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UNFPA Global COVID-19 Situation Report No. 2

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Global Highlights

- As COVID-19 continues to challenge communities around the world, UNFPA is finding innovative ways to deliver essential sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and gender-based violence (GBV) interventions. Where feasible, remote and tele-health service delivery has become critical in reaching women, girls and young people.
- In May, UNFPA produced its updated [COVID-19 Global Response Plan](#) with an appeal of \$370 million. The plan highlights the scale of negative consequences and potential impact if there are major disruptions to health services and prevention programmes, and prolonged lockdowns: 47 million women may lack access to modern contraceptives; 7 million unintended pregnancies; 31 million additional cases of GBV, and 2 million female genital mutilation cases.
- UNFPA is prioritizing the continuity and adaptation of SRH and GBV services, including GBV prevention and mitigation, risk communication and community engagement, and mitigating the supply chain impact for lifesaving supplies including modern contraceptives, maternal health drugs and personal protective equipment (PPE).
- As the world confronts this unprecedented and far-reaching crisis, UNFPA is engaging public and private partnerships, globally and at field level, to support the development of new technologies and innovative solutions.
- To guide and support UNFPA and partners' work on ground, a [body of technical briefs to adapt to the needs of the pandemic](#) has continued to be developed. In May, UNFPA contributed to three critical pieces of work including: UN Secretary-General's [Policy brief on people on the move: "the COVID-19 crisis is an opportunity to reimagine human mobility"](#) and [Policy brief on COVID-19 and the Need for Action on Mental Health](#), and the [WHO Maintaining essential health services: operational guidance](#) for the COVID-19 context.
- UNFPA's actions to address COVID-19 are conducted in the context of the [WHO global strategic preparedness and response plan](#), the [Covid-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan](#), and [UNFPA COVID-19 Global Response Plan](#) and emerging socio-economic support frameworks.


Situation in Numbers

 **7,390,702** Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

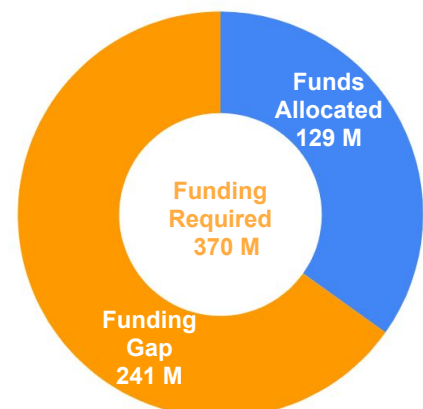
 **417,731** COVID-19 Deaths

Source: WHO 12 June 2020

Key Population Groups

-  **97 M** Pregnant Women
-  **1.6 B** Women of Reproductive Age
-  **1.6 B** Young People (age 10-24)
-  **483 M** Older Persons (age 65+)

Global Funding Status (US\$)*



* As of 3 June 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, UN, NGO and private sector partners. UNFPA is leading efforts through 150 country offices, six regional offices and New York headquarters.

- **At the global level**, the UNFPA Executive Director participates the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Principals coordination meetings, and meetings of the Secretary-General's Executive Committee for high-level decision making in the overall COVID-19 response. The Director of the Humanitarian Office participates in the IASC Emergency Directors Group.
- **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 the needs of women 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, 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 level**, 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 39 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 coordinates internally between divisions and levels through a **UNFPA COVID-19 Crisis Response Team**, led at the Deputy Executive Director level, that meets regularly to ensure efforts are coordinated, strategic and effective.



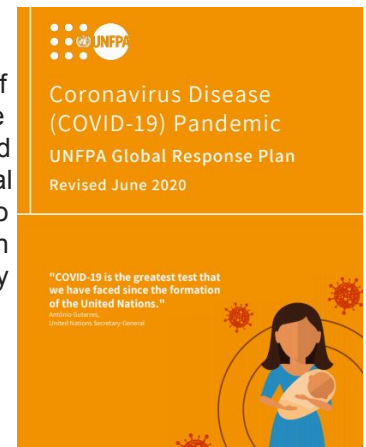
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UNFPA Global Response Plan to COVID-19

In May, UNFPA produced its updated COVID-19 Global Response Plan with an appeal of \$370 million. As of 6 May, the plan had received \$27 million. 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, and the UN Central Emergency Response Fund. This support has enabled UNFPA to respond quickly to COVID-19 around the world. Funding provided through UNFPA's Humanitarian Action Thematic Fund - \$19.8 million to date - allows UNFPA to flexibly respond to needs as they arise in humanitarian contexts.



