**Country Profile: Finland**

**Region:** Northern Europe

**Identified policies and legal sources related to abortion:**
- Reproductive Health Act
- General Medical Health Act
- Constitution
- Criminal / Penal Code
- Civil Code
- Ministerial Order / Decree
- Case Law
- Health Regulation / Clinical Guidelines
- EML / Registered List
- Medical Ethics Code
- Document Relating to Funding
- Abortion Specific Law
- Law on Medical Practitioners
- Law on Health Care Services
- Other

**Related Documents**

**From Criminal / Penal Code:**
- Criminal Code, 2015

**From Health Regulation / Clinical Guidelines:**
- Regulation on the Termination of Pregnancy
- Current Care Recommendations, 2011

**From EML / Registered List:**
- Mifegyne
- Mifepristone
- Misodel

**From Document Relating to Funding:**
- Social Services Regulation - Welfare and Health

**From Abortion Specific Law:**
- Law on Abortion, 1970

**List of ratified human rights treaties:**
- CERD
- CCPR
- CAT
- CAT-OP
- CRC
- CESCR
- CESCR-OP
- CEDAW
- CEDAW-OP
- CRC-OPSC
- CRC-OPAC
- CRC-OPIC
- CMW
- CRPD
- Maputo Protocol

**Concluding Observations:**
- None

**Persons who can be sanctioned:**
- A woman or girl can be sanctioned
- Providers can be sanctioned
- A person who assists can be sanctioned

**Abortion at the woman's request**
- Not Specified

**Legal Ground and Gestational Limit**
### Economic or social reasons

Yes

**Related documents:**
- Law on Abortion, 1970 (page 1)

### Foetal impairment

**Related documents:**
- Law on Abortion, 1970 (page 1)

### Rape

Yes

**Related documents:**
- Law on Abortion, 1970 (page 1)

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### Gestational limit

**Economic or social reasons**

**Gestational limit**

Weeks: 12

- Law on Abortion, 1970 (page 2)

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### WHO Guidance

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WHO defines health for member states as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.1.5.

**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 103)

Laws or policies that impose time limits on the length of pregnancy may have negative consequences for women, including forcing them to seek clandestine abortions and suffer social inequities. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.1.7.

**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 103)

### Additional notes

Abortion is permitted if the delivery and care of the child would place a strain on the woman, given the living conditions of the woman or her family.

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### Gestational limit

**Foetal impairment**

**Gestational limit**

Weeks: 24

- Law on Abortion, 1970 (page 2)

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### WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

A woman is entitled to know the status of her pregnancy and to act on this information; health protection or social reasons can be interpreted to include distress of the pregnant woman caused by the diagnosis of fetal impairment. Prenatal tests and other medical diagnostic services cannot legally be refused because the woman may decide to terminate her pregnancy. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.1.4.

**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 103)

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**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 103)

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### Gestational limit

**Rape**

**Gestational limit**

Weeks: 12

- Law on Abortion, 1970 (page 2)

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### WHO Guidance

The protection of women from cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment requires that those who have become pregnant as the result of coerced or forced sexual acts can lawfully access safe abortion services. Prompt, safe abortion services should be provided on the basis of a woman's complaint rather than requiring forensic evidence or police examination. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.1.3.

**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 102)

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#### Gestational limit

**Not applicable**

#### Additional notes

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#### WHO Guidance

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The scope of mental health includes psychological distress or mental suffering caused by, for example, coerced or forced sexual acts and diagnosis of severe fetal impairment. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.1.2.

- **Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 102)

#### Additional notes

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#### WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

Physical health is widely understood to include conditions that aggravate pregnancy and those aggravated by pregnancy. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.1.2.

- **Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 102)
### Health

**Related documents:**
- Law on Abortion, 1970 (page 1)

**Gestational limit**

- Weeks: 20
  - Law on Abortion, 1970 (page 2 see note)

**WHO Guidance**

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

The fulfillment of human rights requires that women can access safe abortion when it is indicated to protect their health. WHO defines health for member states as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.1.2.

*Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 102)*

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*Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 103)*

### Life

**Related documents:**
- Law on Abortion, 1970 (page 1)

**Gestational limit**

- Weeks: 20
  - Law on Abortion, 1970 (page 2 see note)

**WHO Guidance**

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

The human right to life requires protection by law, including when pregnancy is life-threatening or a pregnant woman’s life is otherwise endangered. Both medical and social conditions can constitute life-threatening conditions. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.1.1.

*Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 102)*

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*Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 103)*

### Other

The woman is under 17 years of age or over 40; the woman already has four children; owing to disease or mental disturbance, one or both parents are unable to care for the child.

**Related documents:**
- Law on Abortion, 1970 (page 1 see note)

**Additional notes**

The Law on Abortion states that an abortion may not be performed after the twelfth week of pregnancy on any grounds other than a disease or physical defect in the woman. If the woman was not yet 17 years of age at the time of conception or there are other exceptional reasons, abortion is lawful at a later stage of pregnancy, although not after the 20th week.

The same gestational limits apply as in other cases: 12 weeks, exceptionally up to 20 weeks.

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**Additional Requirements to Access Safe Abortion**
Authorization of health professional(s)

Yes

Related documents:
- Law on Abortion, 1970 (page 2 see note)

Number and cadre of health-care professional authorizations required

One or two physicians or national authority (depending on indication)

Doctor (Specialty Not Specified), Specialist Doctor, Including OB/GYN

Investigation by midwife, health sister or equivalent in the case that the birth and care of the child would be significantly burdensome for the woman

The Current Care Guidelines on Abortion by the Finnish Medical Society Duodecim and the Finnish Gynaecological Association Task Force on abortion address these issues. No evidence was found that these guidelines are endorsed by the government. They can be accessed here: http://www.terveysportti.fi/xmedia/hoi/hoi27050.pdf

An authorization is required for abortion after twelve weeks of gestation. In the cases of risk to life or health, rape, incest or when the delivery and care of a child would place a considerable strain on the woman, the separate recommendations of two physicians are needed. Of the two physicians, one shall be a physician who renders opinions on the termination of pregnancy (physician with authority to render an opinion) while the other shall be the physician who performs the operation (operating physician). In a case when the delivery and care of a child would place a considerable strain on the woman, a report on the living conditions of the woman and her family and other circumstances shall, if this seems justified in the particular case, be requested from the social welfare authorities or from a midwife, public health nurse or person of corresponding status.

In the case of a woman who was less than 17 or more than 40 years of age at the time of conception, or has already had four children the physician who performs the operation decides. In the case of foetal impairments, the abortion must be authorised by the State Medical Board.

- Law on Abortion, 1970 (page 2 see note)

Judicial authorization in specially licensed facilities only

No

Related documents:
- Current Care Recommendations, 2011 (page 7)

WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

Third-party authorization should not be required for women to obtain abortion services. The requirement for authorization by hospital authorities may violate the right to privacy and women's access to health care on the basis of equality of men and women. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.2.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 105)

Judicial authorization for minors

Not specified

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Related documents:
- Law on Abortion, 1970
- Regulation on the Termination of Pregnancy
- Current Care Recommendations, 2011

WHO Guidance

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Third-party authorization should not be required for women to obtain abortion services. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 105)

Judicial authorization in cases of rape

Not specified

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Related documents:
- Law on Abortion, 1970
- Regulation on the Termination of Pregnancy

WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

Laws, policies and practices that restrict access to abortion information and services can deter women from care seeking and create a "chilling effect" (suppression of actions because of fear of reprisals or penalties) for the provision of safe, legal services. Examples of barriers include: requiring third party authorization from one or more medical professionals or a hospital committee, court or police, parent or guardian or a woman's partner or spouse. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 104)
### Police report required in case of rape

**Yes**

**Related documents:**
- Regulation on the Termination of Pregnancy (page 2 see note)

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**Additional notes**

The woman is required to submit proof that the offense is being prosecuted or that the police or prosecutor have been notified.

### Parental consent required for minors

**No**

**Related documents:**
- Current Care Recommendations, 2011 (page 3)

### WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

Third-party authorization should not be required for women to obtain abortion services. The requirement for authorization by parents may violate the right to privacy and women’s access to health care on the basis of equality of men and women. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.2.

