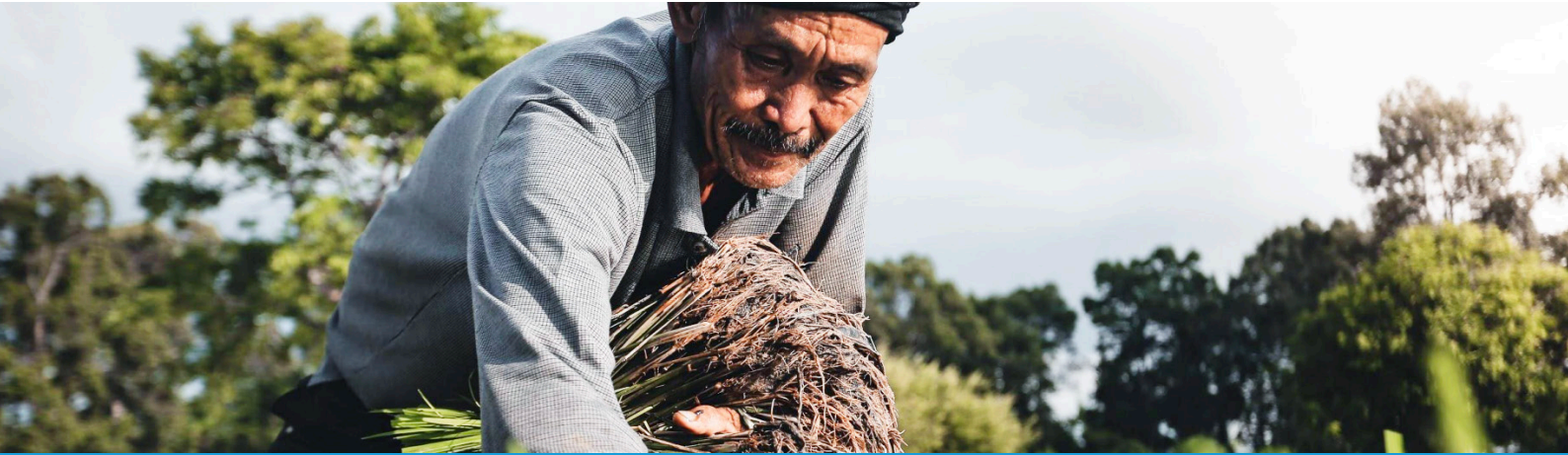


# UNITED NATIONS INDONESIA

## COVID-19 RESPONSE

*Saving Lives, Protecting Societies, Recovering Better*



### MESSAGE FROM THE UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR

**T**he United Nations turns 75 this month. In a world of dramatic changes and complex challenges, from climate crisis to the COVID-19 pandemic, the UN itself is becoming ever more agile and accountable as we enhance support to countries while remaining focused on the real problems of real people.

Against the current backdrop of global reckoning with environmental degradation, increasing cyber-attacks, corruption, and pushback on human rights, there is no better time to reimagine multilateralism. Equality and the dignity of all people are guiding principles of the UN Charter. To echo the words of UN Secretary-General

Antonio Guterres, “Our founding mission is more critical than ever. To promote human dignity; protect human rights; respect international law; and save humanity from war.”

Since its independence 75 years ago, Indonesia has always strived to support multilateralism and international solidarity at the heart of its principles. To support the Government of Indonesia’s response to the COVID-19, the UN family in Indonesia quickly mobilised around key priority areas providing essential support across health, food security and agriculture, logistics, critical services and protecting vulnerable groups.

In the spirit of global solidarity and strengthened multilateralism, recovering better and a renewed focused commitment to attaining the SDGs is a core facet in the UN’s COVID-19 recovery plans. Together, we are committed to building a nation that is prosperous, democratic and just, where development benefits all people, and where the rights of future generations are protected.

