

RESEARCH ON SAFE ABORTION IN EMERGENCY CONTEXTS

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Evidence/Gaps

IAWG Global Evaluation

- Casey et al, Conflict and Health, 2015
- Krause et al, Conflict and Health, 2015
- Tanabe et al, Conflict and Health, 2015

Systematic Reviews

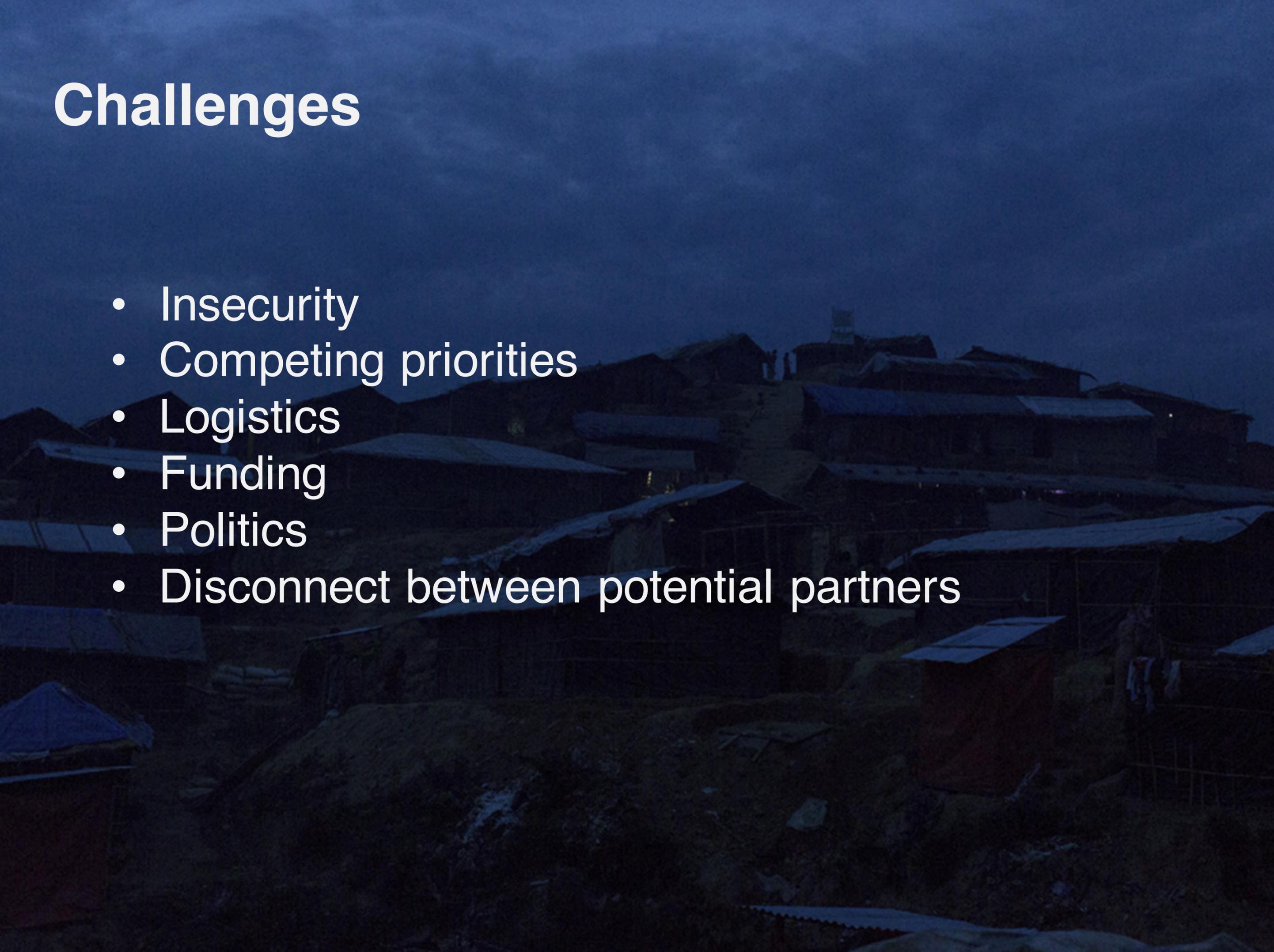
- Blanchet et al, Lancet, 2017
- Singh et al, BMJ Global Health, 2018

“...slower progress in advancing the evidence base in this field.”

-- Singh et al, 2018

Challenges

- Insecurity
- Competing priorities
- Logistics
- Funding
- Politics
- Disconnect between potential partners



Needed Research

- Measurement of the scope...
- Formative research...
- Operations research...
- Innovation...



Promising Partnerships

- Academic & donor interest
- WHO
- IAWG

Funding

- Elrha
 1. R2HC – Research for Health in Humanitarian Crisis
 2. HIF – Humanitarian Innovation Fund
 3. Partnerships
- Bilateral funding (non-US)

Ongoing Research & Documentation

Elrha/R2HC funded:

1. Evidence base for the MISIP in DRC
2. PAC study in South Sudan and Afghanistan
3. Unsafe abortion morbidity multi-country study

Others

- WHO
- Guttmacher
- University of Ottawa
- Ipas – Cox's Bazar

Humanitarian crisis in Bangladesh's Rohingya refugee camps

More than 700,000 Rohingya have arrived in Bangladesh from Myanmar since late August 2017.

“More than half of the Rohingya women interviewed said they had suffered rape or other forms of sexual violence at the hands of security forces.”

--UN Report, February 2017



Rohingya girls escape Burmese brutality — only to be sold as sex slaves



Sexual violence against Rohingya women



Rohingya women sold as sex slaves in Bangladesh



Risks Grow for Rohingya in Bangladesh's Teeming, Squalid Camps



“I want to stand alongside these people in need.”
--paramedic trained by Ipas



*“I am happy with the
medicine I was given.”*

--Toyoba, aged 22



Opportunities

Thank you!

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