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 MISP 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
“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
Thank you!

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