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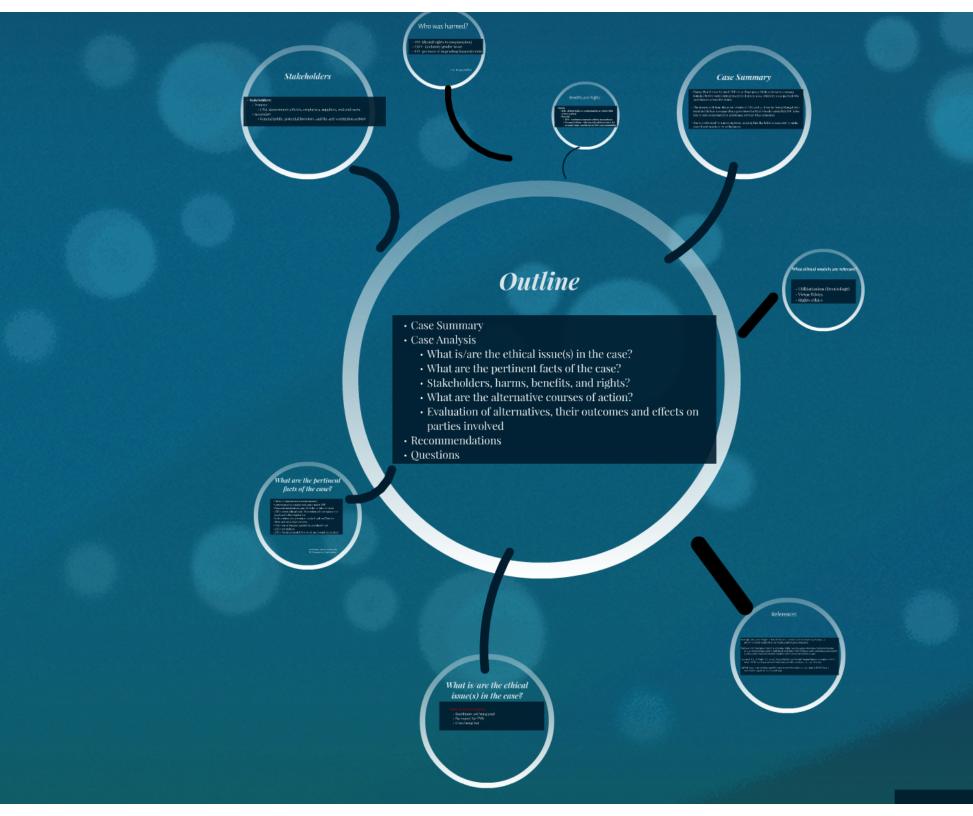
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### Case Summary

- Ziqitza Health Care Limited (ZHL) is an Emergency Medical Services company founded by five social entrepreneurs in India in 2002, which by 2012 operated 860 ambulances across five states.
- The story is told from the point of view of CEO and co-founder Sweta Mangal, who must decide how to respond to a government official who demands that ZHL bribe him to release payment for ambulance services it has rendered.
- She is confronted by a new employee, arguing that the bribe is necessary to make payroll and maintain its ambulances.

# What is/are the ethical issue(s) in the case?

- · Bribery and corruption
  - Employees not being paid
  - No money for EMS
  - Lives being lost

What ethical models are relevant?

- Utilitarianism (Deontology)
- Virtue Ethics
- Rights ethics

# What are the pertinent facts of the case?

- Delay in government reimbursement
- Government is a major customer under PPP
- Financial implication: pay 5% bribe or take 15% loan
- ZHL's strict ethical code, Prevention of Corruption Act (1998) and other legislation
- India culture of corruption, ranked 95th in TI index
- Slow and weak legal process
- High rate of disease, accidents, and death rate
- · ZHL's reputation
- ZHL's business model (For profit and social enterprise)

PPP=Public Private Partnership TI=Transparency International