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UNFPA Global COVID-19 Situation Report No. 4



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Global Highlights

- UNFPA's overall response to the COVID-19 pandemic centers on the **continuity of sexual and reproductive health services (SRH) and gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response, risk communication and community engagement, and provision of lifesaving supplies** including contraceptives, maternal health drugs and supplies, and personal protective equipment (PPE).
- UNFPA has reached millions of women and adolescents with services, information and supplies. This includes over 5 million people assisted with integrated services in countries covered in the UN [global humanitarian response plan](#).
- While the disruption of SRH services and supplies is indicated in many countries, UNFPA support to maternal and newborn health is continuing globally. This includes efforts to reduce the disruption of access to modern contraceptives.
- As the lead agency of the GBV Area of Responsibility under the UNHCR-led Protection Cluster, UNFPA is leading GBV coordination groups in 43 out of the 63 countries covered by the global humanitarian response plan.
- GBV service provision in targeted geographic areas is improving. While 16 out of the 40 countries (where data was available as of July) initially saw significant GBV service interruptions, 26 of them have now maintained or expanded GBV services. This is a strong result for UNFPA. Where feasible, women and girls subjected to violence, including those with disabilities, are receiving essential services, and UNFPA is continuing to set up mechanisms to identify and report cases of GBV.
- UNFPA contributed to the July update of the UN [global humanitarian response plan](#), which is targeting nearly 250 million people with an appeal of \$10.26 billion, up from the US\$6.7 billion needed in May. UNFPA has developed a [body of technical briefs](#) to guide the work on ground, and in the context of the [WHO global strategic preparedness and response plan](#), [UNFPA COVID-19 global response plan](#) and the UN Secretary-General's [policy briefs](#) on COVID-19 response.

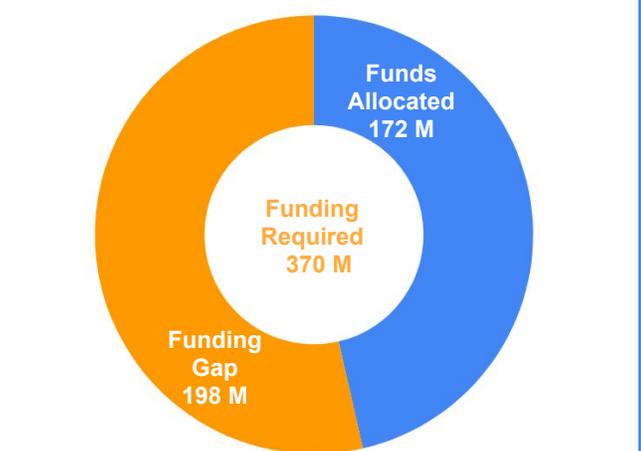
Situation in Numbers



Key Population Groups



Global Funding Status (US\$)*



* As of 31 July 2020

Leadership, Coordination and Partnership

At country, regional and global levels, UNFPA is coordinating efforts to reduce the spread and negative impacts of COVID-19, working with governments, other UN agencies, NGO and private sector partners. Using an integrated “whole of organisation” coordination approach, UNFPA is responding to COVID-19 as a protracted situation, focusing on resiliency, flexibility and agility of its operational, programmes and policies. This includes strengthening preparedness capacities for future outbreaks, and in particular in regions where the pandemic has not peaked. UNFPA is leading these efforts through 150 country offices, six regional offices, liaison offices and New York headquarters.

