**ADDRESSING OLDER PERSONS’ VULNERABILITY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

One in nine persons in the world is aged 60 years or over. The COVID-19 pandemic amplifies and highlights the vulnerabilities and specific needs of older persons. In Indonesia, the proportion of older people (60 years old and above) accounts for 41 percent for the COVID-19 related deaths, while their proportion for the COVID-19 positive cases is merely 10.9 percent (COVID-19 National Task Force, 22 September 2020). UNFPA Indonesia has been working closely with the Ministry of National Development Planning (Bappenas), Ministry of Health, and partners in National Protection and Displacement clusters to ensure priority is given to the needs of older persons in COVID-19 response.
HIGHLIGHTS

- As of 31 October 2020, the Government of Indonesia announced 410,088 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 13,869 deaths, and 337,801 recovered cases.

- UNFPA facilitated a workshop on 10 September to sensitize 59 gender-based violence (GBV) frontline workers in Greater Jakarta, West Java, Banten, North Lombok, Central Sulawesi to the issue of Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).

- In October, UNFPA delivered 238 dignity kits to Rohingya refugees (women at reproductive age), who were rescued and disembarked in Aceh province on 7 September.

- On 21 October, several United Nations (UN) agencies in Indonesia, including UNFPA, hosted an event "UN75 Youth Dialogue: Youth for Climate Action" to unpack climate change and its impact on the younger generation.

- UNFPA and UN Women Indonesia Representatives authored an op-ed entitled “Will we ever end violence against women?” published on the Jakarta Post to highlight the heightened risk of GBV during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- The Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection (MOWECP), supported by UNFPA and UN WOMEN, facilitated the sensitization of GBV prevention and response to 150 participants from Integrated Services Center of the Women and Children Empowerment (P2TP2A) in western, eastern, and central regions of Indonesia in October.

- UNFPA led the Kick-off meeting of the involvement of Muslim religious leaders in promoting family planning and reproductive health, and protecting women from GBV and harmful practices in time of pandemic with the National Population and Family Planning Board (BKKBN) and Fatayat Nahdlatul Ulama (NU) in October virtually attended by 2,000 participants from all over Indonesia.
CONFIRMED CASES
BY AGE GROUP:

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

MATERNAL MORTALITY – RH SERVICE PROVISION WAS IMPACTED

- A reported decrease in the number of RH visits (March–June 2020) in selected districts.
- 75% of all health facilities experienced disruptions to the service schedule, a shortage of health personnel, and a shortage and delays of PPE supplies caused by the pandemic.

UNMET NEEDS FOR FAMILY PLANNING – POTENTIAL INCREASE YET A SIGN OF IMPROVEMENT

- A reported decrease in the number of new and active FP users nationally and in all sentinels in March–April 2020; the overall trend started to improve in May 2020, which coincides with BKKBN’s launch of 1 Million FP users campaign.
- Yet close monitoring is needed as selected facilities witnessed a 50% reduction of FP service users compared to before pandemic.

GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

Increase in rape cases and sexual harassment reported to the police. 122 cases were reported in January–May 2020 compared to a total of 175 cases in 2019.

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)
UNFPA STORIES

BPS INTRODUCES INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO POPULATION CENSUS
13 OCTOBER 2020

The 2020 population census marks the first census in the history of Indonesia that combines online and offline methods (multi-mode data collection) as well as uses different sources of population data (combined methods). BPS-Statistics Indonesia has come up with innovative ways to adapt to the restrictions of movement and implementation of health protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic. UNFPA has supported BPS in conducting this census, including in providing long-distance learning to train field census workers through IT based technology and self-learning via national television (TVRI) and radio (RRI) broadcasting in lieu of in-person training.

A CONVERSATION WITH DR. SUHARIYANTO, INDONESIA’S CHIEF STATISTICIAN
13 OCTOBER 2020

As the BPS-Statistics Indonesia made history with the first online and combined-method population census in the country, we recently talked to Dr. Suhariyanto, the BPS Chief Statistician, online. “Population data is not only critical to current planning but also to anticipate the future. For example, from the population projection in 2015 that we made with UNFPA we found that the demographic dividend in Indonesia will end in 2036 and culminate in 2021. With the COVID-19 pandemic, the demographic dividend is under threat. We also found that the population size in 2045 will reach 319 million. Will we be ready to meet the food needs of 319 million people? The population census is critical because it's key to policymaking across sectors,” he said.

SOCIAL MEDIA

COVID-19 And You(th) Q&A

Distribution of individual kits to affected pregnant women, girls, & older persons in North Luwu District.