Strategic Partnerships with the Private Sector

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

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 over \$400,000 to date.
- UNFPA initiated its **partnership with Global Citizen** on the [Global Goal: Unite or Our Future](#) campaign launched on May 28 2020, that aims to raise funds for COVID-19, more specifically vaccines and therapeutics as well as systems resilience and recovery. The campaign is under the patronage of the European Commission Presidency and will culminate in a global pledging event on 27 June 2020. UNFPA and Global Citizen are working together to secure new financial pledges from private sector organizations and member states towards UNFPA's COVID-19 Global Response.
- UNFPA is **partnering with Wikimedia Sweden** to use research, evidence and data produced by the agency to be featured in COVID-19 articles, ensuring a wide reach of the information produced by UNFPA in relation to the impact of the pandemic on sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence.
- Negotiations for private sector resource mobilisation partnerships (financial and additional in-kind donations of essential products and services) have entered into their final stages.
- UNFPA continues its engagement with private sector companies for in-kind support of IT equipment, digital technologies and logistical support.



GBV Coordination

UNFPA leads GBV coordination in 39 contexts, working with partners to ensure life-saving care and support to GBV survivors. The core functions of GBV coordination groups at the field level include: supporting service delivery, informing strategic decision making, planning and strategy development, monitoring and reporting, advocacy, and contingency planning/preparedness.

During the past few months and with the outbreak of COVID-19, the GBV sub-clusters have continued to adjust the services at country level by updating service mapping, referral pathways, contingency planning and advocacy for recognising GBV as an essential service. This work is supported by a series of [global webinars](#) - most of which were conducted in March and April - on the continuity and adaptation of GBV response to COVID-19 requirements.

[The Rapid Assessment of Helpline by GBV Sub-sector in Nigeria](#) has been identified as one of the best practices conducted in May 2020 by the GBV Sub-Cluster in Nigeria, adapting services for GBV survivors. Webinars recordings (in English and French) are available [here](#). The countries' guidance and notes on the mentioned activities are available [here](#).

Sexual and Reproductive Health

To ensure continuity of sexual and reproductive health and maternal health services and protection of health workers, the UNFPA Maternal and Newborn Health Thematic Fund has supported regional and country offices in re-programming their resources to address challenges imposed by the COVID 19 crisis.

This includes working with partners to ensure that the **emergency obstetrics and newborn care networks** remain fully equipped, functional and operational and that maternity care providers, particularly midwives, have full access to PPE, sanitation and a safe and respectful working environment.

Technical guidance for facility-based maternity services during COVID-19, including infection prevention, has been disseminated across all regions. In addition, in collaboration with the Asia and Pacific Regional Office and the Burnet Institute, a guidance for alternative models of maternity care, to reduce direct patient contact for non-urgent situations at the health facility, has been developed. This includes the establishment of community-based care delivery and phone-based antenatal and postnatal care to ensure there is no disruption in service delivery or breakdown in patient care.

To ensure that the COVID-19 pandemic does not disrupt the supply of and demand for condoms, the Global HIV Prevention Coalition, UNAIDS and UNFPA issued a brief on [Condoms and lubricants in the time of COVID-19](#).

As a co-chair of the [Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action](#), UNFPA has issued operational guidance on [working with and for young people during the pandemic](#). The guidance has been translated into Arabic, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Russian, Bangla, Khmer and Bahasa. An online [clearinghouse](#) was established for practitioners, featuring resources on the intersection of COVID-19, young people and humanitarian action. This week, the International Planned Parenthood Federation was formally inducted into the Compact, bringing its membership to 60 - effectively doubling its membership since the launch of the Compact four years ago at the World Humanitarian Summit.

