COMMITTED TO HELP: RESPONDING TO GBV AT THE FRONTLINE

Gender-based violence (GBV) is a pandemic that has victimized millions of women and girls. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated existing gender inequality, making women and girls more vulnerable to GBV. UNFPA’s latest study has predicted that there will be 31 million more GBV cases happening around the world if social restrictions last for six months or longer. This is where frontline GBV responders play a critical role. They work hard to provide the best services for survivors in a time when they also often need help to survive the pandemic. Read the stories of psychologist Ika Putri, forensic and medico legal specialist dr. Boge, and advocate Siti Mazumah who become the source of hope amid hardship with their commitment to help here, and the story of dr. Athitah Pratiwi who is dedicated to serving GBV survivors at her public health center (puskesmas) in Donggala, Central Sulawesi, here.

SITUATION IN INDONESIA
(As of 31 October 2020)

743,198 CONFIRMED CASES
109,963 TREATED 14.8% FROM CONFIRMED CASES
611,097 RECOVERED 82.3% FROM CONFIRMED CASES
22,183 DEATHS 3.0% FROM CONFIRMED CASES

Interactive story map version of this report can be accessed here.
As of 31 December 2020, the Government of Indonesia announced 743,198 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 22,183 deaths, and 611,097 recovered cases.

Completed Analysis on Impact on Covid-19 Pandemic on Reproductive Health Services (you may see the results under “Unmet needs for family planning” section).

UNFPA Indonesia co-facilitated the first National Conference of Reproductive Health and launch of Knowledge Hub for Reproductive Health, an interactive platform and scientific forum to develop evidence-based studies, with Bappenas and University of Indonesia’s Faculty of Public Health (FKMUI) on 25-26 November with the theme of “Innovation and Community Empowerment and Strengthening Reproductive Health Services in Adaptation to New Normal under COVID-19.”

UNFPA in collaboration with young people, including Youth Advisory Panel (YAP) members conducted rapid assessment to document the impact of the pandemic on young people.

With global solidarity and shared responsibility, we can make sure that key populations can still access reproductive health, including HIV, services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Watch our World AIDS Day event with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and National Network of Sex Workers (OPSI) Network here.

UNFPA, National Population and Family Planning Board (BKKBN) and Fatayat Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) facilitated an education session on continuation of SRH services, prevention and management of Gender Based Violence and prevention of COVID-19 transmission to 7,761 member of faith based organization and religious leaders; and awareness session on Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) reached 11,527 people.

As part of 16 Days of Activism against GBV, we hosted a webinar entitled Young People against Sexual Violence and launched the the Guidelines for the Protection of Women’s Rights from Discrimination and Gender-based Violence during Pandemic Situation with the Ministry of Women’s Empowerment and Child Protection (MOWECP) and UN Women. Watch the virtual event here. Download the guidelines here.
CONFIRMED CASES BY AGE GROUP:

CONFIRMED CASES BY SEX:

National Trend (Data Accumulation)
EXPECTED IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE “3 ZEROES” IN INDONESIA

MATERNAL MORTALITY: IMPROVEMENTS IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (RH) SERVICES AFTER SETBACKS

- Amid the disruption of RH service provision experienced by 75% of health facilities between March and June 2020, visits to maternal health services started to increase in the third quarter of 2020.1

UNMET NEEDS FOR FAMILY PLANNING: IMPROVEMENTS IN RH COMMODITY SUPPLIES AFTER SETBACKS

- After delays and limited supplies of contraceptives and essential medicines experienced by 13% of health centers, 40% of private clinics, and 48% of private practicing midwives practice until May, the RH commodities stocking situation has improved, reducing the figures to 7% of health centers, 11% private clinics and 18% of private practicing midwives between July-September.

