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Dear Reviewer

Thank you for your further comments on our manuscript. We appreciate your point about midwives being a scarce resource in some contexts, however, as we have now added to the paper, there is also scarcity of other health professionals such as nurses and doctors. Furthermore there is a global momentum following publication of the State of the World’s Midwifery report and the Lancet Series on Midwifery to increase the number of professional midwives. This is spearheaded by WHO and other international organisations such as UNFPA and Jhpeigo, alongside national governments such as in Bangladesh, India and Sierra Leone. We have addressed this in our manuscript and have rewritten the paragraph lines 85-94. We hope that this also clarifies the sentence on line 86 in the previous version of the manuscript to which you also refer in your comments.

Yours sincerely,

The authors