Country Profile: France

Region: Western 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 General Medical Health Act:
- Public Health Code
- Law on Modernisation of the Health System

From Criminal / Penal Code:
- Penal Code

From Health Regulation / Clinical Guidelines:
- Voluntary Interruption of Pregnancy up to 14 weeks
- Medical Abortion Good Practice Recommendations
- Post-abortion Contraception Information

From EML / Registered List:
- National Agency for the Security of Medicines and Health Products, 2005

List of ratified human rights treaties:
- CERD
- CCPR
- Xst
- 2nd OP
- CEDAW
- CEDAW-OP
- CESCR
- CESCR-OP
- CAT
- CAT-OP
- CRC
- CRC:OPAC
- CRC:OPIC
- CRPD
- CRPD-OP
- CED
- Maputo Protocol

Concluding Observations:
- CEDAW
- CEDAW

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

Gestational limit: 12 weeks
## Legal Ground and Gestational Limit

### Economic or social reasons

**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:**
- Public Health Code, 2013
- Penal Code

### Foetal impairment

**Yes**

**Related documents:**
- Public Health Code, 2013 (page 407)

### Gestational limit

**Weeks: No limit specified**

**Related documents:**
- Public Health Code, 2013 (page 407)

### WHO Guidance

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

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)

### Rape

**Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
- Public Health Code, 2013
- Penal Code

### WHO Guidance

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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)

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)

### Incest

**Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

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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### Intellectual or cognitive disability of the woman

- **Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
- Public Health Code, 2013
- Penal Code

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### Mental health

- **Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
- Public Health Code, 2013
- Penal Code

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### WHO Guidance

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

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)

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### Physical health

- **Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
- Public Health Code, 2013
- Penal Code

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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)

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### Health

- **Yes**

  **Related documents:**
  - Public Health Code, 2013 (page 407)

### Gestational limit

- **Weeks: No limit specified**

  **Related documents:**
  - Public Health Code, 2013 (page 407)
Additional Requirements to Access Safe Abortion

Authorization of health professional(s)

Yes

Related documents:
- Public Health Code, 2013 (page 407 see note)

Number and cadre of health-care professional authorizations required

2
Doctor (Specialty Not Specified), Specialist Doctor, Including OB/GYN

Related documents:
- Public Health Code, 2013 (page 407 see note)

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)

Additional notes

Medical authorisation not required for terminations until 12 weeks pregnancy. For terminations after 12 weeks of gestation, the following authorisation requirements obtain:

“The voluntary termination of a pregnancy may be practiced at any time if two physicians who are members of a multidisciplinary team certify, after this team has rendered its advisory opinion, that the continuation of the pregnancy jeopardizes the pregnancy. Or that there is a high probability that the unborn child will be afflicted with a particularly serious condition recognized as incurable at the time of diagnosis.

Where termination of pregnancy is contemplated on the grounds that the continuation of pregnancy seriously jeopardizes the health of the woman, the multidisciplinary team responsible for examining the woman's request shall include at least four persons who are a qualified medical practitioner. Gynecology and Obstetrics, a member of a multidisciplinary prenatal diagnostic center, a practitioner specializing in the affliction of which the woman is a victim, a doctor chosen by the woman and a qualified person subject to professional secrecy who may be a social worker or a psychologist. The physician qualified in gynecology and Obstetrics and the physician qualified in the treatment of the condition of which the woman is affected must carry out their activity in a health establishment.
Where termination of pregnancy is contemplated on the basis that there is a high probability that the unborn child will have a particularly serious condition recognized as incurable at the time of diagnosis, the multidisciplinary team Demand of the woman is that of a multidisciplinary center of prenatal diagnosis.

When the team of the aforementioned center meets, a doctor chosen by the woman may, at the request of the latter, be associated with the consultation. Except for medical emergencies, the woman is given a period of reflection of at least one week before deciding to interrupt or continue her pregnancy."

See also Articles R2213-1 to R2213-6 for abortion for “medical reasons”

| Authorization in specially licensed facilities only | Yes |
| Judicial authorization for minors | Not specified |
| Judicial authorization in cases of rape | Not applicable |
| Police report required in case of rape | Not applicable |
| Parental consent required for minors | No |

**Related documents:**
- Public Health Code, 2013 (page 403)

**WHO Guidance**

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

Restrictions on the range of providers or facilities that are authorized to provide abortion reduce the availability of services and their equitable geographic distribution. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.4.

