

# ENSURING 24/7 ACCESS TO QUALITY REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES

## UNFPA's Humanitarian Response in Central Sulawesi



### KEY INTERVENTIONS:

- Partnership for ReproHealth in emergency
- ReproHealth Clinics/Tents: 24/7 quality ReproHealth services
- Improved ReproHealth service responsiveness to youth & GBV

### Partnership for ReproHealth in emergency

The 28 Sept.2018 disaster in Central Sulawesi claimed at least 3,000 lives, injured 3,000 people & rendered 170,000 others homeless. It disrupted public services, including community health centers in hardhit Palu, Sigi & Donggala districts. UNFPA helped activate & co-chair the government-led coordination in the ReproHealth Subcluster, ensuring the implementation of the **Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP)** for immediate access to a range of lifesaving supplies, services & activities to respond to RH needs (safe pregnancy & childbirth, family planning, sexually-transmitted infections (STIs) & HIV-AIDS prevention, adolescent ReproHealth & Gender-Based Violence (GBV) prevention) in a crisis situation. Mapping of damaged health facilities was done; data was collected to capture the affected population, disaggregated by sex, age & marital status to identify needs & ensure a well-targeted planning & delivery of humanitarian assistance: deployment of healthworkers, health & basic supplies, like hygiene kits, etc. The good coordination & cooperation among the subcluster members allowed immediate intervention to support & meet the needs of couples of reproductive age, youth, women & the estimatedly 12,000 pregnant women.

UNFPA partners with the Government of Indonesia & key ReproHealth partners at the national & subnational level, namely:

- Ministry of Health & Provincial/District Health Offices
  - Provincial Administration
  - Central Sulawesi Chapter of the Indonesian Midwives Association
  - Americares
  - PKBI/IPPA
  - Yayasan Kerti Praja
- and other local & international organizations, members of the Reproductive Health Subcluster.

#### Locations of the 15 ReproHealth Clinics/tents:

- **Palu City:** Balaroa, Petobo, Gawalise, Nosarara community health center, Layana, Kabonena
- **Donggala district:** Labuan Panimba, Lero Tatari, Tibo, Delatope community health center, Tompe
- **Sigi district:** Mpanau Biromaru, Sibalaya Selatan, Beka, Bangga

## ReproHealth Clinics/Tents: quality 24/7 RH services

In consultation with the Ministry of Health (MOH)-Provincial Health Office (PHO) & the Indonesian Midwives Association, 15 ReproHealth Clinics/Tents were set up in locations close to IDPs camps. Each of these clinics/tents were furnished with medical equipment & supplies from an INGO Americares. In the first few weeks, 212 midwives were deployed from the neighboring provinces to fill gaps in service provision. For 24/7 services at the ReproHealth Clinics/Tents, 90 midwives were recruited in the first 6 months. As some of the health facilities have resumed services, the number of midwives deployed was reduced to 45. Several trainings were conducted to improve the capacity of the midwives to deliver rights-based services.

The midwives provide reprohealth services & information at the Clinic/Tent & through outreach activities. Referral mechanism to nearest hospitals was established for lifesaving comprehensive follow up services, especially for women with high risk pregnancies. Hygiene kits, specifically designed for pregnant women, post birth women & newborns were distributed by the midwives to the target beneficiaries when they come for pregnancy checks or childbirth service. UNFPA works with PKBI/IPPA and the Indonesia AIDS Coalition for the provision of information & services for the prevention of sexually-transmitted infections (STIs) & HIV-AIDS transmission, including to promote & encourage the use of VCT & adherence to ARV treatment.



In transition phase, each of the ReproHealth Clinics/Tents was relocated to the closest temporary shelter complex. The tents (only for 6 months use or during emergency phase) were replaced with semi permanent posts, built and equipped by Americares. Several joint community health initiatives with the community health centers, ReproHealth NGOs & students from Tadulako university were conducted at the posts & community facilities. For quality assurance, monitoring visits were conducted, technical advises were provided by officials from PHO, IBI, UNFPA & Americares.

To foster community awareness, ReproHealth behavior & promote service utilization, various awareness sessions on healthy pregnancy, safe childbirth, family planning, elderly health & adolescent reprohealth were conducted by the trained midwives at the ReproHealth posts & in community facilities. Community exercise followed with health awareness & services were organized on Sunday mornings to promote health & foster community bond in the temporary shelter.

## Improved ReproHealth Service Responsiveness to Youth & GBV

For improved service delivery & utilization, UNFPA integrates services & activities at the ReproHealth post in Gawalise with the 2 other facilities: the Women- & Youth-Friendly Spaces (both promote awareness, empowerment & engagement of women & youth respectively), located nearby the post. The trained midwives at the RH post have been actively engaged in health education: puberty, HIV/AIDS, STIs, menstrual hygiene (at YFS); healthy pregnancy, safe childbirth, elderly health, family planning, nutrition, etc (at WFS). The health information is delivered in the form of discussions, a quick session before a movie screening, quizzes, games & other creative approaches. The midwives were trained to provide rights-based, gender-sensitive, youth-friendly ReproHealth services & information. The midwives at the 15 ReproHealth posts have been equipped with basic capacity & skills to respond to Gender-Based Violence (GBV). To ensure survivor-centered service for proper management of GBV cases, a series of trainings on Clinical Management of Rape were conducted for local PHO, DHO, IBI midwives, police, legal aid, the Integrated Service for Women's Empowerment & Child Protection (P2TP2A), women's rights NGOs, among others, as the key stakeholders in the multisectoral response to GBV prevention & management. Multisectoral partnership was strengthened for comprehensive, adequate, immediate assistance to GBV survivors. The midwives at the ReproHealth posts are community-based partners for GBV prevention awareness & services.

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