

Building Private Sector Partnerships to Re-Establish Midwifery Services in Aceh

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Midwives in Aceh

- Prior to tsunami, approximately 6,000 midwives providing services in public and private sector
- Midwives provide 80-90% of maternal and newborn care in both the public and private sector
- Approximately 250 midwives lost their lives or remain missing in Aceh





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MISP Recommendations

- To prevent excess maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality:
 - Restore basic and comprehensive emergency obstetric services and referral systems
 - Ensure supplies and equipment are available to visibly pregnant women and midwives
 - Undertake an information campaign to educate community on signs of complications and how to access referral systems in case of emergency



Short term Emergency Relief

- Recruiting midwives to provide health services to women and children in camps
- Provision of supplies and equipment to midwives
- Distributing vouchers to women and families in camps to obtain services in midwife clinics free of charge
- Re-establishing services at referral hospitals
- Emotional support for midwives to assist them to return to clinical practice



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Longterm Rebuilding of Health Systems

- Rebuilding and strengthening of Community Health Centers (*puskesmas*) and Village Maternity Homes (*polindes*)
- Community mobilization for birth preparedness/complication readiness
- Revitalization and strengthening of private midwife practices
- Rebuilding and strengthening midwifery schools



Bridging Resources

- JHPIEGO's expertise, experience, and relationships enabled private corporations to channel their resources where most needed
- JHPIEGO and partners had needs for products, services, and funds from corporations

Accessing Private Resources

- Making contacts
- Building relationships/trust
- Proposing support/programs
- Awaiting approval



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What can be done better

- Building relationships sooner
- Minimizing approval time
- Remaining flexible when situation is rapidly changing
- Recognizing time commitment from staff



Our questions

- In-kind versus financial
- Short term versus longterm
- With whom to collaborate? From whom to accept funds?





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Thank You!



- Maternity and newborn care services resumed at the largest referral hospital in Aceh Province on 9 February 2005.
- 2400 women living in camps and barracks received services free of charge for antenatal care, labor and birth, postpartum care, newborn care, family planning, and immunization.
- Selected midwives in Banda Aceh, Aceh Besar, and Meulaboh received supplies and equipment to enable them to resume their livelihoods.
- Midwifery education strengthened at four schools in Aceh province
- Communities in 14 villages mobilized for birth preparedness and complication readiness

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