- **Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 106)

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- **Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 105)

**WHO Guidance**

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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

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- **Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 104)
### Spousal consent

**Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
- Public Health Code, 2013

**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 a spouse 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)

### Ultrasound images or listen to foetal heartbeat required

**Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
- Public Health Code, 2013

**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.

**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 19)

### Compulsory counselling

**No**

**Related documents:**
- Public Health Code, 2013 (page 404 see note)

**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)

### Additional notes

The following is mandatory for non-emancipated minor women, not for adult women: a consultation with a person who having trained and qualified in marriage counseling or any other qualified person in an institution providing information, consultation or family advice, a family planning or education centre, a social service or another approved body. This preliminary consultation includes a special interview in which
### Compulsory waiting period

No

**Related documents:**
- Public Health Code, 2013 (page 404)
- Law on Modernisation of the Health System (page 22)

#### 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

- **Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
- Public Health Code, 2013

#### 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

- **Not specified**

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### Prohibition of sex-selective abortion

- **Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
- Public Health Code, 2013

#### 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)

### Restrictions on information provided

No data found
Clinical and Service-delivery Aspects of Abortion Care

National guidelines for induced abortion

Yes, guidelines issued by the government

Related documents:
- Voluntary Interruption of pregnancy up to 14 weeks
- Medical Abortion Good Practice Recommendations

Methods allowed

Vacuum aspiration
Yes (98 DAYS 14 WEEKS)
- Voluntary Interruption of pregnancy up to 14 weeks
- Medical Abortion Good Practice Recommendations

Dilatation and evacuation
Not specified
- Voluntary Interruption of pregnancy up to 14 weeks
- Medical Abortion Good Practice Recommendations

Combination mifepristone-misoprostol
Yes (63 DAYS 9 WEEKS (but no specified limit for medical reasons))
- Voluntary Interruption of pregnancy up to 14 weeks
- Medical Abortion Good Practice Recommendations

Misoprostol only
Not specified
- Voluntary Interruption of pregnancy up to 14 weeks
- Medical Abortion Good Practice Recommendations

Other (where provided)
The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

**Vacuum aspiration** is the recommended technique of surgical abortion for pregnancies of up to 12 to 14 weeks of gestation. The procedure should not be routinely completed by dilatation and sharp curettage (D&C). Safe Abortion Guidelines, Executive Summary, Box 1-Recommendation.

- **Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 123)

Dilatation and evacuation (D&E) and medical methods (mifepristone and misoprostol; misoprostol alone) are both recommended methods for abortion for gestations over 12 to 14 weeks. Safe Abortion Guidelines, Executive Summary, Box 3-Recommendation.

- **Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 123)

The recommended method for medical abortion is mifepristone followed by misoprostol (regimen differs by gestational age). Safe Abortion Guidelines, Executive Summary, Box 2-Recommendation.

- **Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 13)

Where mifepristone is not available, the recommended method for medical abortion is misoprostol (regimen differs by gestational age). Safe Abortion Guidelines, Executive Summary, Box 2-Recommendation.

- **Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 14)

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### Country recognized approval (mifepristone / mife-misoprostol)

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**Related documents:**
- Amendment to List of Generic Groups in Public Health Code 2014 (page 33)
- Public Review Report Mifegyne National Agency for the Security of Medicines and Health (page 1)
- National Agency for the Security of Medicines and Health Products, 2005 (page 1)

### Pharmacy selling or distribution

**No**

Only physicians, family planning or education centers and health centers which have concluded the agreement referred to in Article R. 2212-9 of the Public Health Code may obtain supplies of medicines necessary for a medical termination of pregnancy.

- **Public Health Code, 2013** (page 2148)

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### WHO Guidance

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

The combination of mifepristone and misoprostol for medical abortion is included on the WHO model list of essential medicines. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 2.2.5

- **Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 54)

Chemists/pharmacists can help women avoid unintended pregnancy through provision of accurate contraceptive information, pregnancy tests, contraceptive methods and referral to safe abortion services. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 3.3.1.1.