The Compact supported a youth campaign on COVID-19, focused on what they can do to keep their friends, families and communities safe. Designed as a six-part video series, the campaign features young people sharing their views on how COVID-19 affects them, how to protect their sexual and mental health, and ways to support each other. Using the platform Prezi Video, videos made by young people and youth partners were easily reused. More than 100 videos were recorded in 20 languages, reaching over 500,000 users. The campaign was adapted for platforms like Whatsapp, that require relatively little data, as well as for afro-descendant young people, indigenous youth and young people living with disabilities.

UNFPA, Restless Development, ActionAid Denmark, the UN Major Group for Children and Youth, Norwegian Refugee Council, War Child Holland, and Plan International) **launched the Youth Compact Champions Programme** under the umbrella of the Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action. The programme will provide 18 months of support to 35 hard-to-reach young leaders (aged 18-30) who have been affected by humanitarian crisis and have experience of leading humanitarian action.

The youth champions will actively participate in the COVID-19 inter-agency working group to help revise the operational guidance *COVID-19: Working with and for young people*. They will also support the design and evaluation of initiatives by the Compact to deliver on its 5 key actions (services, participation, capacity, resources & data) and mobilise over 1,000 young people globally to engage in Compact initiatives. This will support over 100,000 people affected by humanitarian crisis.



Global Response Summary

The UNFPA overall response to COVID-19 aligns with the [2030 Agenda](#), [WHO global strategic preparedness and response plan](#), [UN-coordinated global humanitarian response plan](#), the [UN framework for socio-economic response to COVID-19](#), and [UNFPA COVID-19 global response plan](#).

UNFPA COVID-19 regional situation reports continue to document the work of regional and country offices who are on ground; supporting SRH and GBV work, including 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 May 2020

To discover more about the work of UNFPA regional and country offices, please click on the links below.

[COVID-19 Situation Report No. 4 for UNFPA Arab States](#)
[COVID-19 Situation Report No. 4 for UNFPA Asia and Pacific](#)
[COVID-19 Situation Report No. 4 for UNFPA Eastern Europe and Central Asia](#)
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UNFPA distributes maternity supplies for pregnant women, newborns, and midwives. © UNFPA DRC

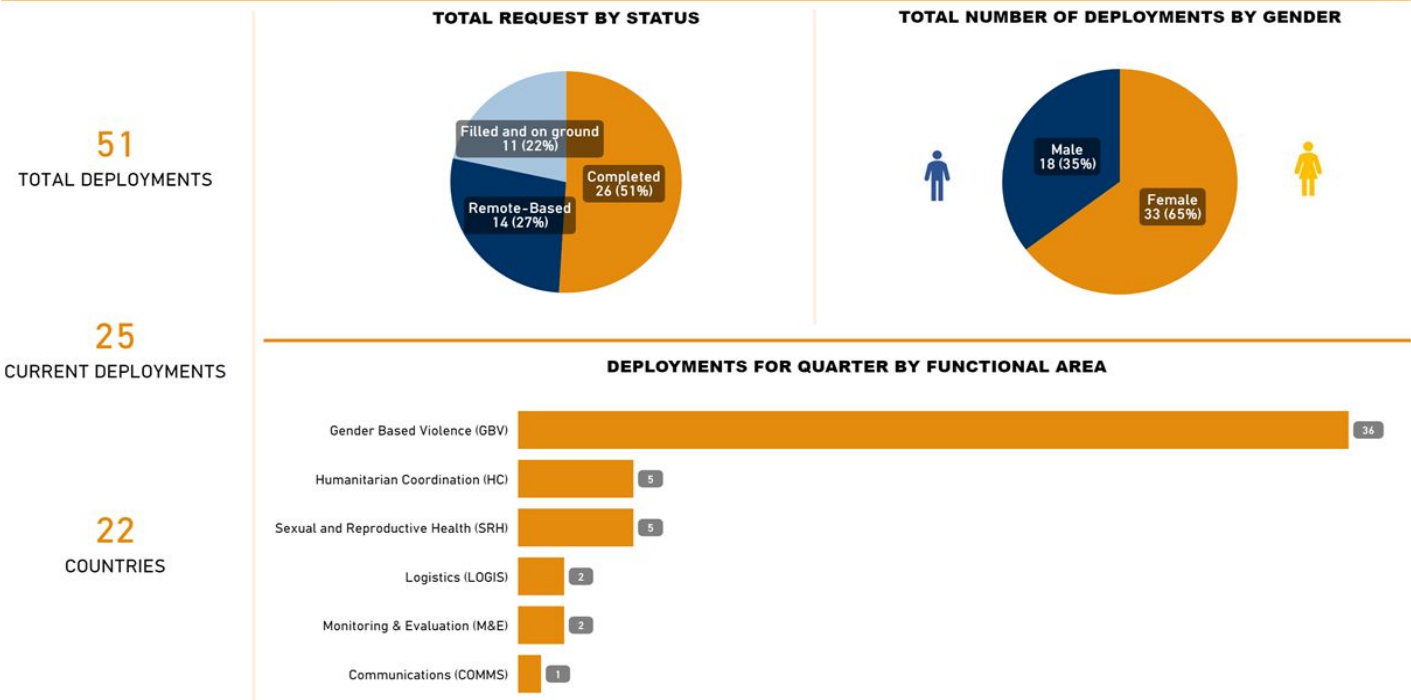
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Monthly Surge Summary

