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Subject: ASRO Newsletter - May 2021

Message as Text

I am pleased to share with you (below) the May 2021 edition of the ASRO Newsletter.

The newsletter highlights the great achievement by UNFPA Country Offices and the UNFPA Regional Office in the Arab Region for the month of May 2021. (Please click on Year-end message at the end of the message to see the full version of the newsletter).

Many thanks to the continued hard work and commitment of UNFPA colleagues in ASRO and all our Country Offices, especially in these very difficult times of COVID-19.

Stay Safe and Best Regards,

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You are limitless! Regional ToT on peer education

22 youth leaders and Youth Officers from 10 UNFPA countries (Algeria, Jordan, Tunisia, Iraq, Oman, Egypt, and Jordan) participated in an online Regional ToT for peer educators during the COVID-19 pandemic. Organized by the Reforming Partnership for Women’s Empowerment through Dialogue, Development, and Peace (PF4WEDD) and supported by the National Committee for Planning and Development of Youth, the ToT aimed to enhance peer educators’ knowledge and skills to deliver evidence-based, youth-friendly, and respectful services to young women and girls. The initiative was jointly promoted by UNFPA and the Ministry of Youth Affairs.

Endorsing the Arab Health Friendly Budgeting Strategy

On 30 May, 2020, the Arab Youth and Women Council participated in an Expert Group Meeting organized by the League of Arab States to promote and discuss the Arab Health-Friendly Budgeting Strategy, in the presence of representatives of the Ministry of Health of the Member States. The meeting, organized by LASYA through ASYP and the UNESCAP, was supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

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JORDAN

Celebrating midwives on their day

On the occasion of International Day of the Midwife, the UNFPA Jordan country office interviewed one of the distinguished midwives working at the UNFPA-RC Aqaba Regional office to recognize the essential role of midwives and the importance of investing in them to help achieve zero maternal deaths and zero unmet need for family planning.

Improving case management services to women and girls survivor of violence

UNFPA Jordan implemented a violence against women and girls (VAWG) intervention to improve case management services to gender-based violence (GBV) survivors. The case management support (CMS) was launched in May 2021, following four-month learning and one-week fast-tracked training for 30 care navigators. According to the first assessment, 28% of the caregivers were aware of VAWG, 72% were aware of VAWG, and 6% were aware of VAWG. Participants recommended that the practical and applicable training should be maintained. They called on action to provide adequate staff cadre and remote supervision, and explore the possibility of accommodating case management for unborn children from different backgrounds.

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Upholding the rights and well-being of adolescent girls

On 28 March, the President of the National Council for Human Rights carried out an event organized by UNFPA and the National Agency for Project Implementation (DNI), which included an in-depth review of the achievements of the project, as well as the launch of a joint initiative for the promotion of the rights of women and girls, including adolescent girls, to prevent violence and ensure their access to comprehensive reproductive health services.
Midwives call for more investments on their day

On 7 May, over 100 midwives and health professionals took part in a webinar organized by UNFPA and the Norwegian Association of Midwives under the theme: Follow the Gaps: Midwives Share Data and Facts, Secrecy Highlights the 10.23% Rate of Home Delivery and Midwifery Around the World. The webinar aimed to advance advocacy for more investment in maternity care and to overcome the SCD agenda. UNFPA also launched a social media campaign to help midwives share their voices advocating for their rights and needs.

First Hackathon to advance women and girls’ sexual and reproductive health

45 young people, including 35 girls, participated in a hackathon on women and girls’ sexual and reproductive health launched by UNFPA and UNAIDS in Maputo. The event was a call on the access of girls to reproductive and menstrual hygiene products and services and the access of young people to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services and social services. Young women and girls presented their ideas, and the winning idea was selected by young women and girls. The hackathon was supported by the UN Women’s Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship (WADSE) and UNFPA will support the three innovative initiatives.

SOMALIA

Urgent call to end period poverty

On Menstrual Hygiene Day, UNFPA urged for an urgent action to end period poverty and ensure the rights of all girls and women by ensuring their fair access to menstrual hygiene products and services. UNFPA supported several youth centres in Somalia to mark the day and bring attention to the importance of menstrual hygiene. "We need a sustainable policy solution to end period poverty." On Menstrual Hygiene Day, we call on nutritionists, health care providers, and development partners across Somalia to come together to develop sustainable plans to assure communities and end period shelters and poverty," said UNFPA’s Somaliland Representative, Anders Thordéns. "We need more action to ensure that every girl and woman has access to the necessary hygiene products and services.

Urgent support to women and girls affected by the cyclone

UNFPA provided immediate support to women and girls affected by the cyclone. UNFPA reached out to the community, including displaced persons, to provide support in the aftermath of the cyclone. In addition, UNFPA provided 1,000 dignity kits to women and girls affected by the cyclone.

Empowering youth in Somaliland

150 young people in Somaliland received training in skills development, mental health support, and counseling on gender-based violence. The training was provided through the UNFPA Youth Centre.

LEBANON

Menstruation is not a taboo: A call on Menstrual Hygiene Day

On the occasion of Menstrual Hygiene Day, UNFPA, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, launched a campaign to raise awareness about menstrual-related issues. The campaign, titled "Lebanon: Menstrual Hygiene Day," was launched with the aim of providing girls and women with the necessary information and resources to manage their menstrual cycle effectively. The campaign included social media and radio messages.

Recognizing midwives’ role during the pandemic

UNFPA and the Lebanese Order of Midwives launched a campaign to recognize the contributions of midwives during the COVID-19 pandemic. The campaign highlighted the essential role of midwives in providing care, particularly during the pandemic, and emphasized the importance of supporting midwives and midwifery.

Watch the video
Launching the Remote GBV Case Management Guide During Emergencies

UNFPA, in partnership with UNHCR and the Ministry of Social Affairs, developed and launched a Remote Gender-based Violence Case Management guide that serves as a comprehensive tool for organizations and community leaders to support GBV victims during emergencies. The guide includes essential case management procedures, including emergency support, case follow-up, and guidance to help mitigate the risks and ensure the safety of victims.

Yemen

Improving access to maternal health services

UNFPA received a contribution of USD 580,000 from the Republic of Korea to improve access to maternal health services in Yemen. The funds will support the implementation of a maternal health project in five governorates, focusing on improving access to maternal and newborn care services. The project aims to reach women who are vulnerable to GBV, providing them with essential health services and support.

Advancing the survivor-centered approach

580,000 women and girls in Yemen have experienced gender-based violence. UNFPA has allocated funds to support the implementation of a survivor-centered approach, focusing on providing comprehensive care and support services to survivors. The project includes the provision of psychological support, legal assistance, and access to medical services.

Syria

Enhancing services to GBV survivors

UNFPA has been working to enhance services for GBV survivors in Syria, focusing on providing comprehensive care and support services. The organization has allocated funds to support the implementation of a survivor-centered approach, focusing on providing comprehensive care and support services to survivors. The project includes the provision of psychological support, legal assistance, and access to medical services.

On 16 May, 150 hotline GBV case managers and