- **Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 13)

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### Country recognized approval (misoprostol)

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**Related documents:**
- Patient Notice Gymiso National Agency for the Security of Medicines and Health Products (page 1)

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

**No**

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**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)

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National guidelines for post-abortion care

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**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)

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Contraception included in post-abortion care

- Public Health Code, 2013

Related documents:
- Public Health Code, 2013 (page 1287)

WHO Guidance

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

The facilities and skills required to manage most abortion complications are similar to those needed to care for women who have had a spontaneous abortion (miscarriage). Safe Abortion Guidelines § 2.2.6.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 57)

Insurance to offset end user costs

- Yes

Related documents:
- Social Security Code (page 60)

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)

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### Who can provide abortion services

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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)

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**WHO Guidance**

Public facilities must have an approved centre for family planning or education or an agreement for such a centre to undertake within their institution the activities defined in articles R2311-7 to R 2311-18. Private facilities must have an agreement with an approved family planning or education centre to undertake within their institution the activities defined in articles R2311-7 to R2311-8.

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Conscientious Objection

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Neither Type of Provider Permitted

Related documents:
- Public Health Code, 2013 (page 405)

Individual health-care providers who have objected are required to refer the woman to another provider

Yes

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WHO Guidance

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Health-care professionals who claim conscientious objection must refer the woman to another willing and trained provider in the same, or another easily accessible health-care facility. Where referral is not possible, the health-care professional who objects, must provide safe abortion to save the woman's life, to prevent serious injury to her health and provide urgent care when women present with complications from an unsafe or illegal abortion. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.5.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 106)

Public facilities

No

Related documents:
- Public Health Code, 2013 (page 405)

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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

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<td>1.1.1 Proportion of population below the international poverty line, by sex, age, employment status and geographical location (urban/rural)</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>1.a.2 Proportion of total government spending on essential services (education, health and social protection)</td>
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### Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

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<td>3.1.1 Maternal mortality ratio</td>
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<td>3.1.2 Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel</td>
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<td>3.7.1 Proportion of women of reproductive age (aged 15-49 years) who have their need for family planning satisfied with modern methods</td>
<td>No data</td>
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<td>3.7.2 Adolescent birth rate (aged 10-14 years; aged 15-19 years) per 1,000 women in that age group</td>
<td>8.6 (2015-2020)</td>
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<td>3.8.2 Number of people covered by health insurance or a public health system per 1,000 population</td>
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<td>3.c.1 Health worker density and distribution</td>
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<td>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 least a minimum proficiency level in (i) reading and (ii) mathematics, by sex</td>
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<td>5.1.1 Whether or not legal frameworks are in place to promote, enforce and monitor equality and nondiscrimination on the basis of sex</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<tr>
<td>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</td>
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5.3.1 Proportion of women aged 20-24 years who were married or in a union before age 15 and before age 18  
No data

5.3.2 Proportion of girls and women aged 15-49 years who have undergone female genital mutilation/cutting, by age  
No data

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  
No data

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  
No data

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  
No data

5.b.1 Proportion of individuals who own a mobile telephone, by sex  
No data

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  
No data

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  
No data

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  
No data

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  
No data

16.2.2 Number of victims of human trafficking per 100,000 population, by sex, age and form of exploitation  
No data

16.2.3 Proportion of young women and men aged 18-29 years who experienced sexual violence by age 18  
No data

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  
No data

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  
No data

16.6.1 Primary government expenditures as a proportion of original approved budget, by sector (or by budget codes or similar)  
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<td>16.6.2 Proportion of the population satisfied with their last experience of public services</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>16.9.1 Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority, by age</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development</td>
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<td>17.8.1 Proportion of individuals using the Internet</td>
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<td><strong>Additional Reproductive Health Indicators</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Percentage of married women with unmet need for family planning</td>
<td>1.7 (2005)</td>
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<td>Percentage of births attended by trained health professional</td>
<td>97.4 (2016)</td>
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<td>Percentage of women aged 20-24 who gave birth before age 18</td>
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<td>Total fertility rate</td>
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<td>Legal marital age for women, with parental consent</td>
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<td>Gender Inequalities Index (Value)</td>
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<td>16 (2017)</td>
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<td>Mandatory paid maternity leave</td>
<td>yes (2020)</td>
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<td>Median age</td>
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<td>Population, urban (%)</td>
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<td>Percentage of secondary school completion rate for girls</td>
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<td>Gender parity in secondary education</td>
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<td>Percentage of women in non-agricultural employment</td>
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<td>Proportion of seats in parliament held by women</td>
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<td>Sex ratio at birth (male to female births)</td>
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