- **At the global level**, the UNFPA Executive Director participates in the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Principals meetings coordinating the IASC collective’s COVID-19 response. UNFPA’s Executive Director also participates in meetings of the Secretary-General’s Executive Committee for high-level decision making in the overall COVID-19 response. UNFPA participates at the Deputy Executive Director level in the **UNSDG Task Team on the implementation of the UN framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19**. In addition, the Director of the Humanitarian Office participates in the IASC Emergency Directors Group. Furthermore, UNFPA’s Humanitarian Office is fully engaged participating in the IASC Operational Policy and Advocacy Group (OPAG) and related Reference Groups meetings.
- **UNFPA collaborates with the Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General** on an ongoing basis to develop Secretary-General reports and briefs on COVID-19 in areas such as gender, human rights, people on the move, children, older persons and mental health, with participation of field staff. UNFPA co-authored the health pillar of the UN framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19, and provided contributions to the other pillars of social protection and basic services, economic recovery, and multilateral collaboration.
- **UNFPA is a member of the WHO-led UN Crisis Management Team** that provides strategic leadership on the health response, and is a member of the COVID-19 Supply Chain Task Force (WHO, WFP, UNICEF, UNOPS, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR). The Task Force provides strategic direction to ensure that the most critical gaps in supplies are identified and met in a timely fashion. UNFPA is one of 13 UN agencies and NGOs for which UNICEF leads global tender for procurement of personal protective equipment – masks, gloves, gowns and others – to cover the forecasted PPE needs for the COVID-19 response. Efforts continue to procure hard-to-obtain products. UNFPA supports the UN global initiative, [Verified](#), to combat misinformation amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **UNFPA works within international humanitarian and development systems** to ensure that the needs of women, girls and young people are included in COVID-19 guidance, response plans and country-level implementation. UNFPA’s work contributes to prevention and control of the pandemic to ensure the continuity of essential services for women, young people and vulnerable populations such as older persons, persons with disabilities, LGBTQI, ethnic minorities including Afro-descendants and indigenous people in COVID-19 affected areas. UNFPA also works to protect frontline health and social workers, 70 per cent of whom are women that need PPE.
- **At the regional and country levels**, UNFPA participates in the WHO Regional Crisis Management Group and various coordination mechanisms, including the UN Country Team and Humanitarian Coordination Team, and supports the respective national COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plans ensuring integration of SRH and GBV concerns, and mitigation of social and economic impacts, including protection from GBV and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse. UNFPA country offices have been spearheading various COVID-19 impact assessments on SRH and increased risk of GBV among women and girls, including those most vulnerable such as persons with disabilities, older persons, refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants.
- **UNFPA leads the GBV sub-cluster coordination in 43 humanitarian settings**, under the global protection cluster, and leads many SRH sub-working groups in the context of the health cluster.
- UNFPA offices are coordinating the procurement and logistics of humanitarian relief supplies as they relate to UNFPA’s mandate and COVID-19 response. UNFPA supports COVID-19 Humanitarian Operation Cells, or similar mechanisms, to address service delivery constraints and advocate for physical access.

UNFPA Global Response Plan to COVID-19

UNFPA appealed for \$370 million through its COVID-19 Global Response Plan. As of 30 July, \$54.43 million has been received. UNFPA's top donors to the COVID-19 response include Australia, Canada, Denmark, Iceland, Norway and the United Kingdom, the UN COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund, the UN Central Emergency Response Fund and the World Bank. This support has enabled UNFPA to quickly respond to COVID-19 around the world. Funding provided through the UNFPA Humanitarian Action Thematic Fund (\$22.2 million) allows UNFPA the flexibility to respond to needs as they arise in humanitarian contexts.

The **Government of Germany** has [increased its flexible funding by €30 million](#) to support UNFPA's global response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This makes Germany UNFPA's largest current provider of unearmarked "core funding."

Strategic Partnerships with the Private Sector

UNFPA is engaging with private partners globally, regionally and at country level in support of the COVID-19 response through partnerships for resource mobilization, reach and the development of new technologies, innovative tools and solutions to meet immediate, medium and long-term needs. The highlights include:

- UNFPA's Individual Giving Coronavirus Emergency Campaign: [Protect Pregnant Women, New Mothers and Newborns](#) to engage the public in UNFPA's COVID-19 response has raised \$578,000 to date from more than 9,000 new donors.
- Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited's \$4.6 million support to UNFPA's COVID-19 response will ensure the continued provision of life-saving maternal and newborn health services to at least 350,000 women and newborns in Benin, Guinea and Togo, including 17,600 women facing life threatening complications during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reach and Visibility

- UNFPA participated in the virtual discussion co-hosted by Devex and Bayer "[The power of choice: Ensuring access to family planning in the COVID-19 era](#)". The panelists, including global health and supply chain leaders, emphasized the need to safeguard sexual and reproductive health and rights during the coronavirus pandemic.