**Additional notes**

When the applicant is a minor (under the age of 18) who, on the basis of a doctor’s assessment, is able to make a valid application for abortion, his or her parents or other guardians must not be notified of the application for abortion. The minor’s parents or other guardians may not otherwise be contacted unless the applicant so requests. This also applies to prescriptions and practices related to abortion and contraception. An electronic prescription for a minor is readable by guardians, so a non-electronic prescription is used as needed.

If the applicant has been under 18 years of age at the time of pregnancy and his or her need for care and care, developmental conditions or his or her own behavior necessitates clarification of the need for child protection, he or she must notify the municipal social welfare institution referred to in section 25 (1) of the Child Welfare Act.

If the applicant was under the age of 18 when she became pregnant and there is reason to suspect that she has been the victim of a sexual offense, she must be notified to the police in accordance with section 25 (3) of the Child Protection Act.

### Spousal consent

**Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
- Law on Abortion, 1970
- Regulation on the Termination of Pregnancy
- Current Care Recommendations, 2011

### WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

Before the final decision, if there are adequate grounds, the father has to be given an opportunity to express his opinion.

**Related documents:**
- Regulation on the Termination of Pregnancy (page 1)

### Ultrasound images or listen to foetal heartbeat required

**Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
- Law on Abortion, 1970
- Regulation on the Termination of Pregnancy
- Current Care Recommendations, 2011

### WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

Regulatory, policy and programmatic barriers, one example of which is the requirement for mandatory ultrasound prior to abortion, that hinder access to and timely provision of safe abortion care should be removed. Safe Abortion Guidelines, Executive Summary, Box 7 - Recommendation.
**Compulsory counselling**

- **Not specified**
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- **WHO Guidance**
  - The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.
  - Many women have made a decision to have an abortion before seeking care, and this decision should be respected without subjecting a woman to mandatory counselling. Provision of counselling to women who desire it should be voluntary, confidential, non-directive and by a trained person. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 2.1.8.1.
  - Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 46)

**Compulsory waiting period**

- **Not specified**
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- **WHO Guidance**
  - The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.
  - States should consider eliminating waiting periods that are not medically required, and expanding services to serve all eligible women promptly. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.6.
  - Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 107)

**Mandatory HIV screening test**

- **No**

- **Related documents:**
  - Current Care Recommendations, 2011 (page 5)

- **WHO Guidance**
  - The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.
  - Requirements for HIV and other tests that are not clinically indicated are potential service-delivery barriers. Safe Abortion Guidelines, p 88.
  - Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 88)

**Other mandatory STI screening tests**

- **No**

- **Related documents:**
  - Current Care Recommendations, 2011 (page 5)

- **WHO Guidance**
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  - Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 88)

**Prohibition of sex-selective abortion**

- **Not specified**
  - When there is no explicit reference to an issue covered in the questionnaire in the relevant document(s), this is noted and no interpretation was made.

- **Related documents:**
  - Law on Abortion, 1970
  - Regulation on the Termination of Pregnancy
  - Current Care Recommendations, 2011

- **WHO Guidance**
  - The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.
  - In situations where abortion is restricted for sex selection purposes, terminating a pregnancy for this reason is likely to involve an unsafe procedure carrying high risks. Any policies or guidelines on the use of technology in obstetric and fetal medicine should take into account the need to ensure women’s access to safe abortion and other services - efforts to manage or limit sex selection should also not hamper or limit access to safe abortion services. Preventing gender-biased sex selection: an interagency statement, p 10 - Recommendation.
  - Source document: Preventing Gender-Biased Sex Selection (page 17)
### Clinical and Service-delivery Aspects of Abortion Care

| National guidelines for induced abortion | Yes, guidelines issued by a professional body or non-governmental organization that are endorsed by the government |

**Related documents:**
- [Current Care Recommendations, 2011](#) (page 1)

**WHO Guidance**

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Standards and guidelines should be developed and updated with the intent of eliminating barriers to obtaining the highest attainable standard of sexual and reproductive health. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 3.3. Standards and guidelines should cover: types of abortion service, where and by whom they can be provided; essential equipment, instruments, medications, supplies and facility capabilities; referral mechanisms; respect for women’s informed decision-making, autonomy, confidentiality and privacy. Safe Abortion Guidelines, p. 63.

