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

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Midwives in Aceh

- Prior to tsunami, approximately 5,500 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 400 midwives lost their lives or remain missing in Aceh
Short term Emergency Relief

- Providing health services to women and children in camps
- Re-establishing services at referral hospitals
- Emotional support for midwives to assist them to return to clinical practice
Longterm Rebuilding of Health Systems

- Rebuilding and strengthening of Community Health Centers (puskesmas) and Village Maternity Homes (polindes)
- Revitalization and strengthening of private midwife practices
- Rebuilding and strengthening midwifery schools
Bridging Resources

- JHPIEGO’s expertise, experience, and relationships could enable private corporations to channel their resources where most needed.
- JHPIEGO and partners have needs for products, services, and funds from corporations.
Accessing Private Resources

• Making contacts
• Building relationships/trust
• Proposing support/programs
• Awaiting approval
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
• Choosing which corporations to pursue