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On-the-Ground Updates

Yemen, Sahel, and COVID-19 in Nepal, Mozambique, Pakistan & the Philippines

InterAction will be providing weekly tailored Media Alerts highlighting the work our Members are implementing around the world. If you would like to learn more about any of the following information, please feel free to reach out directly to the POC provided.

Yemen

New report | Yemen and explosive weapons: A death sentence for civilians

The bombing of populated areas in Yemen has inflicted devastation with multi-year, reverberating effects, according to [a new Humanity & Inclusion report, "Death Sentence to Civilians: The Long-Term Impact of Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas in Yemen."](#) Humanity & Inclusion, as a co-founding member of International Network on Explosive Weapons, is working with States to develop a strong political declaration to end the use of explosive weapons with wide-area effects in populated areas and to ensure support to victims. The U.S. has sent a delegation to relevant meetings but opposes the political declaration. **Staff in Sanaa available for comment. Contact: Mica Bevington, Humanity & Inclusion, m.bevington@hi.org**

Sahel

New report | Adolescent Girls in Crisis: Voices from the Sahel

[The Adolescent Girls in Crisis series](#) is informed by and centered upon the voices and experiences of girls at risk in some of the world's most volatile and impoverished locations. This latest report, released on June 18, focuses on the protracted crisis in the Sahel region and talks to girls and young women affected by violence and insecurity in Burkina Faso and Mali. **Staff available for comment. Contact: Bernice Morquette, Plan International USA, bernice.morquette@planusa.org**

COVID-19

On-the Ground Views | Responding to Gender-Based Violence during a Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic not only threatens the health and incomes of families, communities, and countries, it also increases the risk of violence against women and other vulnerable groups. Jhpiego's focus during COVID-19 is ensuring the continuation of essential health services, including those that seek to protect women and families and respond to survivors of [gender-based violence](#) (GBV). Jhpiego is supporting ministries of health in Mozambique, Nepal and Pakistan to develop recommendations and activities to mitigate GBV during the pandemic. And in the Philippines, Jhpiego created hotlines for reporting emergencies and on-the-spot GBV counseling, and are working with local organizations to



make emergency help available in villages. **Staff available for comment. Contact: Myra Betron,**
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