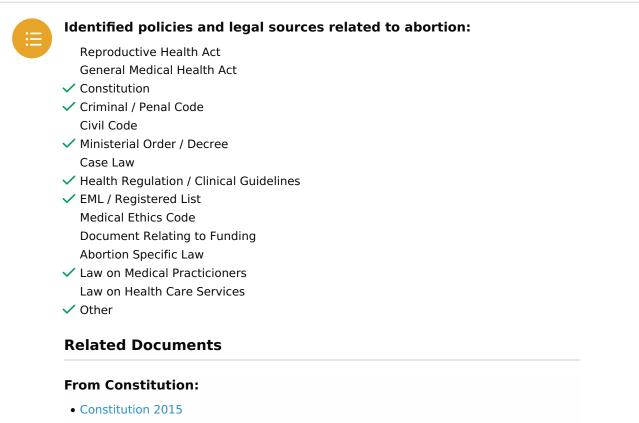


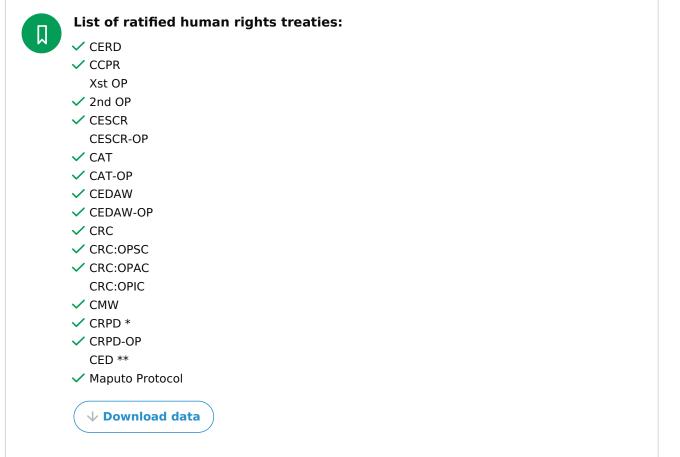




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From Criminal / Penal Code: • Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018 From Ministerial Order / Decree: • Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 • Ministerial Order Determining Code of Professional Conduct of Nurses and Midwives,

From Health Regulation / Clinical Guidelines:

• National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code

From EML / Registered List:

• National List of Essential Medicines for Adults, 2015

From Law on Medical Practicioners:

• Law N°49/2012 - Establishing Medical Professional Liability Insurance, 2013

From Other:

2011

• Lifting reservation on Maputo Protocol Art 14.2



Concluding Observations:

- CEDAW
- CEDAW
- CESCR • HRC



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



Economic or social reasons

No

Related documents:

• Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018 (page 122)



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)

Foetal impairment

Yes

Related documents:

- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018 (page 122)
- Constitution 2015 (page 152)
- Lifting reservation on Maputo Protocol Art 14.2 (page 1)
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 5)

Gestational limit

Weeks: No limit specified

• National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code (page 12)



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)

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)

Rape

Yes

Related documents:

- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018 (page 122)
- Constitution 2015 (page 152)
- Lifting reservation on Maputo Protocol Art 14.2 (page 1)
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 5)

Gestational limit

Weeks: 22

• Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 6)



WHO Guidance

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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)

Incest

Yes

Related documents:

- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018 (page 122)
- Constitution 2015 (page 152)
- Lifting reservation on Maputo Protocol Art 14.2 (page 1)
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 5)

Gestational limit

Weeks: 22

• Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 6)



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

Intellectual or cognitive disability of the woman

No

Related documents:

- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018 (page 122)
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 5)

Mental health

Yes

Related documents:

- Constitution 2015 (page 152)
- Lifting reservation on Maputo Protocol Art 14.2 (page 1)
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 5)

Gestational limit

Weeks: No limit specified

• Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 6)



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

Physical health

Yes

Related documents:

- Constitution 2015 (page 152)
- Lifting reservation on Maputo Protocol Art 14.2 (page 1)
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 5)

Gestational limit

Weeks: No limit specified

• Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 6)



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)

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)

Health	Yes
	Related documents:
	• Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018 (page 122)
	• Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 5)
	Gestational limit
	Weeks: No limit specified
	• Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 6)
	WHO Guidance
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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.
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	→ Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 103)
Life	Yes
	Related documents:
	 Constitution 2015 (page 152) Lifting reservation on Maputo Protocol Art 14.2 (page 1)
	Gestational limit
	Weeks: No limit specified
	• Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 6)
	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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Additional Requirements to Access Safe Abortion

Authorization of health professional(s)

Other

Yes

Related documents:

- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018 (page 122)
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 5)

Number and cadre of health-care professional authorizations required

2

Doctor (Specialty Not Specified)
Recognized medical doctor

Recognized medical doctor

- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018 (page 122)
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 9)



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



Not specified

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Related documents:

- National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019
- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018



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:

- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019
- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018



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. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.