- UNFPA collaborated with Claudia Lumor, Founder of Glitz Africa and UNFPA Honorary Goodwill Ambassador for Ghana, on the virtual *SHE SUMMIT series - Resilient. Empowered: Her Rights, Her World, in times of COVID-19*. The SHE Summit mentorship platform gathers high-achieving women in various fields to inspire and impart knowledge to young women.
- UNFPA continues its engagement with private sector companies for in-kind support of IT equipment, digital technologies and logistical support for the COVID-19 response.

Parliamentarians and Civil Society Organizations

- UNFPA participated in the formal virtual Parliamentary Forum of the High-Level Political Forum "The Big Reset: Learning from COVID-19 to fast-track the SDGs". The discussions highlighted the economic response to COVID-19 and the need to address universal health coverage, social protection, environmental preservation among other priorities.

Global Response Summary

UNFPA overall response to COVID-19 aligns with the [2030 Agenda](#), the [WHO global Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan \(SPRP\)](#), the [UN-coordinated Global Humanitarian Response Plan \(GHRP\)](#), the [UN framework for socio-economic response to COVID-19](#), and [UNFPA's COVID-19 global response plan](#).

The UNFPA COVID-19 regional situation reports continue to document the work of regional and country offices supporting SRH and GBV work, championing risk communications, engaging communities, particularly the youth, and providing life saving commodities and supplies. (See links below for the latest editions)

UNFPA COVID-19 Regional Situation Reports for July

[COVID-19 Situation Report No. 6 for UNFPA Arab States](#)

[COVID-19 Situation Report No. 6 for UNFPA Asia and Pacific](#)

[COVID-19 Situation Report No. 6 for UNFPA Eastern Europe and Central Asia](#)

[COVID-19 Situation Report No. 6 for UNFPA East and Southern Africa](#)

[COVID-19 Situation Report No. 6 for UNFPA Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

[COVID-19 Situation Report No. 6 for UNFPA West and Central Africa](#)

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Addressing GBV and harmful practices

- While 16 of 40 countries (where data was available in July) initially saw significant GBV service interruptions, 26 have now maintained or expanded GBV services – a strong result for UNFPA.
- UNFPA is working to ensure updating of strong referral pathways (with alternative modalities for referrals such as online and phone-based as necessary) and appropriate prepositioning and distribution of necessary supplies, including PPE, and measures to mitigate risk, for prevention and adequate response to GBV.
- The GBV AoR helpdesk has continued support to GBV practitioners in the field in developing briefs, research and guidance, not only on adapting GBV responses to COVID-19 but also addressing other challenges and specific themes relevant to GBV prevention and response. More resources from GBV AoR helpdesk can be found [here](#).
- Since multiple countries did not have any GBV coordination team prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, UNFPA, as the lead agency of the GBV Area of Responsibility, has developed a guidance note on Establishing GBV Coordination Groups for these new countries. The guidance is specific for the countries with no previous humanitarian structure in place; that is for those without IDP or refugee response mechanisms.
- The latest resources developed by regional GBV coordination groups include the [Guía Técnica Servicios de Apoyo Psicosocial Remoto Para Sobrevivientes de VBG](#) (Latin America and the Caribbean region) and [How to Mitigate Risks of Gender-Based Violence for Women and Girls in the Desert Locust Response](#) (East and Southern Africa region)

Harmful practices against women and girls

There is evidence that harmful practices are being exacerbated during COVID-19. To address this, UNFPA is undertaking advocacy, targeted communications and community mobilization through media campaigns and webinars to raise awareness and preventive action.

