

# THE ROLE OF VILLAGE MIDWIVES IN MAINTAINING THE QUALITY OF MATERNAL HEALTH DATA TO REDUCE MATERNAL MORTALITY IN SEMARANG, CENTRAL JAVA

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** Midwives have an important role in maternal and child health services (MCH). In addition to performing maternal health services and assisting in the delivery process, midwives also recorded the health of mothers, thereby increasing the burden of the midwife's duties. The purpose of this study was to describe the role of village midwives in maintaining the quality of maternal health data.

**Subjects and Method:** This was a descriptive qualitative study conducted in Ngaliyan Sub-district, Semarang, Central Java, from May to June 2017. A sample of 16 informants was selected for this study. These informants consisted of 1 community health center employee and 15 village midwives that involved in the Health Survey Program (GASURKES). The data were collected by interview and direct observation.

**Results:** The village midwife's duties include maternity counseling, birth process monitoring, and data recording (e.g., maternal cohort mapping), and MCH services. Some obstacles were found in maintaining the quality of maternal health data, including incomplete data, data that were not consistent with the conditions in the field, difficulty in finding the program targets, and the complicated form of cohort recording.

**Conclusion:** The midwives duty in the mother and child health program includes health service provision to mother and child and maintaining the quality of maternal health data.

**Keywords:** midwives, community health center, maternal mortality.

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