Country Profile: Norway

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 Practicioners
- Law on Health Care Services
- Other

Related Documents

From Criminal / Penal Code:
- Penal Code, 2005

From Ministerial Order / Decree:
- Norway Abortion law interpretation Foetal reduction MoH, 2016

From Health Regulation / Clinical Guidelines:
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001

From EML / Registered List:
- Registration - Mifegyne
- Registration - Sunmedabon
- Registration - Misodel

From Document Relating to Funding:
- Payment in Inpatient and Outpatient Settings

From Abortion Specific Law:
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975

From Other:
- Law on Human Medical Use of Biotechnology, 2004

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

Concluding Observations:
- CRPD

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

## Legal Ground and Gestational Limit

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### Gestational limit

#### Weeks: 22

- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 1)
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001 (page 5)

### 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.
- 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.

### Additional notes

In a section on foetal viability, the Regulations on Abortion state: “Permission to abortion cannot be granted if there is reason to assume that the foetus is viable.”
### Incest

**Related documents:**
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 1)
- Criminal Code, 2005 (page 82)

**Gestational limit**

**Weeks:** 22

- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 1)
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001 (page 5)

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

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

### Additional notes

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### Intellectu[1] or cognitive disability of the woman

**Yes**

**Related documents:**
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 1)

**Gestational limit**

**Weeks:** 22

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- Regulation on Abortion, 2001 (page 5)

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### Mental health

**Yes**

**Related documents:**
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 1)

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- Criminal Code, 2005 (page 82)

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Physical health

Yes

Related documents:
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001

Gestational limit

Weeks: 22

- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001

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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Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 103)

Health

Not specified

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Related documents:
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975

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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)

Life

Yes

Related documents:
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975

Gestational limit

Weeks: No limit specified

- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975
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 pregnancy, birth or care of the child can put the woman in a difficult life situation. Selective foetal reduction in cases where one or more of the fetuses are removed due to disease in the fetus.

Fetal reduction in case of multiple multiple births with the purpose of reducing the number of fetuses based on random selection

Related documents:
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975
- Norway Abortion law interpretation Foetal reduction MoH, 2016 (page 1)

Additional notes

Termination of pregnancy when the pregnancy, birth or care of the child can put the woman in a difficult life situation can be undertaken after the end of eighteenth week of pregnancy only if there are particularly important reasons for it. If there is reason to assume that the fetus is viable, permission pregnancy termination cannot be granted. Assessments of an abortion request under this indication should take into account the woman's overall situation, including whether she will be able to take satisfactory care of the child. Emphasis is placed on how the woman herself assesses her situation. Abortion in case of foetal reduction falls under the life and health indications for which there is no specified gestational limit.

Additional Requirements to Access Safe Abortion

Authorization of health professional(s)

Yes

Related documents:
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 1)

Number and cadre of health-care professional authorizations required

2
Doctor (Specialty Not Specified)

- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (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 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)

Authorization in specially licensed facilities only

Yes

Related documents:
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 1)
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001 (page 2)

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)
### Judicial authorization for minors

**Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001

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

### Judicial authorization in cases of rape

**Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001

**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

**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 104)

### Police report required in case of rape

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**Source document:** WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 104)

### Parental consent required for minors

No

**Related documents:**
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 2)

**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.
### Spousal consent

**No**

**Related documents:**
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 1)

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### Ultrasound images or listen to foetal heartbeat required

**Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001

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### Compulsory counselling

**No**

**Related documents:**
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001 (page 2)

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### Compulsory waiting period

**Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975
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### Mandatory HIV

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Not specified

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**Related documents:**
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001

### 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.

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### Other mandatory STI screening tests

Not specified

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**Related documents:**
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001

### Prohibition of sex-selective abortion

Not specified

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**Related documents:**
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001

### 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.

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### Restrictions on information provided to the public

No data found

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### Restrictions on methods to detect sex of the foetus

Yes

**Related documents:**
- Law on Human Medical use of Biotechnology, 2004 (page 11)

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### List of restrictions
Information on fetal sex before 12 weeks gestation arising from prenatal diagnosis or another investigation of the foetus shall be provided only if the woman is a carrier of a serious sex-linked disease.

- Law on Human Medical use of Biotechnology, 2004 (page 11)

**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. 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)*

### Clinical and Service-delivery Aspects of Abortion Care

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

**Additional notes**

Relevant information can be found in recommendations on induced abortion provided on the website of the Norwegian Medical Association. No evidence was found that these are endorsed by the government. The guidelines are accessible at: [http://legeforeningen.no/Fagmed/Norsk-gynekologisk-forening/Veiledere/veileder-i-generell-gynekologi-2009/provosert-abort/](http://legeforeningen.no/Fagmed/Norsk-gynekologisk-forening/Veiledere/veileder-i-generell-gynekologi-2009/provosert-abort/)

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**Vacuum aspiration**

No data found

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**Dilatation and evacuation**

No data found

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**Combination mifepristone-misoprostol**

No data found

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**Misoprostol only**

No data found

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**Other (where provided)**

**WHO Guidance**

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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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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**Related documents:**

| Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 1) |

**Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975** | **Regulation on Abortion, 2001** |
National guidelines for post-abortion care

Where can post-abortion care services be provided

Secondary (district-level) health-care facilities
Yes
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 1)

Specialized abortion care public facilities
Not specified
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001

Private health-care centres or clinics
Not specified
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001

NGO health-care centres or clinics
Not specified
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001

Other (if applicable)
Abortions at more than 12 weeks of gestation can only be performed in hospitals. Procedures performed at less than 12 weeks can be performed in another institution so long as it has been approved by the county medical officer (in Oslo - the city medical officer).
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 1)
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001 (page 2)

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)

No data found

WHO Guidance

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Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 75)

Additional notes

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

Insurance to offset end user costs

- Yes

Induced abortion for all women

- Yes

The public health insurance covers examination and treatment in connection with pregnancy.

- Payment in Inpatient and Outpatient Settings (page 1)

Induced abortion for poor women only

- No

Abortion complications

- Not specified

Private health coverage

- Not specified

Other (if applicable)

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Contraception included in post-abortion care

- Yes

Related documents:

- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 4)

WHO Guidance

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)

Related documents:

- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 4)

WHO Guidance

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)

Related documents:

- Payment in Inpatient and Outpatient Settings (page 1)

WHO Guidance

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)

Related documents:

- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 4)

Who can provide abortion services

- Nurse

Related documents:

- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975
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)

Abortion facilities within both the public and private sectors should be available at all levels of the health system, with appropriate referral mechanisms between facilities. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 3.3.1.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 75)

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

Not specified

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The clinic has to ensure that abortion services are available for women requesting abortion, regardless of any individual conscientious objection.
The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

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.

**Additional notes**

The Regulation states: “The right to exemption does not apply to personnel providing the woman nursing before, during and after the pregnancy termination.”

**Related documents:**
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001 (page 5)
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### Neither Type of Provider Permitted

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

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**Related documents:**
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### Private facilities

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Facility type not specified

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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

3.1.2 Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel

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

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

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

3.1 Health worker density and distribution

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 least a minimum proficiency level in (i) reading and (ii) mathematics, by sex

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
### Additional Reproductive Health Indicators

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