



# MIDWIVES

by Hnin Ei Hlaing



## SYNOPSIS

Two midwives, one Buddhist and one Muslim, defy strict ethnic divisions to work side by side in a makeshift clinic in western Myanmar, providing medical services to the Rohingya of Rakhine State. Over five years we witness their struggles, hopes and dreams amidst an environment of ever-increasing chaos and violence.

Hla and Nyo Nyo live in a country torn by conflict. Hla is a Buddhist and the owner of a makeshift medical clinic in western Myanmar, where the Rohingya (a Muslim minority community) are persecuted and denied basic rights. Nyo Nyo is a Muslim and an apprentice midwife who acts as an assistant and translator at the clinic. Her family has lived in the area for generations, yet they are still considered intruders. Encouraged and challenged by Hla, who risks her own safety daily by helping Muslim patients, Nyo Nyo is determined to become a steady health care provider for her community. Now Hnin Ei Hlaing's remarkable feature debut was filmed over five turbulent years in a...

## FESTIVALS

2022

SUNDANCE Film Festival – World Premiere

CPH:DOX – DOX:AWARD

Don Haig Award – 29 Hot Docs Toronto

37 DOK.fest Munich

Docs Against Gravity

DOCAVIV, Israel

IDFA – Best of Fests

2023

shortlisted #lola23 – Deutscher Filmpreis Dokumentarfilm

nominated ROMAN BRODMANN PREIS

nominated German Documentary Award

## CAST AND CREW

Myanmar, Germany 2022

89 min

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