And for my final note on this edition – and still in the spirit of UN75 – I would like to invite everyone in joining the UN75 global dialogue by accessing the 1-minute survey here ([un75.online](https://un75.online)). Our voice matters and make sure you have your say in shaping our future together.

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## Providing Lifesaving Antitoxin for Children With Diphtheria during COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused widescale disruption to many essential health services globally. In Indonesia, WHO is supporting the programme surveillance of immunization services and vaccine preventable diseases (VPD), including diphtheria. WHO and the Indonesian government are working together to achieve the national target of diphtheria control by 2024. Overcoming disruptions caused by the large-scale social restrictions, limited movement and closure of transportation services during the COVID-19 pandemic, WHO is continuing to support Indonesia by providing technical assistance at both the national and subnational levels, facilitating capacity building and training opportunities for surveillance officers and sourcing lifesaving diphtheria antitoxin treatments. Read more: <https://www.who.int/indonesia/news/detail/15-09-2020-who-delivers-lifesaving-antitoxin-for-children-with-diphtheria-during-covid-19-pandemic>



## Analysis: Supporting the Global Movement Towards Equal Pay



Celebrated for first time in September, the International Equal Pay Day marks the continuous efforts towards the achievement of equal pay for work of equal value. This international day marks the commitment of the United Nations to human rights and against all forms of discrimination, including discrimination against women and girls. In Indonesia, women earn 23 percent less than men. Although more women workers have a college or university degree compared to male workers, higher education has not succeeded in narrowing the gender pay gap. In fact, female workers with tertiary education degrees earn substantially less than male counterparts.

[The ILO Monitor: COVID-19 and the world of work: 5th Edition](https://www.ilo.org/jakarta/info/public/pr/WCMS_755550/lang-en/index.htm) in July found that women workers have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic. The severe impact of COVID-19 on women workers relates to their over-representation in some of the economic sectors worst affected by the crisis, such as accommodation, food, sales and manufacturing. Women also constitute a large percentage of informal sector jobs with lack of health insurance and social protection. Read the full story here: [https://www.ilo.org/jakarta/info/public/pr/WCMS\\_755550/lang-en/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/jakarta/info/public/pr/WCMS_755550/lang-en/index.htm)



## Facilitating Care for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence



It has been more than six months since the first cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in Indonesia and the pandemic has disrupted the lives of many. The loss of income and the psychological toll of the pandemic, coupled with a general lack of access to public services, has been especially difficult for women who are trapped in homes with abusers. Physical and mental abuse in domestic households have risen during the pandemic to 75 per

cent according to P2TP2A and the National Commission on Violence Against Women (Komnas Perempuan).

Responding to this, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Technical Implementation Unit of the Integrated Service Center for Empowering Women and Children (UPT P2TP2A) in Jakarta have worked together to formulate standard operating procedures (SOP) designed for officers at UPT P2TP2A Jakarta. The SOPs are a reference point to provide services such as counselling, legal help, and shelter to clients during the pandemic using safety protocols. With UNDP's support, government institutions in Jakarta have adopted, in total, nine SOPs for handling cases of Violence against Women and Children, in compliance with COVID-19 measures, and deployed 278 (194 women and 84 men) service providers including medical doctors, to handle cases related to COVID-19. Find out more about the partnership here: <https://www.id.undp.org/content/indonesia/en/home/presscenter/articles/2020/UNDP-Govt-Work-Together/>



## Supporting Migrant Women With PPE and Violence Prevention Information

UN Women and the European Union (EU) handed over 3,000 units of personal protective equipment (PPE), hygiene kit, and information materials for preventing violence against women to the Ministry of Social Affairs in August. The kits will be distributed to returning Indonesian migrant workers as part of the joint commitment to support Government of Indonesia in its efforts towards containing COVID-19.

