"She is my Neighbor" Traditional birth attendants in Cairo





MOTHERS AT RISK

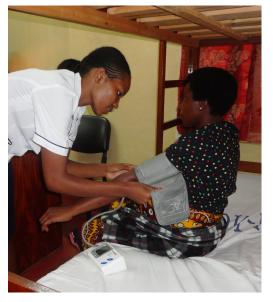












Urban informal settlements Cairo











"Daya" Survey

- 22 focus group discussions
- 388 mothers
- Interviews with 26 'dayas'







Key Survey Outcomes

- 1. Mothers' perceptions of dayas overwhelmingly positive. Turn to dayas despite the proximity of health centers.
- 2. Dayas consider themselves holistic community health promoters
- 3. Dayas face **obstetric emergencies** and lack formal relationships with health facilities to refer
- Women stay away from deliveries at health facilities primarily for reasons of perceived low quality of care and disrespectful care
- 5. Simultaneous utilization of the formal and informal health sectors



The Bigger Picture

EQUITY

Urban advantage? Marginalization of the urban poor

DATA

"Invisible" populations. Disaggregating urban data

QUALITY

• Erosion of confidence in the quality of maternal health services: substantial hurdle to skilled-care utilization



What role for TBAs?

