



COVID-19: SPRINT Response

With support from the Australian Government, IPPF's SPRINT Initiative is responding in Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea* and Indonesia* following the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020

Overview

First detected in China's Hubei Province in late December 2019, the novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) has since spread to 210 countries or regions, and health actors had confirmed more than 9,240,398 global cases (as at 24 June 2020). On 30 January 2020, WHO announced that the COVID-19 outbreak was a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and on 11 March WHO described the COVID-19 situation as a pandemic. Numbers are expected to continue rising exponentially in the coming days, weeks, and months.

Lock downs, restricted movement, lack of access to services, communication gaps and social distancing measures enacted around the world has caused an increase in cases of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), a lack of access to contraceptives and other sexual and reproductive (SRH) services such as treatment for STIs and maternal and newborn care.

The Australian Government, through the SPRINT Initiative, was quick to provide support to priority countries in the Asia-Pacific Region, through the provision of personal protective equipment to enable IPPF's Member Associations in Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Indonesia to continue to provide vital SRH services.

Successes

- ✓ The Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka (FPA-SL) ensured 1,000 women and girls with disabilities received sanitary napkins, delivered with partners including the district disability partner organisation
- ✓ To respond to the restricted mobility and fear of women in accessing health facilities, the Afghanistan Family Guidance Association (AFGA) took the initiative of providing SRHR services through 60 community outreach midwives in six provinces of Afghanistan, so women could receive services in comfort of their homes.
- ✓ In Nepal, the Family Planning Association of Nepal (FPAN) has initiated disability work with five Disability Person' Organisation (DPOs) in three districts of Kathmandu Valley, including the Blind Youth Association Nepal and the Nepal Disabled Women Association
- ✓ During the first month of the Family Planning Association of Pakistan (FPAP) response, 50% of all clients reached were young people under the age of 25.
- ✓ In Bangladesh, community distribution points have been established and reproductive health promoters are providing door-to-door services by visiting homes, as many people have mentioned fear of traveling to static health clinics.

*Data to be published later

KEY SPRINT INDICATORS



92,707

CLIENTS RECEIVING SRH SERVICES



95,810

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES REACHED



31,729

CLIENTS REACHED WITH CONTRACEPTIVE SERVICES

Version 1: July 17

Country Impact



Sri Lanka

1,939

Clients reached through a new national hotline for SRHR and GBV support for communities affected by COVID-19 and lock downs

15,000

Sanitary napkin packs provided to women and girls

5,000

COVID-19 Hygiene Kits distributed to women and girls with high vulnerability in restricted and lock down areas



Afghanistan

2,055

Clients reached through the community midwife program

8,679

Clients reached through eight static clinics

85

People with disabilities reached through the community midwife program



Nepal

14,185

Total clients reached in the first month of the response

66,618

Sexual and reproductive health related services provided

29,761

Contraceptive services and referrals provided

Country Impact



Pakistan

8,847

Clients provided with SRHR services in the first month

39,875

SRHR services provided

50%

Of clients are people under the age of 25

Bangladesh

7,520

Total beneficiaries reached with services

141

Total GBV survivors receiving care

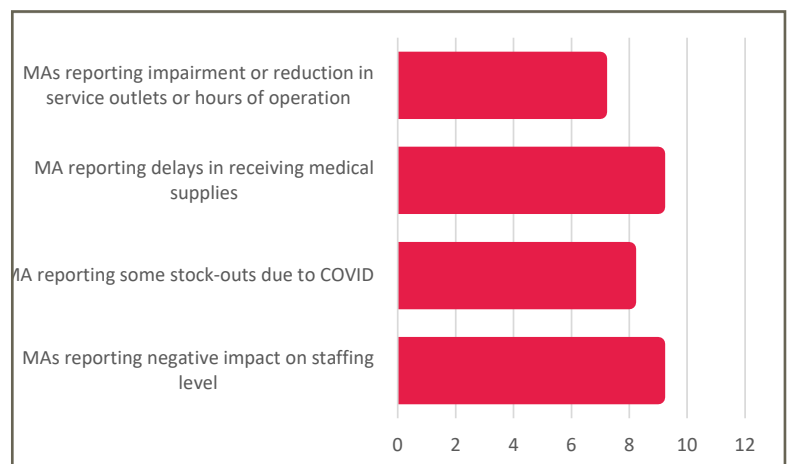
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Total persons with disability receiving services



COVID-19 IMPACT

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected countries across the entire world, including in already fragile settings and all of the SPRINT priority countries (13). COVID-19 could spread rapidly in fragile settings and those prone to humanitarian emergencies*.



*this includes 11 of the priority countries + Bangladesh and India who received funding from SPRINT due to the COVID19 epidemic in the Asia-Pacific region. Solomon Islands and PNG were not able to complete the survey.

