



COVID-19 and HIV: Adapting community-based HIV services during a pandemic



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Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights During the COVID-19 pandemic

FPA India's Response to integrated SRHR Services

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Timeline of COVID 19 in India

January

COVID 19 first case detected in India

March

4th - 22 new cases detected
11th - Epidemic disease act 1897, invoked by Government
12th - First death reported
25th - GOI announced 21 day Nation

April

14th - Lockdown extended till May 3rd

May

4th - 3rd Lockdown till May 17th
18th - 4th Lockdown – 31st May

***COVID-19 INDIA as on : as on : 26 May 2020, 08:00 IST
(GMT+5:30)**

80,722 Active Cases

60,490 Cured/ Discharged

4167 Deaths

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* <https://www.mygov.in/covid-19/>



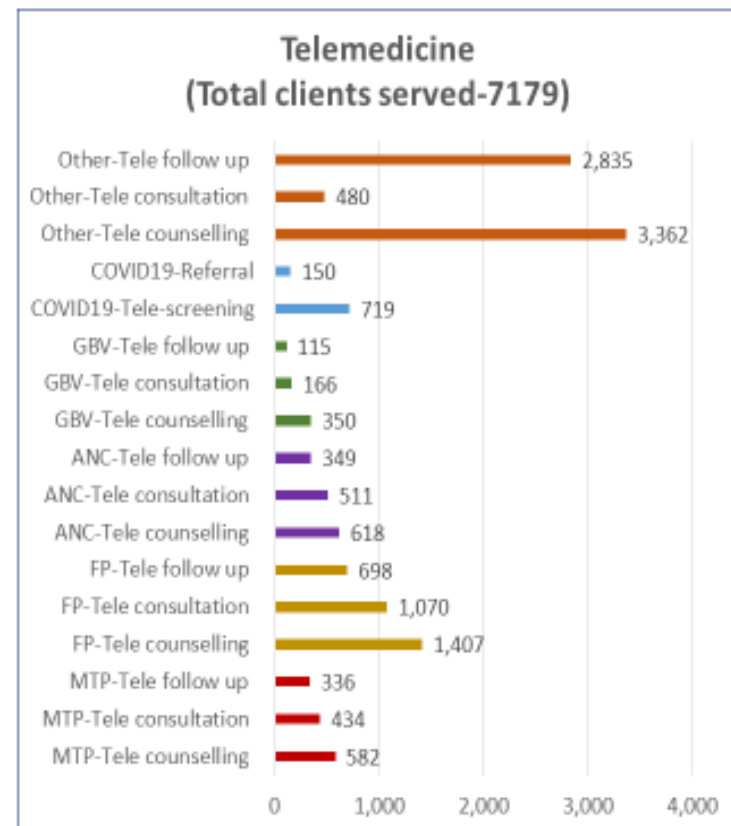
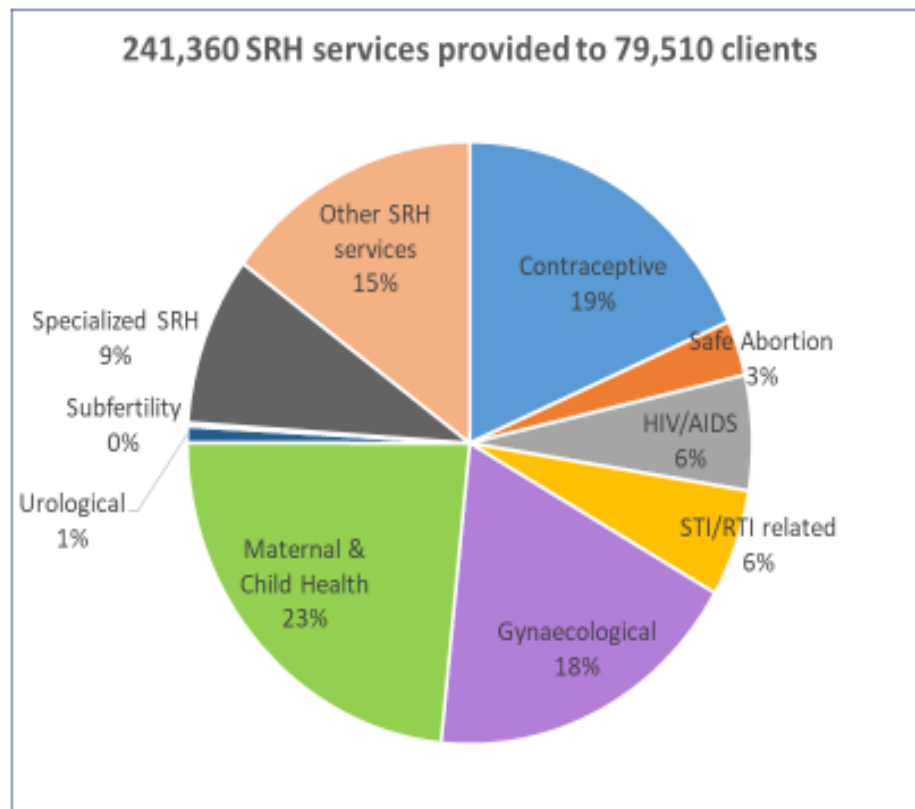
How did we adapt?

- Partnership with PCI for Disinfecting clinics & Mobile Vans
- Technical & operational guidelines, screening tools for Covid 19 & GVB , procurement of protective gears
- Telemedicine ,created resources in different languages
- Approached authorities with Essential Services guidance by MOHFW to easy travel restrictions
- Popularized Service Providers Numbers, Youth involvement
- Conducted virtual trainings & meetings ,Mobile App, Covid -19 survey, food ,face mask distribution
- Doorstep distribution of SRH commodities & ART drugs through CBDs and Link Workers
- Community strengthening – social distance, self care, prevention, first line support, referrals





SRH Services during 23Mar-17May'2020





Challenges

- Initially SRH service was not considered as an essential service
- Travel restrictions, No transportation, most Branches in Red Zones
- Clinics functioned with limited staff
- Last-mile distribution of commodities and uncertainty about receiving stock from government





Key Messages

- Family Planning and Safe Abortion are Essential Health Services which should be provided during any crisis.
- Ensure SRH and Rights are not compromised & Women & Girls and other marginalized groups have access to life-saving SRH services
- Educate community with clear messages on the risks of infection, prevention & self care & involve community volunteers for continuity of SRH commodities
- Ensure safety of staff and clients
- Encourage use of digital media & strengthen linkages & partnerships



Thank you