- #EndFGM Media Campaigns: Effective Engagement of Religious Leaders
 - Recording: [English](#) & [French](#)
 - [Webinar Highlights](#)
- Accountability for Eliminating Female Genital Mutilation
 - [Fact sheet on eliminating FGM](#)
 - [Webinar Notes](#)
 - [Recording](#)
- #EndFGM Media Campaigns: The Role of Youth
 - [Webinar Notes](#)
 - Recording: [English](#) & [French](#)

Child Marriage and COVID-19

The UNFPA-UNICEF Global Programme to End Child Marriage has been making several COVID-19-related pivots in programming in the 12 programme countries (in Asia Pacific, Arab States and Africa regions). These include:

- Girls' empowerment: Harnessing digital and technology solutions to maintain engagement with girls and deliver life skills, health information and remote education
- Health and protection: Maintenance of essential health services, including SRH services, providing adolescent girls with dignity and sanitary kits, and using child helplines and online platforms to provide mental health and psychosocial support.
- Partnerships: Engaging in new partnerships with local and civil society organisations to ensure continued contact with girls.
- Evidence, research and rapid assessments
 - Supporting data and evidence generation on the impact of COVID-19 on adolescent girls and families.
 - South Asia: Review of child protection systems change and programming response, including child marriage.
 - West and Central Africa: Impact study in 13 countries on child marriage and FGM programme delivery during COVID-19.
 - Ghana: Phone survey with parents conducted monthly, including on adolescent pregnancy.
 - Ghana: Long-term study on the impact of COVID-19 on children and on operationalizing a Public Finance for Children framework.
 - Niger: Intersectoral study on the impact of COVID-19 on child marriage, looking at girls' return to school.
 - East and Southern Africa: Survey on youth and SRH challenges in the times of COVID-19, through youth networks.
 - East and Southern Africa: Collection of helpline data to track calls related to child marriage
 - Mozambique: Poll on violence against children.
 - Uganda: Study on the implications of COVID-19 on child marriage.

Risk communication and community engagement

- An [inter-agency webinar](#) was held by UNFPA, WHO, UNICEF, UNESCO, Y-Peer, NRC and other key youth networks to highlight the role of young people on “infodemic management” including risk communication, community engagement, media and information literacy, and access to information. The webinar also tackled how to establish a collaborative platform between youth organisations and networks and UN agencies in order to support young people in the COVID-19 response.

Comprehensive sexuality education and COVID-19

- UNFPA together with Girls Health Ed, Be Girl and the Wilson Center, jointly conducted a virtual roundtable on *gender-transformative responses to comprehensive sexuality education (CSE)* during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. 38 global, regional and national experts, and youth leaders joined the roundtable to discuss the importance of gender-transformative CSE in a pandemic, and to encourage communities to adopt it as a complementary solution to school dropouts, poverty, and the gender confidence gap.

Adolescent and youth

[The Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action](#)

- The Compact, under the leadership of UNFPA, launched the [Youth Compact Champions Programme](#), to provide 18 months support to 20 young leaders who have been affected by humanitarian crisis and have experience of leading humanitarian action. The Compact Champions have been inducted into the five task-forces of the Compact: 1) Supporting the design and evaluation of initiatives by the Compact to deliver on its 5 key actions (services, participation, capacity, resources and data); and 2) Mobilising over 1,000 young people around the world to engage in Compact initiatives.

[#Youthagainstcovid19 campaign](#)

- For International Youth Day, UNFPA launched a youth day challenge under #YouthAgainstCOVID19 to hear from young people about how they are coping with COVID-19, and how they think young people will influence the new normal.
- To this end, UNFPA has teamed up with Scouts and many other youth partners to disseminate a short template that has 3 questions for young people to join the conversation. The challenge will also be disseminated with a special design Instagram filter and be open for video submissions for young people that are not on the Prezi Platform.