To ensure business continuity, the surge mechanism was adapted to meet heightened humanitarian staffing needs during COVID-19.

- **In May, 13 countries** had surge support, delivering critical assistance (Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Colombia, Iraq, Libya, Myanmar, Panama, Syria, Yemen) where efforts have been adapted to both existing humanitarian and COVID-19 response efforts.
- **Another 12 employees are working remotely** from their home countries, supporting UNFPA offices in Bangladesh, Guyana, Nepal, Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Office, Honduras, Namibia, Pakistan, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, Vanuatu, and Venezuela.
- Surge staff supporting COVID-19 response have expertise in areas such as GBV coordination, programming, information management, and MHPSS; SRH coordination and programming; logistics; monitoring and evaluation; communications; PSEA coordination; and gender mainstreaming and disability inclusion.
- **Eight further employees are being sent to support COVID-19 efforts** (through a mix of remote and eventual physical deployments)
- The surge team led scale-up of **staff care specialists in four regional offices, established MHPSS surge** in several regions, and facilitated recruitment of a **global duty of care coordinator** for the COVID-19 response.
- **Streamlined contracting and financing structures were implemented** to alleviate operational pressures on country offices to heighten response efforts during COVID-19
- **Distance/virtual learning programs are being provided to high-risk countries** in UNFPA's key intervention areas.
- **Duty of Care measures around safety, security, health and wellness** with Standby Partners have been adapted to COVID-19 to ensure optimal safety and protection.

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Generations of midwives join hands to achieve transformative results. © UNFPA Benin



UNFPA is dedicated to ensuring the availability of dignity kits, essential supplies, and PPE. © UNFPA Arab States Region

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](#)
- [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 RELEASES

- [UNFPA and Prezi launch #YouthAgainstCOVID19 video campaign to inform and empower young people](#)
- [Urgent funding needed to protect health and safety of women and girls in Yemen amidst COVID-19](#)
- [UNFPA projections predict calamitous impact on women's health as COVID-19 pandemic continues](#)

STATEMENTS

- [Statement on Yemen by Principals of the Inter-agency Standing Committee](#)
- [Break the silence! LGBTQI people should not face discrimination seeking health care amid COVID-19](#)
- [Joint statement on Libya by OCHA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, WFP, WHO, IOM Conflict and COVID](#)
- [Celebrating midwives, unsung heroes on the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis](#)

