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**Takeda donation to help Ipas expand access to sexual and reproductive health services in marginalized communities**

**CHAPEL HILL, NC, September 13, 2022** — Ipas is pleased to announce a partnership with [Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited](#) (“Takeda”) to increase access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care for women and girls in Ethiopia, Indonesia, and Pakistan. The four-year project will strengthen the capacity of health care workers and health systems through clinical training and mentorship, and community support in vulnerable communities.

“We are honored to partner with Takeda on this project. It highlights the company’s dedication to expanding the health and well-being of people globally. This partnership will improve the lives of women and girls living in marginalized communities who need access to non-stigmatizing reproductive health care,” says Anu Kumar, Ipas President and CEO.

Women and girls in some of the world’s most populous yet fragile countries often lack access to quality sexual and reproductive health care, which can lead to unintended pregnancies, death, and injuries from unsafe abortions, as well as a resulting loss of educational and economic opportunities.

Sexual and reproductive health care requires more than clinical skills. In this project’s settings, where contraception and abortion care are highly stigmatized, providers must be skilled in compassionate, non-judgmental care, and women and girls must feel safe and empowered to seek services.

“Lack of reliable and equitable access to healthcare is particularly life-threatening for marginalized populations in low- and middle-income countries. Improving workforce capacity and community support mechanisms plays a central and critical role in strengthening health systems in these countries and ensuring quality care for all. Through our multi-year program with Ipas, we’re aiming to help achieve better health outcomes for more than one million women and girls in Ethiopia, Indonesia, and Pakistan,

and create sustained value for their families and communities,” says Takako Ohyabu, Chief Global Corporate Affairs and Sustainability Officer at Takeda.

Takeda’s [Global Corporate Social Responsibility \(CSR\) Program](#) is focused on strengthening health systems in developing and emerging countries that prevent disease, train health workers, strengthen supply chains, and improve access to quality diagnosis and treatment. The Program is uniquely driven—Takeda’s employees decide which programs the company will support through an all-company vote.

To learn more about Takeda’s Global CSR Program, please visit: <https://www.takeda.com/corporate-responsibility/global-csr-program/>.

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