HIV prevention amidst COVID-19

- UNFPA advocated for further support to HIV key populations, in light of COVID-19, through the High-Level Political Forum side-event, and interagency working group on key population, on the impact of COVID-19 on key populations. These populations require access to quality, safe and non-discriminatory services for HIV in the context of the pandemic.
- Access and use of condoms remain important for the prevention of unintended pregnancies and sexually transmission of HIV and STIs. In 2020, for the first time, the Global Fund earmarked funds for the procurement and programming of male and female condoms and lubricants. Several countries were invited to include these in their 2020-2022 funding cycle.
- To support this process and anticipate the need for technical assistance, UNFPA and partners conducted a global survey on the status of condoms programming in countries where UNFPA works. Of the 19 African countries that completed the questionnaire, 10 do not have current condom strategies and another four will expire this year. In the Caribbean, only Jamaica had a national condom strategy and it expired in 2012. The review is continuing to determine the countries that will require support.

Surge Deployment Overview

In July, UNFPA released new [guidelines around recommencing physical surge deployments](#), which will be implemented on a case-by-case basis against a set of predefined minimum standards. Remote-based deployments are still ongoing and will most likely continue for an indeterminate amount of time.

- During July 2020, there were a total of 11 new deployments making a total of 37 deployments during the month.
- UNFPA currently has 7 personnel deployed in Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Colombia, Latin America and the Caribbean and Syria. The majority of these assignments require telecommuting. However, a few countries are beginning to initiate phases of return to the office and field.
- There are approximately 23 remote-based assignments ongoing for Afghanistan, the Arab States Regional Office, Bangladesh, Honduras, Kenya, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Pakistan, Syria, Turkey, Vanuatu, Venezuela and Yemen. Such assignments are covering profiles in MHPSS, GBV Coordination, GBV information management, GBV and SRH programming, gender mainstreaming and disability inclusion, humanitarian coordination, operations support, communications, M&E, and Logistics.
- UNFPA continues to receive in-kind support from standby partners and donors such as DFID, NORCAP, the Danish Refugee Council and the Government of Canada.
- Our partners have also assisted in extending contracts in situations where surge personnel have not been able to leave the country due to border closures to ensure their safety and well-being.
- Out of all the deployments in July, 57% were filled by women.



COVID-19 has amplified the vulnerability of older people in Moldova. With UNFPA's support, young volunteers are building bonds with older citizens to benefit both generations. ©UNFPA Moldova.



185 monks were part of a larger group trained on GBV awareness in Phuntsholing, Bhutan © UNFPA Bhutan



UNFPA helps Haiti fight COVID-19. © UNFPA Haiti

Technical Guidance

UNFPA technical briefs to guide staff and partners in addressing COVID-19 are available through these links:

- [COVID-19 Technical Brief for Maternity Services](#)
- [Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Family Planning and Ending Gender-based Violence, Female Genital Mutilation and Child Marriage](#)
- [Implications of COVID-19 for Older Persons: Responding to the Pandemic](#)
- [Technical Brief on the Implications of COVID-19 on Census](#)
- [Adolescents and Young People & Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Gender Equality and Addressing Gender-based Violence \(GBV\) and Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Prevention, Protection and Response](#)
- [Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: Modern Contraceptives and Other Medical Supply Needs, including for COVID-19 Prevention, Protection and Response.](#)
- [Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, Maternal and Newborn Health & COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19: A Gender Lens](#)
- [Global Call to Action: Protecting Midwives to Sustain Care for Women, Newborns and their Families in the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [COVID-19: Working with and for Young People](#)

External Media and Human Interest Stories

UNFPA raises awareness and support for prioritising the needs and rights of women and girls and marginalized groups, and continuing sexual and reproductive health and rights and prevention and response to gender-based violence during COVID-19. Here is the [UNFPA COVID-19 page](#) and below are highlights of media outreach and human interest stories.

