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 Practitioners
- 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 OP
- 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:
None

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

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)

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)

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**Gestational limit**

**Weeks:** 22

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

**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)

**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.”

**Related documents:**

- Regulation on Abortion, 2001 (page 5)

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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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Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 103)

Who the Law on Abortion cites several crimes in addition to rape and incest as grounds for access to abortion.
Physical health

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)

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)

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

Gestational limit

Weeks: 22

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)

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

Health

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 Termination of Pregnancy, 1975

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)

Related documents:
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975

Life

Yes

Related documents:
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 3)

Gestational limit

Weeks: No limit specified
### Additional Requirements to Access Safe Abortion

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**Number and cadre of health-care professional authorizations required**

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### 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)

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### 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.
Judicial authorization for minors

**Not specified**

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

**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.

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

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**

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

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

Police report required in case of rape

**Not specified**

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- Regulation on Abortion, 2001

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

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
### Spousal consent

**No**

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

**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:**
- 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.

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

**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**

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 Termination of Pregnancy, 1975
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001

**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)
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| Mandatory HIV screening test                               | 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. | - 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.  

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 88)

| Other mandatory STI screening tests                        | 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. | - Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975  
- Regulation on Abortion, 2001 |

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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)

| 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. | - 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.  

Source document: Preventing Gender-Biased Sex Selection (page 17)

| Restrictions on information provided to the public        | No data found           |                                                                                  |                                                                                  |

**WHO Guidance**

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

States should refrain from limiting access to means of maintaining sexual and reproductive health, including censoring, withholding or intentionally misrepresenting health-related information. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.7.  

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 107)

| Restrictions on methods to detect sex of the foetus       | Yes                     |                                                                                  | - 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.

No data found
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
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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

| National guidelines for induced abortion | No data found |
| WHO Guidance | The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

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

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/

| Methods allowed | No data found |
| Vacuum aspiration | 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/

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)
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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**Pharmacy selling or distribution**

No

- Registration Mifeqyne (page 1)
- Registration Sunmedabon (page 1)

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

No

- Registration Misodel (page 1)

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National guidelines for post-abortion care

Where can post-abortion care services be provided

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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)

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/
Contraception included in post-abortion care

- **Yes**

**Related documents:**
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 4)

**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:**
- Payment in Inpatient and Outpatient Settings (page 1)

**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)

Induced abortion for all women

- **Yes**

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

**Related documents:**
- Payment in Inpatient and Outpatient Settings (page 1)

Induced abortion for poor women only

- **No**

**Related documents:**
- Payment in Inpatient and Outpatient Settings (page 1)

Abortion complications

- **Not specified**

**Related documents:**
- Payment in Inpatient and Outpatient Settings

Private health coverage

- **Not specified**

**Related documents:**
- Payment in Inpatient and Outpatient Settings

Other (if applicable)

**WHO Guidance**

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

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)

Who can provide abortion services

- **Nurse**

**Related documents:**
- Law on Termination of Pregnancy, 1975 (page 4)
### Conscientious Objection

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### WHO Guidance

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

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)

### Extra facility/provider requirements for delivery of abortion services

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**WHO Guidance**

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

Referral linkages to a higher-level facility

- Not specified

Availability of a specialist doctor, including OB/GYN

- Not specified

Minimum number of beds

- Not specified

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

### 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."

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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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<td>3.1.2 Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel</td>
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<td>5.6 (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>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</td>
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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

No data

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

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