There are 23,858 Indonesian women migrant workers or 70% of total migrant workers, returning from countries affected by COVID-19 as of July 2020. Of that figures,

some returnees have been put under quarantine at the Ministry of Social Affairs temporary shelter as part of COVID-19 precautionary protocols. Women migrant workers have been at risk of exploitation, subjected to multiple layers of discrimination and gender-based violence even before the pandemic – a situation which is now exacerbated. They also face a higher risk of losing livelihoods, having their labour and human rights violated, including trafficking, and contracting the coronavirus. Learn more: <https://asiapacific.unwomen.org/en/news-and-events/stories/2020/08/un-women-and-the-european-union-deliver-personal-protective-equipment>

## Young People Take the Lead on Mental Health



In Indonesia, online sessions for young people by young people provide essential mental health and psychosocial support in the time of a pandemic. With COVID-19 cases rising and large-scale social restrictions still in place across much of Indonesia, young people continue to face daunting challenges to their mental health and well-

being. According to a UNICEF U-Report poll conducted in August 2020 with over 600 participants from around the country, more than half of respondents (53 per cent) said they feel pressure to stay productive during the pandemic. A majority (33 per cent) said the stress has led to a lack of concentration during online learning, while 25 per cent said they feel easily irritated, angry or upset.

In response, UNICEF has partnered with CIMSA (Center for Indonesian Medical Students' Activities) to launch a series of bi-weekly online sessions that provide mental health and psychosocial support for young people. The sessions – which are held via Zoom and streamed live on the CIMSA YouTube channel – invite young representatives and experts for Q&A sessions and short talks moderated by CIMSA and each have a unique theme covering different topics. The aim of the initiative is to raise awareness of the importance of mental health among young people and provide practical knowledge to sustain mental well-being during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Learn more about the campaign here: <https://www.unicef.org/indonesia/coronavirus/stories/young-people-take-lead-mental-health>



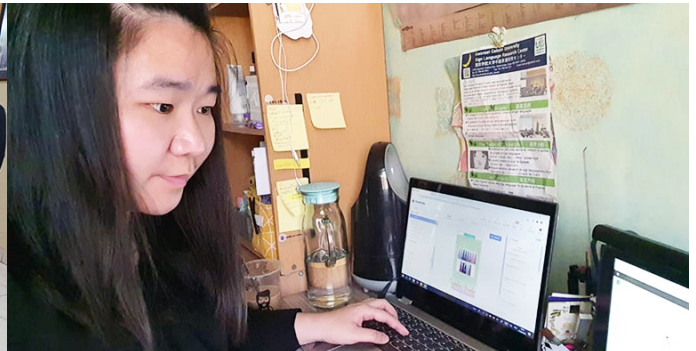
## Socializing Guide for Tsunami Evacuation During COVID-19

As follow up to the development of the Indonesian Guide for Tsunami Evacuation during COVID-19, UNESCO supported U-INPSIRE Indonesia in organizing a National Webinar on Socialization of the Guide for Tsunami Evacuation during COVID-19 recently. The Guide was the result of a collaboration with the Indian Ocean Tsunami Information Centre of IOC-UNESCO and Indonesian Stakeholders (BNPB, BMKG, ITB IATSI, and U-INSPIRE Indonesia).

The Guide, with a key aim of sensitizing local disaster management offices in Tsunami prone areas in Indonesia, covers the tsunami warning information, preparedness for tsunami evacuation during COVID-19, and principles in tsunami evacuation based on the category of persons exposed to the COVID-19. Find out more: <https://en.unesco.org/news/unesco-supported-socialization-guide-tsunami-evacuation-during-covid-19>



## Online Shops Help Entrepreneurs With Disabilities Meet COVID-19 Challenges



Recently, 19 people with disabilities were selected to take part in ILO training programmes on creating online shop applications and online shop administration. The sessions covered key skills including online store design, platforms, databases, transaction and customer management, inventory and sales administration as well as digital marketing. Coaching by business mentors and technical advice from programmers was also available. The aim was to improve incomes and create more sustainable livelihoods in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The spread of the virus has made the training even more relevant due to many businesses being forced to close their physical locations.