PRESS RELEASE

- [COVID-19: Germany commits additional €30 million to uphold women's sexual and reproductive health](#)

STATEMENTS

- [Statement on the United States Decision to Again Withhold Critical Funding for UNFPA, amid Global Pandemic](#)
- [Secretary-General's message on World Population Day](#)
- [Peace in the home: safeguarding the health and rights of women and girls – even during COVID-19](#)
- [We must win the battle against human trafficking](#)

WEB STORIES

- [Safety elusive for women in South Sudan's protection sites amid pandemic](#)
- [For Kyrgyzstan's LGBTQI community, risks escalate under COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [Putting the brakes on COVID-19: Safeguarding the health and rights of women and girls](#)
- [For pregnant COVID-19 patients in Egypt, a safe place to deliver](#)
- [Ride-hailing app delivers contraceptives to users' doorsteps](#)
- [If you want to change the world, start at home: New tool offers roadmap for changing social norms](#)
- [Operation SALAMA reaches millions of Moroccans with pandemic information, supplies, support](#)
- [Eswatini SMS service helps women access family planning, food amid pandemic](#)

OPINION EDITORIALS

[Reuters](#): It's time to reframe the narrative on girls' rights

[Inter Press Service](#): World Population Day 2020 – 'The time is now to accelerate the promise for women and girls'

[Asahi Shimbun](#) (Japan): Pregnancy doesn't stop during a pandemic. Neither do human rights.

[Berlingske](#) (Denmark): COVID-19 hits women hardest

[Devex](#): The power of choice — ensuring access to family planning in the COVID-19 era

UNFPA IN THE NEWS*

July 1 2020 - [El País](#) (Spain): The world is missing 142 million "disappeared" women due to machismo

July 1 2020 - [Devex](#): Q&A: UNFPA chief on harmful practices against girls during the pandemic

July 1 2020 - [Reuters](#): Coronavirus puts millions more at risk of child marriage and FGM - UN

July 1 2020 - [The Journal](#) (Ireland): Call to prevent COVID-19 pandemic resulting in two million FGM cases 'that would otherwise be averted'

July 1 2020 - [Al Jazeera](#): COVID-19 increases child marriage and FGM risk for millions: UN

July 1 2020 - [EFE](#): Child marriage, the greatest threat to 1 in 4 girls in Latin America

July 1 2020 - [Europa Press](#) (Spain): Ending child marriage and genital mutilation would cost \$ 3.4 billion a year

July 1 2020 - [Rádio e Televisão de Portugal](#): Pandemic is delaying fight against child marriage and genital mutilation (UN)

July 1 2020 - [O Globo](#) (Brazil): UN report warns of persistent violations of the rights of girls and women worldwide

July 1 2020 - [Deutsche Welle](#) (Turkish):: Millions of girls at risk due to coronavirus

July 1 2020 - [Deutsche Welle](#) (Germany): Slowly spoken news: UN warns of coronavirus impact for women

July 1 2020 - [Voice of America](#): UN calls for end to practices threatening women, girls worldwide

July 1 2020 - [Knack](#) (Belgium): UN fears millions of extra child marriages due to coronavirus crisis

July 1 2020 - [Global Citizen](#): Harmful practices against girls will worsen without action: UNFPA

July 2 2020 - [Publico](#) (Portugal): Podcast: The pandemic has delayed the fight against harmful practices for girls

July 3 2020 - [Forbes](#): Millions of women & girls at risk of FGM in 2020, says UNFPA

July 3 2020 - [Inter Press Service](#): Q&A: Child marriage, FGM and harmful practices on women's bodies to increase because of COVID-19

July 6 2020 - [EFE](#): Women as merchandise, a consequence of the crisis in Venezuela

July 6 2020 - [O Globo](#) (Brasil): Covid-19 pandemic affects demand and supply for contraceptives.

