

Meeting the moment, to leave no one behind

The COVID-19 pandemic swept through Asia and the Pacific, bringing with it lockdowns, movement restrictions and curfews. Fragile health systems and global supply chains were overstretched, causing wide disruptions to essential health and social services. Through the generous contribution of AUD 4.5 million, DFAT supported UNFPA in Bangladesh, Bhutan, Indonesia, the Maldives, Nepal, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific region to quickly scale up COVID-19 response efforts. The investment enabled UNFPA to strengthen advocacy, boost innovation, adapt service modalities and leverage the power of technology to ensure continuity of lifesaving sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence response services to reach the most vulnerable at a time of their greatest need, while also protecting frontline health workers.



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13,953

health care providers were provided
with personal protective equipment

248

service delivery points provided
comprehensive gender-based
violence response services and
referral mechanisms, including
for mental health and
psychosocial support

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54



communications and advocacy materials on
sexual and reproductive health and rights and
gender-based violence were made available in
local languages across project countries

8,329

people received a communication package on gender-based violence risks and availability of gender-based violence response services



17



online platforms, hotlines and applications were established or strengthened to provide information on COVID-19 and sexual and reproductive health and rights



133,072

people utilized integrated sexual and reproductive health services



4

countries produced health information in accessible formats for people living with disabilities



7,316

people received customized Dignity Kits

UNFPA worked with the Maternity Foundation to support virtual training on the use of the Safe Delivery App in Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Nepal and the Maldives



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