In total, 624 people from throughout Indonesia joined the online training that took place in six batches from May to August 2020. As well as the group with disabilities, the trainees included business owners and laid-off workers. 58 percent of participants were women. The programmes were offered as part of the ILO's Women in STEM Project, which aims to help women gain quality employment and support their career advancement, particularly related to information technology. They were delivered in partnership with the Indonesian Retail Association (APRINDO). Go here to learn more: [https://www.ilo.org/jakarta/info/public/fs/WCMS\\_754014/lang-en/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/jakarta/info/public/fs/WCMS_754014/lang-en/index.htm)

## Creative Youth at the Time of Pandemic: Wear Your Mask and Support Your Heritage!



The worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 had detrimental effect on culture, reducing radically the income opportunities for the artists and those working in creative sectors. In response to this crisis, UNESCO Jakarta since March 2020 has been facilitating a series of virtual business training workshops to mentor 400 young cultural entrepreneurs from Central Java, Yogyakarta, Kota Tua Jakarta, Toba and Bali to overcome this difficult time. Pakai Masker Kain Tradisional or Wear Your (Traditional Textile) Mask campaign was initiated specifically to support those



working in traditional weaving and fashion to provide them with alternative income opportunities. The masks were presented through a Virtual Fashion Show live-streamed on YouTube and Instagram on 16 September 2020.

This campaign is coordinated by UNESCO Jakarta and CITI Indonesia as part of the project "Creative Youth at Indonesian Heritage Sites" supported by Citi Foundation, which aims to build the capacity of young creative entrepreneurs living in and around the four key tourism destinations of Indonesia: Borobudur, Prambanan, Lake Toba, Bali and Kota Tua Jakarta. This project intends to create a linkage between heritage sites and community livelihood, by providing trainings for young entrepreneurs to improve their business skills while respecting and promoting heritage values of the site. Find out more: <https://en.unesco.org/news/creative-youth-time-pandemic-wear-your-mask-and-support-your-heritage>



## Analysis: Pandemic Implications to Indonesia's Economy and Food Security Snapshot



In August 2020, the WFP team published the third edition of their bulletin titled "COVID-19: Economic and Food Security Implications for Indonesia", which provided updates on the latest food security and socioeconomic conditions amid the COVID-19 pandemic in Indonesia. According to the bulletin, in the second quarter of 2020,

Indonesian GDP contracted by 5.3 percent year-on-year, which was the most significant decline since 1999. National supplies of rice were estimated to be sufficient to last beyond the end of the year with projected end-year stocks of 6 million tons, however, rising unemployment has led to reduced purchasing power, which may threaten economic access to food. Evidence from different sources and analyses in this update include the Government's support to vulnerable groups through different schemes to minimize the impacts of the shock, changes in macroeconomic indicators in the 2nd quarter of the year, and employment implications in the formal and informal sectors. Read the full bulletin here: <https://www.wfp.org/publications/covid-19-economic-and-food-security-implications-indonesia-3rd-edition-august-2020>

## Joining Forces to Protect Children From COVID-Infected Families in Lombok



Home visit of the Center for Integrated Child Welfare Service Center (Pusat Kesejahteraan Sosial Anak/PKSAI) to COVID-19 affected family in Mataram, West Nusa Tenggara

Uwais, a one-year old healthy baby boy in Mataram, West Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia had to be separated from his parents because of the pandemic. While Uwais – thankfully – tested negative for COVID-19, it was a different story with his parents and his extended family. Because of the pandemic, almost all public services and childcare facilities have been shut down. A staff from Child Welfare Service Center (Pusat Kesejahteraan Sosial Anak/PKSAI) in Mataram, Lombok, rose to the challenge and welcomed Uwais as her own. Women and children, as the most vulnerable group, become Indonesia's most

vulnerable population without adequate protection from the adverse socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis. UNICEF has been partnering with PKSAI Lombok in ensuring that the staff can provide the best service on time. With the COVID-19 Multi-Partner Trust Fund, the United Nations team in the country is bolstering its support to the government to protect the most vulnerable groups from the devastating socio-economic fallout from the health crisis. Read the full story here: <https://un.org.id/blog/369-a-shelter-to-rely-on-how-a-child-in-lombok-survived-during-pandemic>