July 7 2020 - [Reuters](#): Free ambulance helps save mothers and babies in Kenya lockdown

July 7 2020 - [Sputnik Mundo](#) (Russia): In 3 months there were more deaths from femicide in Venezuela than from COVID-19

July 7 2020 - [Deutsche Welle](#): World in Progress: COVID-19 pandemic makes matters worse for women and girls

July 8 2020 - [Telegraph](#) (UK): Aftershock of COVID-19 forces millions of children into begging, child labour and early marriages

July 8 2020 - [El Pais](#) (Spain): The UN recommends not to return to the (old) normal

July 9 2020 - [Devex](#): Opinion: Turning the tide in development — an inclusive response to COVID-19

July 9 2020 - [Independent](#) (UK): 'Some girls have already married early': Young women at risk of never going back to school in Africa and Asia amid coronavirus crisis

July 9 2020 - [Deutsche Welle & Focus](#) (Germany): Opinion: COVID-19 pandemic threatens Africa's gains in reproductive healthcare

July 10 2020 - [VICE](#): India's COVID-19 lockdown is making it easier for girls to be forced into child marriage

July 10 2020 - [Hindustan Times](#) (India): World Population Day 2020: Raising awareness about the health and rights of women amid the coronavirus pandemic

July 10 2020 - [CNN Indonesia](#): COVID-19 task force claim violence against women has increased since the pandemic

July 11 2020 - [Times of India](#): World Population Day 2020: India's concerns

July 11 2020 - [Arab News Pakistan](#): Pregnant pause: Afghan women urged to delay motherhood due to virus crisis

July 11 2020 - [Il Messaggero](#) (Italy): World Population Day: 140 million girls die from selective abortions