**Source document:** [WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 75)](#)

**Additional notes**

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Country recognized approval (misoprostol)

Yes, for gynaecological indications

Related documents:
- Misodel, Finnish Medicines Agency (page 1)

Misoprostol allowed to be sold or distributed by pharmacies or drug stores

Not specified

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- Misodel, Finnish Medicines Agency

WHO Guidance

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Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 54)

Where can abortion services be provided

Related documents:
- Law on Abortion, 1970 (page 3)
- Regulation on the Termination of Pregnancy (page 1)
- Current Care Recommendations, 2011 (page 7)

Primary health-care centres

Not specified

- Law on Abortion, 1970
- Regulation on the Termination of Pregnancy
- Current Care Recommendations, 2011

Secondary (district-level) health-care facilities

Not specified

- Law on Abortion, 1970
- Regulation on the Termination of Pregnancy
- Current Care Recommendations, 2011

Specialized abortion care public facilities

Yes

- Law on Abortion, 1970 (page 3)
- Regulation on the Termination of Pregnancy (page 1)
- Current Care Recommendations, 2011 (page 7)

Private health-care centres or clinics

Not specified

- Law on Abortion, 1970
- Regulation on the Termination of Pregnancy
- Current Care Recommendations, 2011

NGO health-care centres or clinics

Not specified

- Law on Abortion, 1970
- Regulation on the Termination of Pregnancy
- Current Care Recommendations, 2011

Other (if applicable)

Termination of pregnancy is to be carried out in a hospital which has been approved for the purpose by the State Medical Board (abortion hospitals); at home (medical abortions under 9 weeks can be practiced at home); day surgeries.

- Law on Abortion, 1970 (page 3)
- Regulation on the Termination of Pregnancy (page 1)
- Current Care Recommendations, 2011 (page 7)

WHO Guidance

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

Abortion services should be available at primary-care level, with referral systems in place for all required higher-level care. Safe Abortion Guidelines, Executive Summary, Box 6-Recommendation.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 18)
### National guidelines for post-abortion care

- Yes, guidelines issued by a professional body or non-governmental organization that are endorsed by the government

**Related documents:**
- Current Care Recommendations, 2011 (page 1)

### WHO Guidance

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Standards and guidelines should be developed and updated with the intent of eliminating barriers to obtaining the highest attainable standard of sexual and reproductive health. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 3.3. Standards and guidelines should cover: types of abortion service, where and by whom they can be provided; essential equipment, instruments, medications, supplies and facility capabilities; referral mechanisms; respect for women’s informed decision-making, autonomy, confidentiality and privacy. Safe Abortion Guidelines, p. 63.

**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 75)

### Additional notes

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### Where can post-abortion care services be provided

**Primary health-care centres**
- Not specified
  - Law on Abortion, 1970
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**Secondary (district-level) health-care facilities**
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**Specialized abortion care public facilities**
- Not specified
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**Private health-care centres or clinics**
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### Contraception included in post-abortion care

- Yes

**Related documents:**
- Current Care Recommendations, 2011 (page 4)

**WHO Guidance**

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

All women should receive contraceptive information and be offered counselling for and methods of post-abortion contraception, including emergency contraception, before leaving the health-care facility. Safe Abortion Guidelines § 2.3.

**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 62)
Financing of abortion services should take into account costs to the health system while ensuring that services are affordable and readily available to all women who need them. Safe Abortion Guidelines, Executive Summary, Box 6 - Recommendation. Abortion services should be mandated for coverage under insurance plans; women should never be denied or delayed because of the inability to pay. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 3.6.2.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 18)

**Additional notes**

There is a cost associated with the professional fee of the physician providing the opinion, as well as the facility fee of the abortion that occurs in a hospital. It is not clear from the source document who pays this cost.

Related documents:
- Ministry of Health and Social Services Regulation/Welfare and Health and the fees payable to the Supervisory Authority for Performances (page 3)

The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

Subject to gestational age and method, abortion care can be safely provided by any properly trained health-care provider, including specialist doctors, non-specialist doctors; associate and advanced associate clinicians; midwives; and nurses. Health Worker Roles in Safe Abortion Care, p 33 - Recommendation.

Source document: Health Worker Roles in Safe Abortion Care and Post-Abortion Contraception (page 33)
Conscientious Objection

Public sector providers

Not specified

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Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 106)

Additional notes

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Indicators

Country specific information related to sexual and reproductive health indications. As data for the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators related to sexual and reproductive health become available, these will be provided, through periodic updates.

Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

1.1.1 Proportion of population below the international poverty line, by sex, age, employment status and geographical location (urban/rural) 

No data

1.3.1 Proportion of population covered by social protection floors/systems, by sex, distinguishing children, unemployed persons, older persons, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, newborns, work-injury victims and the poor and the vulnerable

No data

1.a.2 Proportion of total government spending on essential services (education, health and social protection)

No data

Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

3.1.1 Maternal mortality ratio

3 (2017)

3.1.2 Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel

No data

3.7.1 Proportion of women of reproductive age (aged 15-49 years) who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods

No data

3.7.2 Adolescent birth rate (aged 10-14 years; aged 15-19 years) per 1,000 women in that age group

6.8 (2015-2020)

3.8.2 Number of people covered by health insurance or a public health system per 1,000 population

No data

3.c.1 Health worker density and distribution

No data

Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

4.1.1 Proportion of children and young people: (a) in grades 2/3; (b) at the end of primary; and (c) at the end of lower secondary achieving at
Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

5.1.1 Whether or not legal frameworks are in place to promote, enforce and monitor equality and nondiscrimination on the basis of sex

5.2.1 Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to physical, sexual or psychological violence by a current or former intimate partner in the previous 12 months, by form of violence and by age

5.2.2 Proportion of women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to sexual violence by persons other than an intimate partner in the previous 12 months, by age and place of occurrence

5.3.1 Proportion of women aged 20-24 years who were married or in a union before age 15 and before age 18

5.3.2 Proportion of girls and women aged 15-49 years who have undergone female genital mutilation/cutting, by age

5.6.1 Proportion of women aged 15-49 years who make their own informed decisions regarding sexual relations, contraceptive use and reproductive health care

5.6.2 Number of countries with laws and regulations that guarantee women aged 15-49 years access to sexual and reproductive health care, information and education

5.a.1 (a) Proportion of total agricultural population with ownership or secure rights over agricultural land, by sex; and (b) share of women among owners or rights-bearers of agricultural land, by type of tenure

5.b.1 Proportion of individuals who own a mobile telephone, by sex

Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

8.5.2 Unemployment rate, by sex, age and persons with disabilities

Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries

10.2.1 Proportion of people living below 50 per cent of median income, by age, sex and persons with disabilities

10.3.1 Proportion of the population reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed within the previous 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law

Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

16.1.3 Proportion of population subjected to physical, psychological or sexual violence in the previous 12 months

16.2.2 Number of victims of human trafficking per 100,000 population, by sex, age and form of exploitation

16.2.3 Proportion of young women and men aged 18-29 years who experienced sexual violence by age 18

16.3.1 Proportion of victims of violence in the previous 12 months who reported their victimization to competent authorities or other officially recognized conflict resolution mechanisms

16.5.1 Proportion of persons who had at least one contact with a public official and who paid a bribe to a public official, or were asked for a bribe by those public officials, during the previous 12 months

16.6.1 Primary government expenditures as a proportion of original approved budget, by sector (or by budget codes or similar)

16.6.2 Proportion of the population satisfied with their last experience of public services

16.7.1 Proportions of positions (by sex, age, persons with disabilities and population groups) in public institutions (national and local)
legislatures, public service, and judiciary) compared to national distributions

16.9.1 Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority, by age

16.10.1 Number of verified cases of killing, kidnapping, enforced disappearance, arbitrary detention and torture of journalists, associated media personnel, trade unionists and human rights advocates in the previous 12 months

16.b.1 Proportion of population reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed in the previous 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

17.8.1 Proportion of individuals using the Internet

Additional Reproductive Health Indicators

Percentage of married women with unmet need for family planning

Percentage of births attended by trained health professional

Percentage of women aged 20-24 who gave birth before age 18

Total fertility rate

Legal marital age for women, with parental consent

Legal marital age for women, without parental consent

Gender Inequalities Index (Value)

Gender Inequalities Index (Rank)

Mandatory paid maternity leave

Median age

Population, urban (%)

Percentage of secondary school completion rate for girls

Gender parity in secondary education

Percentage of women in non-agricultural employment

Proportion of seats in parliament held by women

Sex ratio at birth (male to female births)