## Addressing Older Persons Vulnerability During the COVID-19 Pandemic

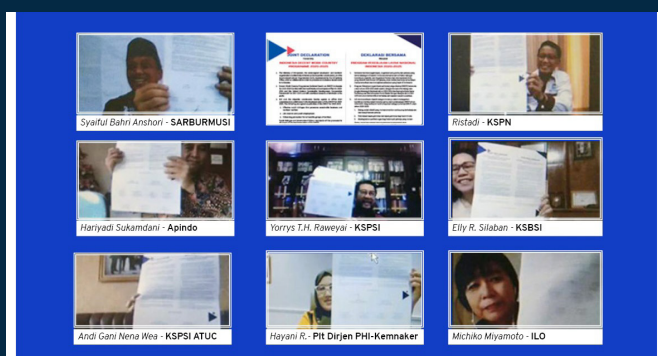


One in nine persons in the world is aged 60 years or over. In Indonesia, the current population size of people over 60 years old is estimated to be 28 million people, and is expected to almost double to 50 million people by 2035. Increased longevity is one of humanity's greatest achievements as healthy and socially active older persons can bring endless contributions to family,

community, and society as a whole. However, such opportunities come with social, economic, and cultural challenges. In particular, their vulnerabilities and specific needs heighten during humanitarian crises.

In 2020, 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 according to the COVID-19 National Task Force data as of 22 September 2020. Since the beginning of the pandemic, 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 so that priority is given to the needs of older persons in its collective response action toward COVID-19 pandemic. For example, UNFPA Indonesia, in collaboration with provincial government and local NGOs, has distributed emergency supplies for older persons who reside in temporary shelters in Central Sulawesi. Read more about the partnerships here: <https://indonesia.unfpa.org/en/news/addressing-older-persons-vulnerability-during-covid-19-pandemic>

## Promoting Decent Work for All as a Response to the Fast-Changing World of Work



Responding to the fast changing world of work in Indonesia, including the impact of the current COVID-19 pandemic, ILO, the Indonesian Government and Indonesian Employers Association (APINDO) launched Decent Work Country Programme (DWCP) for Indonesia 2020-2025 in Jakarta at the end of September. The DWCP takes into account national

employment priorities and global development targets, including Making Indonesia 4.0, Roadmap of Vocational Development Policy in Indonesia 2017-2025 and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Despite the strong economic and employment growth, decent work challenges persist due to adverse macroeconomic conditions and an increasing number of informal and/or precarious jobs that fail to improve the living standards. The changing nature of employment (e.g. platform workers), skills mismatch, informalities, insufficient social security coverage and declining bargaining power of workers are some of the key factors that weaken the linkages between economic and job growth. Learn about the employment priorities in the new programme here: [https://www.ilo.org/jakarta/info/public/pr/WCMS\\_756621/lang-en/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/jakarta/info/public/pr/WCMS_756621/lang-en/index.htm)

## Distributing Essential Medical Equipment and Supplies to Support Indonesia's COVID-19 Response



The latest shipment of essential medical equipment and supplies was delivered by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) team to the National Board for Disaster Management (BNPB) and hospitals across Indonesia on 16 September. This time, the batch consisted of more than 400,000 items of Personal Protective Equipment, including surgical and N95 masks for health workers, and 2,000 litres of hand sanitizer. In addition to the donation

to BNPB, IOM is delivering these medical supplies to regional general hospitals and emergency hospitals from Galang Island to Papua. This donation represents IOM's commitment to support Indonesian people and all people on the move, during this troubling time.

Source: <https://twitter.com/IOMIndonesia/status/1309332117185159169>

