

“Delivering a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is safe, and every woman and girl lives a life free from violence and abuse”

## 2020 COVID-19 Annual Report

Even as we grapple with the pandemic, UNFPA is supporting governments to keep health systems functioning, to maintain the provision of sexual and reproductive health and rights information and services, to protect health workers and to limit the spread of COVID-19. We have also instituted measures to address increased gender-based violence and harmful practices that have resulted from the pandemic, and have also put systems in place to ensure the supply of modern contraceptives and reproductive health commodities.

### Our Response

UNFPA, in collaboration with its partners, has been responding to the COVID-19 crisis in the Caribbean through three strategic priorities:



#### 1. Continuity of sexual and reproductive health services and interventions, including protection of the health workforce COVID-19

These essential efforts aim at avoiding higher rates of maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity, unintended pregnancies, teenage pregnancies, unsafe abortions, HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

- *Integrated SRH services*
- *Mobile units in Belize*
- *Personal Protection Equipment*
- *SRH services for migrant and refugee populations*
- *SRH services for adolescent mothers*
- *Midwifery services*

#### 2. Addressing gender-based violence and harmful practices

UNFPA is ensuring the continuity of lifesaving, multi-sector services for survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and the most at-risk women and girls. UNFPA is helping without compromising the safety of GBV caseworkers or survivors.

- *Services mappings and gender-based violence referral pathways*
- *Dignity kits*
- *Gender-based violence & COVID-19 guidelines*
- *Gender-based violence training of service providers*
- *Gender-based violence coordination*



#### 3. Ensuring the supply of modern contraceptives and reproductive health commodities

UNFPA is acting to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on reproductive health supplies, including modern contraceptives, maternal health medicines and menstrual health supplies.

- *Procurement of contraceptives and commodities*
- *Reproductive health commodity security assessment*

“Now is a time for solidarity, resolve and selflessness. We must not forget that there are people we may not immediately see, who are at great risk as a result of the consequences of the crisis.”

- Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director

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