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PREFACE

Midwives have an important role to play in ensuring planned and safe pregnancy and childbirth, and in setting young people on the right track to fulfill their potential. Midwives play a crucial role in family planning, lending support at every stage of the reproductive cycle. They provide counselling for those looking to start or delay having a family, and help women choose the types of contraceptives best suited to their reproductive goals. They assist women through the processes of pregnancy and childbirth, and provide neonatal care for infants, helping them grow into healthy children and adults.

Equipped with the right training and support, midwives can potentially reduce maternal and newborn deaths by two-thirds, and provide 87 percent of the essential care required by women and newborns. High-quality midwifery saves lives and contributes to healthy families and more productive communities. For midwives to work effectively, focus must be given to the key areas of availability, accessibility, acceptability and quality. Midwives must be available in every village near to the community, their services must be accessible to the public and acceptable in social and cultural terms. And, importantly, they must provide high quality services, backed by training, equipment and support, including an effective and enabling regulatory environment.

Meeting the goals on maternal and child health will be an ongoing challenge of the Post-2015 Development Agenda. The findings in the 2014 consultancy report and the follow up proposal in the 2015 report will provide valuable recommendations for addressing this challenge in Indonesia, particularly on the providers side – the midwifery services. International experience illustrates that midwifery needs to be regulated as an autonomous profession, equipped with the necessary competencies, and must be fully accountable for the services provided. With better coordination and training, midwives can have a huge impact in helping Indonesia meet the SDGs targets on reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child, and adolescent health. Midwives will also be essential partners in meeting the FP2020 goals related to family planning that were agreed upon at London Summit on Family Planning in 2012.

These two reports will be an excellent source of information to refer to when discussing the issues of the midwifery workforce. It is hoped that, in the upcoming Government of Indonesia – UNFPA partnership in the 9th Country Programme, the recommendations can be further elaborated to compliment the work of Indonesian Government, particularly the Ministry of Health, and provide a concrete basis for action on improving the quality of midwifery services nationwide.

In closing, I would like to extend my appreciation to the author who wrote both reports, the Ministry of Health as the main partner to the initiative, UNFPA's Country Office staff, Dr. Emi Nurjasmu, President of IBI, and also to the midwives across Indonesia who serve the community with dedication. I also would like to draw your attention to the words of Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of UNFPA, who said "Access to quality health care is a basic human right. Greater investment in midwifery is key to making this right a reality for women everywhere."

Jakarta,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jose Ferraris', written in a cursive style.

Jose Ferraris
UNFPA Representative

TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF MIDWIFERY REGULATION IN INDONESIA 2014: STATUS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION

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