian PLHIV Network (Jaringan Indonesia Positif - JIP) for the humanitarian crisis response in East Nusa Tenggara (NTT), which included people living with HIV contact tracing and logistic supplies for antiretroviral (ARV).
- Developed video graphics on HIV, SRH, and GBV, which will be shared with beneficiary groups to ensure the availability of and access to essential services during the pandemic.
PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

- Supporting MOH in the Comprehensive Sexual Education (CSE) programme, which resulted in the inclusion of CSE in the grand design for the scale up of school health programmes.
- Supporting MOH and Ministry of Education (MOE) in developing training for teachers to provide CSE to people with intellectual disabilities.
- Supporting MOH in delivering psychosocial support and CSE through webinars and strengthening adolescent health posts.
- Developed training and guidelines for UNALA service providers (midwives and doctors) on the integration of MHPSS into SRH services for young people.
- Provided online interactive CSE as structured psychosocial support sessions during the pandemic, which was participated by 5,142 young people, 81 percent of which were girls.
- Supported the Coordinating Ministry of Human Development and Culture (Kemenko PMK) and MOH in leading the development of the national strategy on adolescent wellbeing through consultative meetings with relevant ministries for their active engagement.
- Supported the Ministry of National Development Planning (Bappenas) and Ministry of Youth and Sports (Kemenpora) in developing the 2021 Youth Development Index.
- Supported Bappenas and Kemenpora in the development of the government decree for the implementation of a national strategy on youth entrepreneurship, developed in 2020 with support from UNFPA.
- Provided technical assistance and support to a network of 28 digital youth reproductive health content creators (with a total number of audience of more than 200,000 young people across Indonesia) by providing capacity building programs and activities co-designed with the community.
- Held a Twitter Q&A session with author and gender equality campaigner Kalis Mardiasih on online safety for women and girls on 29 April 2021 in celebration of the 2021 Girls in ICT Day in collaboration with UN in Indonesia, UN Women, International Organization for Migration (IOM).

POPULATION DATA

- Provided technical support to the National Disaster Management Authority (BNPB) and BPS-Statistics in the finalization of BNPB regulation on Indonesia One Disaster Data.
- Provided technical support for the preparation and implementation of the Long Form Indonesia Population Census 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic to be implemented in September 2021.
- Developed web GIS application for mapping 300 midwives who delivered midwifery services and received PPE for COVID-19 in nine cities/districts.
- Continued provision of technical assistance in data and information management to the Data, Information and Disaster Communication Center (PUSDATINKOM) of BNPB.
COVID-19 FUNDING SITUATION

Thanks to our dedicated donors, we have secured humanitarian funding for 2020-2021. However, we continue to need additional funding for 2022 and beyond to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic as well as potential disasters that continue to affect the people.

UNFPA COVID-19 Response (2020-2021)

$5.9M REQUIRED
$5.9M (100%) FUNDED

Canada $933,297
Women $109,086
DFAT $162,000
Australia $751,245

From the People of Japan $2,863,636

IN THE NEWS

A SEVERE TOLL OF COVID-19 ON SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD

UNFPA INDONESIA

UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, is an international development agency with a mission to “deliver a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every child birth is safe and every young person’s potential is fulfilled”.

These efforts are guided by the Programme of Action adopted at the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), UNFPA’s global Strategic Plan 2018-2021, and Sustainable Development Goals 2016-2030.

UNFPA began its partnership with Indonesia in 1972 to deliver strengthened family planning services, demographic research, and population education programmes at schools. Today, UNFPA is one of Indonesia’s most valued partners in reproductive health, youth, population and development, and gender equality.

As the world’s fourth most populous country, Indonesia remains a priority country for UNFPA, but the terms of engagement now reflect progress achieved and the country’s evolving population dynamics and level of development.

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