

“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
4. 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?