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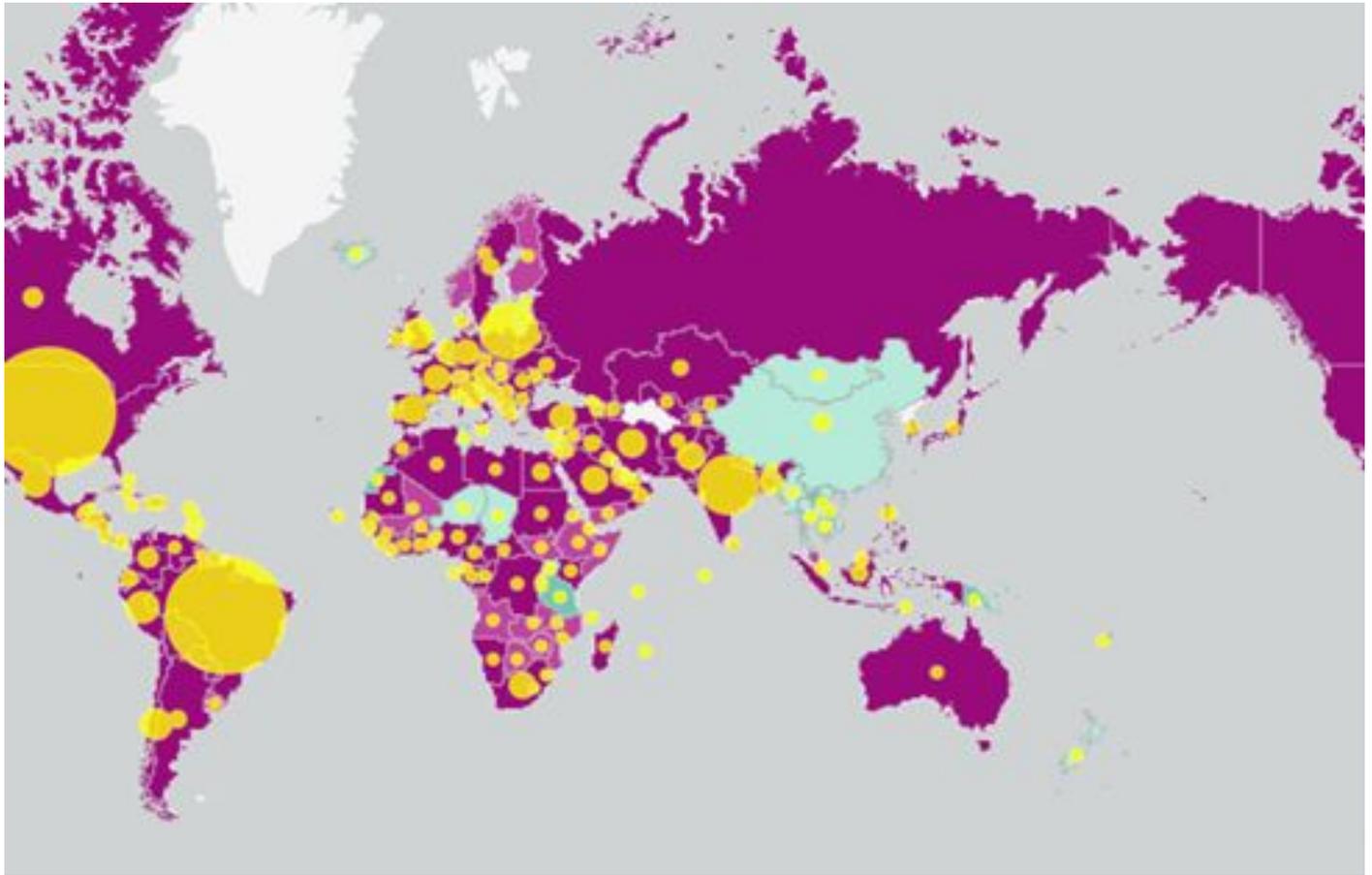
- July 12 2020 - [Modern Diplomacy](#): World Population Day: 'No time to waste' in empowering women
- July 13 2020 - [Der Standard](#) (Austria): Sudan prohibits genital mutilation
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- July 14 2020 - [Forbes](#): How the pandemic is negatively impacting women more than men, and what has to change
- July 15 2020 - [Washington Post](#): Coronavirus baby boom or bust? How the pandemic is affecting birthrates worldwide
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- July 15 2020 - [Telegraph](#) (UK): The 'perfect environment': how FGM is set to surge during the pandemic
- July 17 2020 - [Jornal de Noticias](#) (Portugal): Covid-19: UN and Portugal support training in care for pregnant women in Timor-Leste
- July 20 2020 - [CNN](#): Ghana coronavirus: Over 2,000 health care workers have been infected
- July 21 2020 - [National Observer](#) (Canada): Don't let the pandemic erase decades of progress for girls' education
- July 22 2020 - [ABC Australia](#): Living nightmare': Sharp rise in violence against women and children in Asia during COVID-19 lockdowns
- July 22 2020 - [Global Voices](#) (Netherlands): Female genital mutilation likely to rise in the Middle East amid COVID-19
- July 23 2020 - [Deutsche Welle](#): Russia's first trial on female genital mutilation restarts after coronavirus lockdown
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- July 27 2020 - [EFEminista](#): The crisis in Venezuela has turned women into merchandise
- July 27 2020 - [Bangkok Post](#): Pandemic of abuse
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- July 28 2020 - [Radio Africa 1](#): Malawi: Increase in early marriages and pregnancies since pandemic
- July 29 2020 - [Bloomberg](#): Coronavirus: Americans aren't making babies, and that's bad for the economy
- July 29 2020 - [El País](#) (Spain): A new normal, but with a gender perspective
- July 29 2020 - [VOA Africa](#): AFP: Rise in early marriage and pregnancy since pandemic in Malawi
- July 31 2020 - [Reuters](#): Pandemic brings growing risk of pregnancy, abuse to Latin American girls
- July 31 2020 - [World Economic Forum](#): What's needed to ensure maternal health for women in vulnerable populations

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Many young people in Iraq have mobilized immediately to respond to the crisis as health workers, advocates, and volunteers. © UNFPA Iraq.

Global COVID-19 cases and deaths



See UNFPA's [COVID-19 Population Vulnerability Dashboard](#) for real-time updates