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Submission	<p>This submission describes how a partnership between the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) and the Bangladesh Midwifery Society (BMS) has been developing midwifery education reciprocally since 2017. The programme aims to strengthen midwifery in both Bangladesh and the UK. The partnership is funded by UNFPA Bangladesh with support from UK-Aid, Sweden and Canada.</p> <p>Education is foundational to a strong midwifery profession and health professional associations have a key role in strengthening education. Twinning is promoted by the International Confederation of Midwives and can raise the profile of midwifery and lead to women's empowerment and leadership development. . Despite numerous challenges, there have been many successes which have led to mutual capacity building and learning.</p> <p>Looking forward, a new partnership with the World Health Organization and the Government of India will lead to new opportunities for regional collaboration and scaling up lessons learned.</p>