GENDER BASED VIOLENCE: POTENTIAL INCREASE IN LACK OF ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS

- There has been an increase in rape and sexual harassment cases reported to the police, with 122 cases reported in January-May 2020 compared to a total of 175 cases in 2019.2
- Other assessments imply potential delay in case reporting, increased ratio of intimate partner violence (IPV), and emergence of cyber violence (technology-facilitated GBV).3

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1 COVID-19 Impact on Reproductive Health Services in Indonesia Cycle 1, September 2020 (University of Indonesia, Bappenas, UNFPA), analyzing national data as well as a specific study on Jakarta province and 8 districts (Kota Surabaya, Kota Makassar, Kab. Lombok, Kota Balikpapan, Kab. Lahat, Kab. Aceh Barat, Kab. Minahasa, Kota Manokwari)

2 Initial Rapid Assessment of the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on Gender-based Violence (MOWECP, Bappenas, UNFPA)

3 LAPORAN KAJIAN CEPAT DAMPAK PANDEMI COVID-19 TERHADAP KEKERASAN BERBASIS GENDER DI JAKARTA DAN SEKITARNYA – Kementerian PPN/Bappenas – UNFPA/Indonesia

**UNFPA STORIES**

**HEALTH CARE PROVIDER’S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE: DR. PRATIWI’S STORY**

31 DECEMBER 2020

“I never thought there was a role for me to play in providing support to gender-based violence (GBV) survivors,” said dr Athitah Pratiwi, who works as the only doctor at the public health center (puskesmas) in Tompe, Donggala district, Central Sulawesi region, as she reflects her experience working with GBV survivors in the past. Her perspective changed dramatically after joining a Clinical Management of Rape Survivors (CMR) training session in October 2020. “During the training, I learned the many ways I can contribute to the handling of GBV cases. For example, I can conduct a physical examination and collect forensic evidence.”

**STOPPING SEXUAL ABUSE IN HUMANITARIAN WORK**

29 DECEMBER 2020

When home is not a safe place, survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) may turn to services that provide protection through counseling and safe spaces. Unfortunately, the people who are supposed to help can sometimes harm them further. Following recent cases of sexual abuse and exploitation of a rape survivor and a child by service providers, Center of Integrated Services for the Empowerment of Women and Children (P2TP2A) Jakarta has made and planned institutional changes to prevent similar cases in the future. The Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) training provided direction.

**COMMITTED TO HELP: STORIES OF FRONTLINE GBV RESPONDERS**

11 DECEMBER 2020

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RESULTS RECAP: UNFPA’S CONTRIBUTION TO INDONESIA’S MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE PLAN

- 712 midwives provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- 12,896 adolescents and young people reached Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health (ASRH) information and services during the COVID-19 pandemic through online engagement.
- 8 protection and referral mechanisms established or strengthened on GBV prevention and referral mechanism during COVID-19 (GBV prevention and management protocols during COVID-19 situations - produced by UNFPA, MOWECP, P2TP2A, and Yayasan Pulih).
- 4 policy briefs with concrete strategic and programmatic recommendations developed with and disseminated to relevant policy-makers and stakeholders to improve policies and programmes that respond to women’s needs, reduce risks, and mitigate adverse effects during and after the pandemic.
- 35,670 targeted beneficiaries including women, older persons, and persons with disability received direct assistance during COVID-19.
- 8 Indonesia guidance development, revision and update that were supported on contraceptive services, protection of women from GBV, clinical management of rape survivors, adolescent SRH, and protection of older persons.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

- Continued technical support and capacity building for the Indonesian Midwives Association (IBI) to strengthen family planning and SRH services during the pandemic, including prevention and control of infection and management of medical waste.
- Completed the second round of mapping exercise on available sexual and reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health (SRMNCAH) services with World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF).
- Developed videos on Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for SRH in Crisis Situations and Pandemic Situation in collaboration with the Ministry of Health.
- Completed two rounds of assessments on Impact of Covid-19 pandemic to RH services, which indicates some improvement of RH services in quarter there of 2020 after a setback.
- Engaged religious leaders and developed information, education and communication (IEC) materials on family planning, maternal health, and GBV prevention during the COVID-19 pandemic in collaboration with BKKBN and Fatayat NU.
- Facilitated the training on Clinical Management of Rape Survivors for 165 midwives from COVID-19 epicentral areas with Yayasan Pulih and IBI.
- Facilitated the orientation on GBV/Mental Health Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) with 50 first responders from P2TP2A and 65 case managers from Government Women Protection Organization (LPSK) with Yayasan Pulih and IBI.
Finalized the Operational and Technical Guideline on Contraceptive Services in health crisis including in pandemic situations and advocate government to use the guidelines nationwide with BKKBN.

