

**JHPIEGO VIDEO NEWS RELEASE**  
**Midwives Deliver in Banda Aceh One Year After Tsunami**  
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Background Information:

Midwives Deliver in Banda Aceh One Year After Tsunami

One year after the tsunami, a new group of entrepreneurs is flourishing in Banda Aceh, Indonesia: the midwives or bidans who provide most of the health care services to women and their families. JHPIEGO, an affiliate of The Johns Hopkins University, has been working with the midwives to reestablish their practices and their clinics, in addition to rebuilding hospitals, health care centers and midwifery schools. With JHPIEGO's Chief Executive Leslie Mancuso, we meet Erni Munir, a midwife who lost her husband, three daughters, her home and her clinic in the tsunami. One year later, she has delivered 149 babies and is building a new and improved clinic for her expanding business.

JHPIEGO and the Indonesian Midwives Association have compiled statistics on the midwives in the region: 107 midwives killed, 157 still missing. The other categories in the survey are chilling: the number of midwives who lost a spouse, children, relatives, their home, their clinic. Despite all this, the midwives have continued to deliver babies and critical health care services to the women and families in refugee camps and the devastated city.

Supers:

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Local Anchor Lead-In:

AS WE APPROACH THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE TSUNAMI, BANDA ACEH, INDONESIA, IS EXPERIENCING A BUILDING BOOM AS WELL AS A BABY BOOM. TOM CLIFFORD REPORTS ON THE BRAVE MIDWIVES WHO CONTINUED TO DELIVER BABIES AND HEALTH CARE SERVICES DESPITE THE DISASTER.

Script: (:90)

(Images of the main road into Banda Aceh, men building with piles of bricks)

**VOICEOVER: ONE YEAR AFTER THE TSUNAMI, BANDA ACEH INDONESIA IS REBUILDING.**

(Cut to Anne Hyre on camera then shots of man selling peppers in the market, the market scene)

SOT: “The city is absolutely booming. It's full of people. Everybody out selling things. It's just a very bustling city.”

(Traffic, midwife with patient in pink and white headscarves, women and children at the clinic)

**VOICEOVER: AMIDST ALL THIS A NEW GROUP OF ENTREPRENEURS IS FLOURISHING: THE MIDWIVES OR BIDANS WHO PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF HEALTH CARE FOR WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

(Images of new delivery room in hospital, the midwifery academy in the midst of renovation, families at the health care clinic)

**VOICEOVER: JHPIEGO, AN AFFILIATE OF JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, HAS BEEN HELPING REBUILD HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS AS WELL AS THE MIDWIVES' PRACTICES AND CLINICS.**

(Dr. Mancuso meets with midwives in white uniforms and headscarves at the hospital)

**VOICEOVER: JHPIEGO CHIEF EXECUTIVE LESLIE MANCUSO RETURNED TO BANDA ACEH LAST WEEK TO MEET WITH THE MIDWIVES.**

(Cut to Dr. Leslie Mancuso)

SOT: “The midwives lost significant family members -- their husbands, their children, their family members -- and despite that continued to get into clinics and help mothers deliver their babies safely. It's an extraordinary story and it's still going on.”

(Close up of midwife Erni Munir, shot of her treating a woman at her clinic, shot of woman and baby in the barracks at the refugee camps)

**VOICEOVER: MIDWIFE ERNI MUNIR LAST SAW HER HUSBAND AND THREE LITTLE GIRLS WHEN THE TSUNAMI STRUCK ON DECEMBER 26. SINCE THEN IBU ERNI, AS SHE IS KNOWN, HAS DELIVERED 149 BABIES IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS AND DEVASTATED NEIGHBORHOODS.**

(Shot of Ibu Erni's clinic with boat and devastation in the foreground right after the tsunami, shot of her next clinic with sign “Bidan Erni,” images of Ibu Erni showing Anne Hyre her new clinic under construction)

**VOICEOVER: THE TSUNAMI DESTROYED HER HOME AND HER CLINIC. ONE MONTH LATER SHE RENTED THIS NEW SPACE AND HUNG OUT HER SIGN. NOW, WITH THE HELP OF JHPIEGO, SHE IS BUILDING A NEW CLINIC THAT WILL ALLOW HER TO EXPAND HER PRACTICE AND TRAIN MORE MIDWIVES.**

(Closeup of Ibu Erni, shot of child outside tent in camp)

**VOICEOVER: IBU ERNI AND HER FELLOW MIDWIVES ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE ASSISTANCE THEY'VE RECEIVED OVER THE LAST YEAR. STILL, DR. MANCUSO SAYS MORE HELP IS NEEDED.**

(Cut to Dr. Mancuso)

SOT: Babies are being delivered. Bidans are learning new skills. But we are really just in the beginning. There is so much more to do done here.

(Shot of boat on top of house.)

B-Roll Shot Sheet:

(**Note:** B-Roll not included in version on JHPIEGO Website.)

- shot of the main road into Banda Aceh
- men building with piles of bricks
- man selling peppers in the market and the market scene
- traffic
- midwife and patient in consultation wearing pink and white headscarves
- new delivery room in hospital
- the renovated midwifery academy
- families at the health care clinic
- Dr. Mancuso meets midwives in white uniforms and headscarves at the hospital
- close up of midwife Erni Munir
- shot of Ibu Erni treating a woman at her clinic
- woman and baby in barracks at a refugee camp
- Ibu Erni's clinic with boat and devastation in the foreground right after the tsunami
- Ibu Erni's current clinic with sign "Bidan Erni"
- Ibu Erni shows Anne Hyre her new clinic under construction
- closeup of Ibu Erni
- little boy plays in puddles outside tent
- boat on top of house crushed as the tsunami receded

Soundbites: Note these are expanded from the bites in the report

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