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

Judicial authorization in cases of rape

No

Related documents:

• Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 6)



WHO Guidance

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

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

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

Police report required in case of rape

No

Related documents:

• Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 6)



WHO Guidance

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

Parental consent required for minors

Yes

Related documents:

- Law N°49/2012 OF 22/01/2013 Establishing Medical Professional Liability Insurance (page 40)
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 7)
- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018 (page 123)

Can another adult consent in place of a parent?

VΔC

If persons with parental authority over a

child disagree among themselves or if they

disagree with the child, the wish of the child

prevails. A person requesting abortion for the child

over whom he/she has parental authority,

files a request with a recognised medical

doctor, accompanied with the child's birth

certificate containing the date of birth.

- Law N°49/2012 OF 22/01/2013 Establishing Medical Professional Liability Insurance (page 40)
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 7)
- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018 (page 123)

Age where consent not needed

18

• National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code (page 12)



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.

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

Spousal consent

No

Related documents:

• National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code (page 19 6)



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)



Additional notes

For therapeutic abortions it is important (not required) to inform the husband.

Ultrasound images or listen to foetal heartbeat required



Not specified

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Related documents:

- National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019
 Law on Offenson and Papalities, 2018
- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018



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



Not specified

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Related documents:

- National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019
- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018



WHO Guidance

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

Many women have made a decision to have an abortion before seeking care, and this decision should be respected without subjecting a woman to mandatory counselling. Provision of counselling to women who desire it should be voluntary, confidential, non-directive and by a trained person. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 2.1.8.1.

↓ Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 46)

Compulsory waiting period



Not specified

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Related documents:

- National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019
- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018



WHO Guidance

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

States should consider eliminating waiting periods that are not medically required, and expanding services to serve all eligible women promptly. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.6.

↓ Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 107)

Mandatory HIV screening test

No

Related documents:

• National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code (page 14)



WHO Guidance

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

Requirements for HIV and other tests that are not clinically indicated are potential service-delivery barriers. Safe Abortion Guidelines, p 88.

↓ Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 88)

Other mandatory STI screening tests

No

Related documents:

• National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code (page 14)



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)

Prohibition of sexselective abortion



Not specified

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Related documents:

- National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019
- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018



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

Yes

Related documents:

• Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018 (page 120)

List of restrictions

Article 127: Advertising the means of

abortion. Any person who, by any means, advertises drugs, materials or any other substances believed to induce abortion, commits an offence. Upon conviction, he/she is liable to imprisonment for a term of not less than one (1) year and not more than two (2) years and a fine of not less than two million Rwandan francs (FRW 2,000,000) and not more than three million Rwandan francs (FRW 3,000,000) or only one of these penalties.

• Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018 (page 120)



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

No data found



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)

Other

Clinical and Service-delivery Aspects of Abortion Care

National guidelines for induced abortion

Yes, guidelines issued by the government

Related documents:

• National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code (page 1)



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)

Methods allowed

Vacuum aspiration

Yes (12-14 WEEKS)

• National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code (page 30)

Dilatation and evacuation

Yes (14-22 WEEKS)

• National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code (page 30)

Combination mifepristone-misoprostol

Yes (154 DAYS)

• National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code (page 42)

Misoprostol only

Yes (Beyond 30 WEEKS)

• National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code (page 30)

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)

Country recognized approval (mifepristone / mifemisoprostol)

Yes

Related documents:

• National List of Essential Medicines for Adults, 2015 (page 41)

Pharmacy selling or distribution



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.

• National List of Essential Medicines for Adults, 2015



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)



Additional notes

Must be dispensed by a pharmacy within a hospital

Country recognized approval (misoprostol)

Yes, for gynaecological indications

Related documents:

• National List of Essential Medicines for Adults, 2015 (page 36)

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

Yes, with prescription only

• National List of Essential Medicines for Adults, 2015 (page 36)



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)

Where can abortion services be provided

Related documents:

• National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code (page 26)

Primary health-care centres

Not specified

- National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019

Secondary (district-level) health-care facilities

Yes

Abortion is performed in a public or private health facility licensed as a hospital or a polyclinic by the Minister in charge of health.

• Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 7)

Specialized abortion care public facilities

Not specified

- National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019

Private health-care centres or clinics

Yes

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• Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019 (page 7)

NGO health-care centres or clinics

Not specified

- National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019



WHO Guidance

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

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

↓ Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 18)

National guidelines for post-abortion care



No data found

Where there is evidence of the existence of a source document that could not be accessed, including those that could not be translated for any reason, this information is provided in an accompanying note.



WHO Guidance

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



Additional notes

A National Treatment Protocol for Comprehensive Post-abortion Care Services exists but could not be located.

Where can post abortion care services be provided

Primary health-care centres

No data found

A National Treatment Protocol for Comprehensive Post-abortion Care Services exists but could not be located.

Secondary (district-level) health-care facilities

No data found

A National Treatment Protocol for Comprehensive Post-abortion Care Services exists but could not be located.

Specialized abortion care public facilities

No data found

A National Treatment Protocol for Comprehensive Post-abortion Care Services exists but could not be located.

Private health-care centres or clinics

No data found

A National Treatment Protocol for Comprehensive Post-abortion Care Services exists but could not be located.

NGO health-care centres or clinics

No data found

A National Treatment Protocol for Comprehensive Post-abortion Care Services exists but could not be located.



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)

Contraception included in postabortion care Yes

Related documents:

• National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code (page 47)



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)

Insurance to offset end user costs

No data found

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

Related documents:

- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018 (page 122)
- National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code (page 58)

Nurse

Yes

- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018 (page 122)
- National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code (page 58)

Midwife/nurse-midwife

Not specified

- National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code
- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018

Doctor (specialty not specified)

Yes

- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018 (page 122)
- National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code (page 58)

Specialist doctor, including OB/GYN

Not specified

- National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code
- Law on Offences and Penalties, 2018

Other (if applicable)



WHO Guidance

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

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

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

Extra facility/provider requirements for delivery of abortion services

Referral linkages to a higher-level facility

Not specified

- National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019

Availability of a specialist doctor, including OB/GYN

Not specified

- National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019

Minimum number of beds

Not specified

- National Protocol for Operationalization of Exemptions for abortion in the Penal Code
- Rwanda Order on abortion MoH, 2019

Other (if applicable)



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)



Not specified

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Related documents:

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- Law N°49/2012 OF 22/01/2013 Establishing Medical Professional Liability Insurance
- Ministerial Order Determining Code of Professional Conduct of Nurses and Midwives, 2011



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Indicators

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Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

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

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

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

248 (2017)

3.1.2 Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel

No data

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

No data

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

25.7 (2015-2020)

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

No data

One of the stripping opportunities for all

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

No data

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

No data

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

No data

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

	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		
	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,	No data		
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		
	140 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		
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Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable an	d inclusive		
institutions at all levels	u iliciusive		
16.1.3 Proportion of population subjected to physical, psychological or sexual violence in the previous 12 months	No data		
	No data		
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 1829 years who experienced sexual violence by age 18	No data		
	140 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	No data		
bribe by those public officials, during the previous 12 months	140 data		
16.6.1 Primary government expenditures as a proportion of original approved budget, by sector (or by budget codes or similar)	No data		
16.6.2 Proportion of the population satisfied with their last experience of public services	No data		
	IVO data		
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	No data		
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Additional Reproductive Health Indicators

Percentage of married women with unmet need for family planning	18.9 (2015)
Percentage of births attended by trained health professional	90.7 (2015)
Percentage of women aged 20-24 who gave birth before age 18	5 (2009-2013)
Total fertility rate	4.044 (2018)
Legal marital age for women, with parental consent	No data
Legal marital age for women, without parental consent	21 (2009-2017)
Gender Inequalities Index (Value)	0.38 (2017)
Gender Inequalities Index (Rank)	85 (2017)
Mandatory paid maternity leave	no (2020)
Median age	20 (2020)
Population, urban (%)	17.211 (2018)
Percentage of secondary school completion rate for girls	0.92 (2013)
Gender parity in secondary education	1.124 (2018)
Percentage of women in non-agricultural employment	68.6900024 (2018)
Proportion of seats in parliament held by women	55.7 (2017)
Sex ratio at birth (male to female births)	1.02 (2018)