Finalized and sensitized the guideline on Minimum Health Services for Older Persons in health crisis situations with MOH.

**GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)**

- Provision of technical assistance in the development and dissemination of government protocols on GBV prevention, management, and essential services.
- Continued collaboration with MOWECP to ensure access to multi-sectoral GBV response services for women and girls.
- Support for the MOWECP in developing national guidelines on GBV protection and practical guidelines on integrating GBV and gender in the Protection cluster, in collaboration with UN Women.
- Collaboration with Gerakan Perempuan Peduli Indonesia and UNWomen in co-hosting an online event on "Elimination of Discrimination against Women in Indonesia: Reproductive Health, Women’s Sexuality, and Harmful Practices" on 3 December.
- Development of IEC materials on prevention of violence against women and girls from Muslim community in collaboration with BKKBN and Fatayat NU.
- Provided technical support to NGOs operating in Central Sulawesi (Libu Perempuan, KPKPST and Yayasan Kerti) in responding to 158 GBV cases (April-December) in Palu, Sigi, Donggala, in making 48 referrals to related services, and providing 78 counseling sessions, observing the COVID-19 protocols.

**HIV**

- Engaging of over 60,000 female sex workers through online activities and social media to provide information on HIV prevention and treatment.
- HIV outreach to female sex workers in 88 districts, and ensuring of the continuity of HIV prevention and services.
- Development of virtual outreach guidelines and online training materials in collaboration with OPSI.
- Support for OPSI in the implementation of Cash Voucher Assistance (CVA), reimbursing transportation fees for sex workers living with HIV to assure their access to ARV treatment as well as peer workers as they conduct outreach to clients.
- Development of video graphics related to HIV, SRH and GBV, which will be shared with beneficiaries groups to ensure the availability of and access to essential services during pandemic.
- Commemoration of World AIDS Day through a webinar on “Global Solidarity, Shared Responsibility: COVID-19 Impact on Key Populations” with the MOH and OPSI.

**YOUTH ENGAGEMENT**

- A rapid assessment on the impact of the pandemic on young people conducted from March-October 2020 and found major disruptions in education and health services and increasing mental health and employment concerns.
- Support for the MOH in Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH), which resulted in the inclusion of ARH in the grand design for the scale up of school health programmes.
• Provision of online SRH services and consultation for young people by 46 health care providers in Yogyakarta through the UNALA project, which has been accessed by 3,238 young people (85% girls).
• Development of training and guidelines to UNALA health care providers (midwives and doctors) on the integration of Mental Health Psychological Support into SRH services for young people.
• Provision of online interactive ARH as structured psychosocial support sessions during the pandemic, which was participated by 5,142 young people (81% girls).

DATA IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

• Support for the development and dissemination of the Indonesia One Data Disaster Framework by the National Agency for Disaster Management (BNPB) and BPS-Statistics Indonesia.
• Technical support for the preparation and implementation of Indonesian Population Census 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic.
• Administering and improvement of Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping for 412 midwifery services in South Jakarta, Depok, and Tangerang.
• Continued provision of technical assistance to the Disaster Information and Communications Data Center (Pusadatinkom) of BNPB.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Dignity Kits Distribution to West Sulawesi

Video: The World We Want

Video: One Step Closer Towards SDGs 2030

Webinar: Launching of Guidelines and Discussion on Protection of Women’s Rights from Discrimination and GBV

Webinar: Global Solidarity, Shared Responsibility
FUNDING SITUATION

Thanks to our dedicated donors, we have completed our COVID-19 response activities in 2020. Additional funding for 2021 and beyond is still required as the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic continue to affect the people.

$5.9M REQUIRED
$2M (34%) FUNDED

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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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