WEB STORIES

- [A matter of life and death for Yemen's women and girls as funding dries up](#)
- [Nine things you need to know about periods and the pandemic](#)
- [Safe birth services save lives, prevent childbirth injury in Tanzania](#)
- [In Yemen and around the world, obstetric fistula strikes the most vulnerable women](#)
- [Silent solutions available to quarantined survivors of domestic violence](#)
- [With Yemen's health system breaking, displaced women sew face masks to protect community](#)
- [Pandemic complicates humanitarian crisis in Venezuela and surrounding countries](#)
- [In Nepal, COVID-19 turning pregnancy excitement into fear](#)
- [Pandemic heightens vulnerabilities of persons with disabilities](#)
- [Indigenous, Afro-Honduran communities join together to fight pandemic](#)
- [Free transport helps pregnant women in Madagascar safely deliver amid COVID-19 lockdown](#)
- [COVID-19 strikes Yemen as humanitarian funding dries up](#)
- [Protecting seasonal workers in Turkey's tent settlements from COVID-19](#)
- [Mothers, midwives risking their lives to bring new life into the world](#)
- [Millions more cases of violence, child marriage, female genital mutilation, unintended pregnancy expected due to the COVID-19 pandemic](#)

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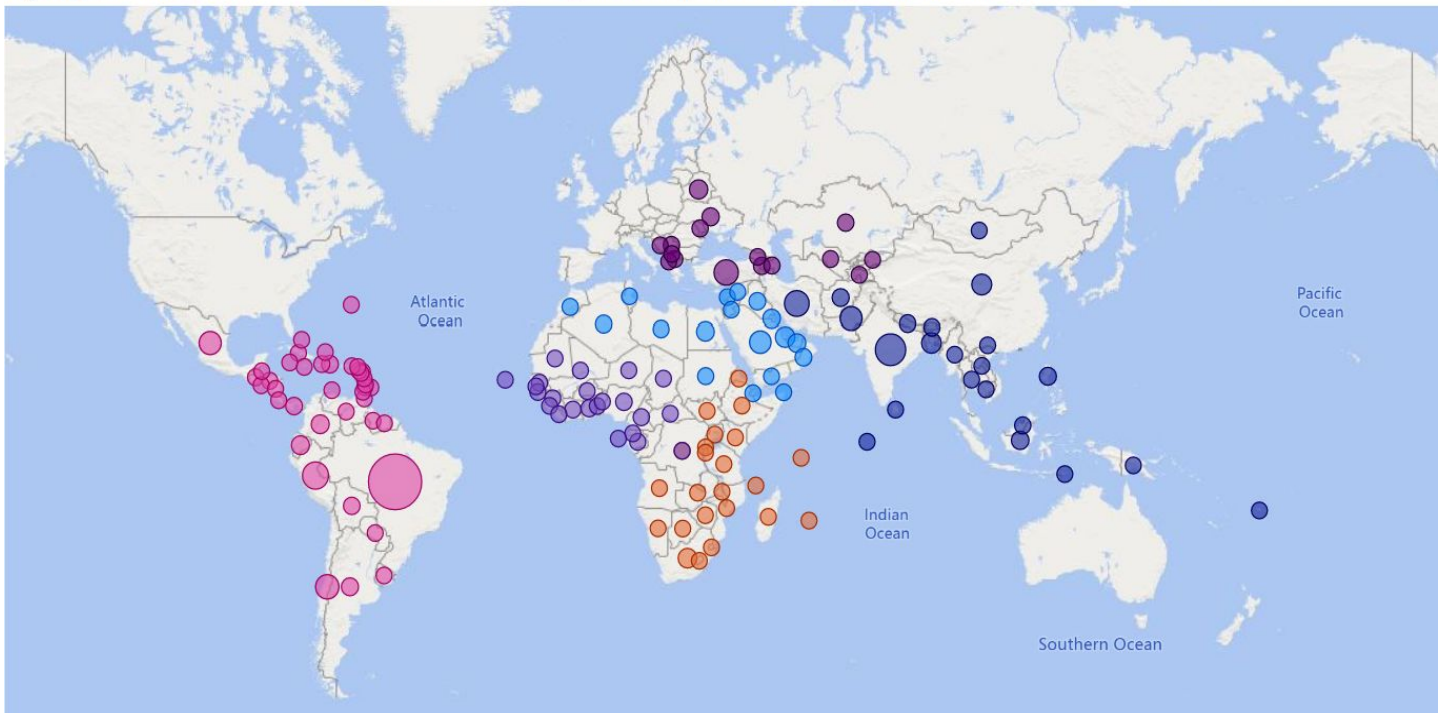
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Global Confirmed Cases (UNFPA programme countries)