Delivery of dignity kits to Rohingya refugees to support their recovery and wellness.
RESULTS RECAP

- Fifty-nine (59) GBV frontline workers were trained on the issue of Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA).
- Nine hundred (900) women were reached through community engagement on prevention and management of GBV and prevention of COVID-19 transmission.
- Two hundred thirty-eight (238) dignity kits were distributed to Rohingya refugees who arrived in Aceh Province, Sumatra, in September.
- Eighty-nine (89) midwives, programme managers, and health providers in Central Sulawesi received training on clinical management of rape (CMR).
- Two thousand (2,000) participants from all over Indonesia attended the kick-off meeting of the involvement of Muslim religious leaders in promoting family planning and reproductive health, and protecting women from GBV and harmful practices in time of pandemic with the National Population and Family Planning Board (BKKBN) and Fatayat Nahdatul Ulama (NU) in October.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

- Supported the National Population & Family Planning Board (BKKBN) in distributing protective personal equipment (PPEs) for private practicing midwives in 18 provinces.
- Continues to provide technical support and capacity building to the Indonesian Midwives Association (IBI) to strengthen family planning and SRH services during the pandemic.
- Conducting analysis on the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on SRH services.
- Provided technical assistance to IBI in facilitating a webinar on Prevention and Control of Infection and Management of Medical Waste during the COVID-19 Pandemic on 21 October.
- Held the kick-off and planning coordination meetings of the involvement of Muslim religious leaders in promoting family planning and reproductive health, and protecting women from GBV and harmful practices in time of pandemic with the National Population and Family Planning Board (BKKBN) and Fatayat Nahdatul Ulama (NU) in October virtually attended by 2,000 participants from all over Indonesia.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)

- Provided technical assistance in the development and dissemination of government protocols on GBV prevention, management, and essential services.
- Continues to ensure access to multi-sectoral GBV response services for women and girls in collaboration with the Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection (MOWECP).
- With Yayasan Pulih and Forum Pengada Layanan (FPL), provided input to the development of Ministry of Health protocols on accessing safe houses during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Supporting the MOWECP in developing national guidelines on GBV protection and practical guidelines on mainstreaming GBV and gender in the Protection cluster, in collaboration with UN Women.
HIV

- Reached over 60,000 female sex workers in 88 districts and 30 provinces in Indonesia through online activities and social media, and provided them with information regarding HIV prevention and treatment.
- Developed virtual outreach guidelines and online training materials in collaboration with the National Network of Sex Workers (OPSI).
- Conducting rapid assessment on the impact of COVID-19 for women living with HIV and the partner of a person living with HIV.
- Conducted a series of virtual training and sharing sessions for peer leaders from female sex worker community.
- Supported our partner, OPSI, on the implementation of Cash Voucher Assistance (CVA), reimbursing transportation fee for sex workers living with HIV to assure their access to ARV treatment as well as peer workers as they conduct outreach to clients.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

- Provided adolescent reproductive health (ARH) services to at least 5,352 young people through youth health lines facilitated by UNALA clinics in Yogyakarta.
- Supported the Coordinating Ministry of Human Development and Culture (Kemenko PMK) in prioritizing adolescents and youth needs in the multi-stakeholder government response to the pandemic.
- Chairing the Interagency Network for Youth Development (IANYD) to coordinate with UN agencies in responses targeted to young people.
- Conducting online health campaigns through the Community of Practice (CoP) involving 26 influencers and young creative digital content producers with the aim to reach over 200,000 young people in the country.

DATA IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- Supported the development and dissemination of Indonesia One Data Disaster Framework by BNPB and BPS-Statistics Indonesia.
- Providing technical support to the preparation and implementation of Indonesia Population Census 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Administering and improving Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping for 412 midwifery services in three affected areas (South Jakarta, Depok, and Tangerang).
- Co-sponsored an international webinar with the National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas) and Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) on the Well-being of Older People during the COVID-19 pandemic in Indonesia (Early Analysis of SILANI Phone Survey) on 7 October.
- Delivered a presentation during a BKKBN webinar on “Pandemics: Do they change how we address age and ageing?” on 8 October.
FUNDING SITUATION

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

$2M REQUIRED
$2M (100%) FUNDED

IN THE NEWS

WILL WE EVER END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN?

BKKBN: OLDER PERSONS MOST AT RISK OF DEATH BY COVID-19

WATCH: DIGNITY & DISASTERS

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 2014-2017, 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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