Confirmed Cases by Country and Region

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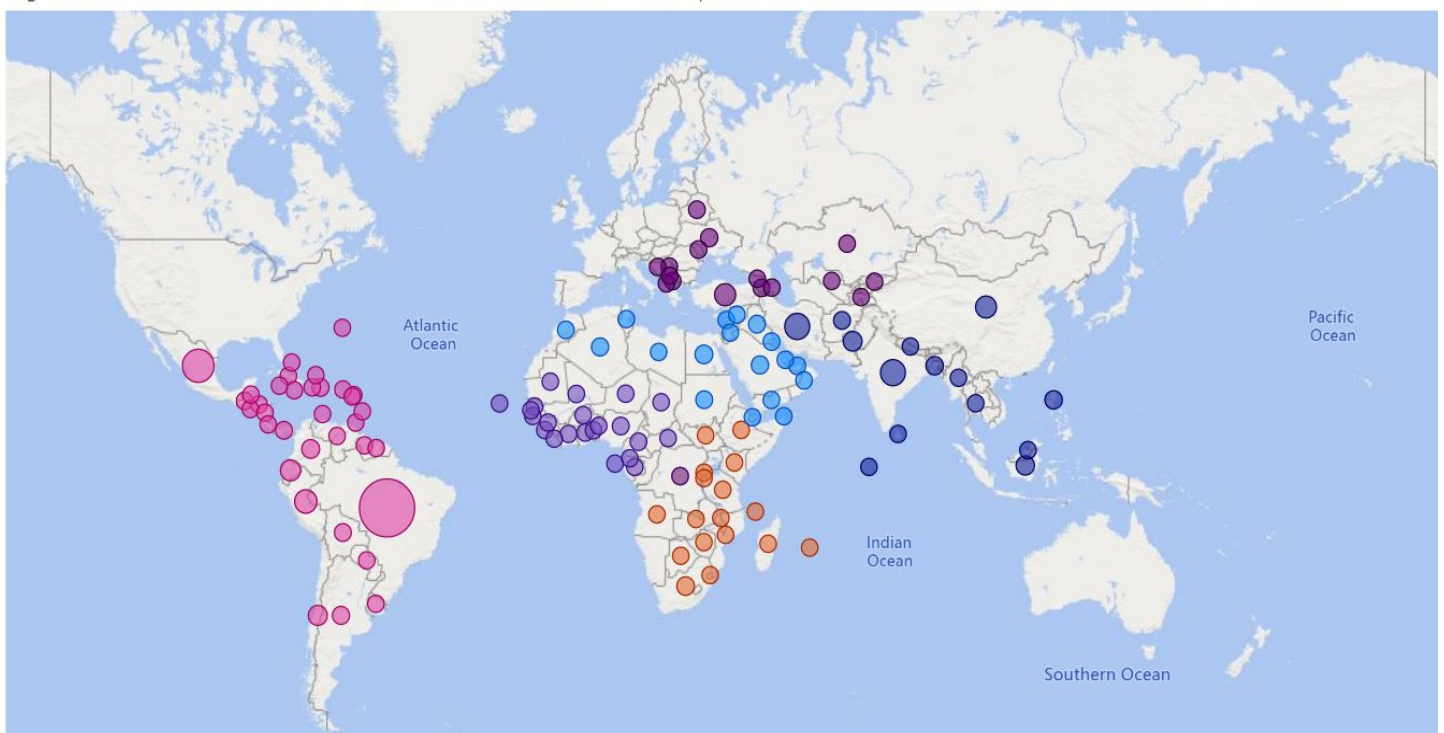


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Global Deaths (UNFPA programme countries)

Deaths by Country and Region

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