Country Profile: Botswana

Region: Southern Africa

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:
  - Botswana Penal Code

- From Health Regulation / Clinical Guidelines:
  - Botswana Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy Guidelines
  - Comprehensive Post Abortion Care Reference Manual, Ministry of Health

- From EML / Registered List:
  - Botswana Essential Drug List 2012

Concluding Observations:

- CEDAW
- CEDAW

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

Abortion at the woman’s request

Legal Ground and Gestational Limit

List of ratified human rights treaties:
- CERD
- CCPR
- Xst
- OP
- 2nd
- OP
- CESCR
- CESCR-OP
- CAT
- CAT-OP
- CEDAW
- CEDAW-OP
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- Botswana Penal Code

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**WHO Guidance**

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

[Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 103)]

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- Botswana Penal Code (page 65)

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**WHO Guidance**

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

[Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 103)]

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**Gestational limit**

**Weeks:** 16

- Botswana Penal Code (page 65)

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[Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 102)]

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### Intellectual or cognitive disability of the woman

**Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
- Botswana Penal Code

### Mental health

**Yes**

**Related documents:**
- Botswana Penal Code (page 65)

#### Gestational limit

**Weeks:** 16

**Related documents:**
- Botswana Penal Code (page 65)

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### Physical health

**Yes**

**Related documents:**
- Botswana Penal Code (page 65)

#### Gestational limit

**Weeks:** 16

**Related documents:**
- Botswana Penal Code (page 65)

### WHO Guidance

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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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Additional Requirements to Access Safe Abortion

**Authorization of health professional(s)**
- Yes

**Related documents:**
- Botswana Penal Code (page 65)

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**Number and cadre of health-care professional authorizations required**
- 2
  - Doctor (Specialty Not Specified)

Authorization is required only in cases where an abortion is needed to save the life or health (physical or mental) of the woman, or in the case of severe foetal anomalies, not in the case of rape, incest or defilement.
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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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Restrictions on the range of providers or facilities that are authorized to provide abortion reduce the availability of services and their equitable geographic distribution. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.2.4.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 106)

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

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Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 104)

Parental consent required for minors

Not specified

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- Botswana Penal Code
- Comprehensive Post Abortion Care Reference Manual, Ministry of Health

WHO Guidance

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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)

Additional notes

Where the abortion is requested by someone who “lacks the capacity to make such request”, the request can be made by her next of kin or guardian or the person in loco parentis.

Related documents:
- Botswana Penal Code (page 65)

Spousal consent

Not specified

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Related documents:
- Botswana Penal Code
- Comprehensive Post Abortion Care Reference Manual, Ministry of Health

WHO Guidance

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Ultrasound images or listen to foetal heartbeat required

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Related documents:
- Botswana Penal Code
- Comprehensive Post Abortion Care Reference Manual, Ministry of Health

WHO Guidance

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

The requirement for ultrasound images or listen to foetal heartbeat before abortion poses a legal and ethical problem because the adverse effects of ultrasound on fetal development are not yet known. Safe Abortion Guidelines, § 4.2.3.2.

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 106)
The following descriptions and recommendations were extracted from WHO guidance on safe abortion.

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

**Compulsory counselling**

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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.

**Compulsory waiting period**

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**WHO Guidance**

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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.

**Mandatory HIV screening test**

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**WHO Guidance**

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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.

**Other mandatory STI screening tests**

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- Comprehensive Post Abortion Care Reference Manual, Ministry of Health
### Prohibition of sex-selective abortion

**Not specified**

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**Related documents:**
- Botswana Penal Code
- Comprehensive Post Abortion Care Reference Manual, Ministry of Health

### Restrictions on information provided to the public

**Yes**

**Related documents:**
- Botswana Penal Code (page 126)

#### List of restrictions

Any person shall be guilty of an offence who, as principal, agent or servant, publishes or causes or assists to be published any advertisement referring to any article, or articles of any description, in terms which are calculated to lead to the use of that article or articles of that description for procuring the miscarriage of women.

- Botswana Penal Code (page 126)

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

**No data found**

### Other

#### National guidelines for induced abortion

**Yes, guidelines issued by the government**

**Related documents:**
- Comprehensive Post Abortion Care Reference Manual, Ministry of Health (page 1)

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

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

- **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)

- **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)

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

**Vacuum aspiration**
Yes (12 WEEKS)
- Comprehensive Post Abortion Care Reference Manual, Ministry of Health (page 32)

**Dilatation and evacuation**
Yes
- Comprehensive Post Abortion Care Reference Manual, Ministry of Health (page 23)

**Combination mifepristone-misoprostol**
Yes (up to and over 12 WEEKS)
- Comprehensive Post Abortion Care Reference Manual, Ministry of Health (page 26)

**Misoprostol only**
Yes (up to and over 12 WEEKS)
- Comprehensive Post Abortion Care Reference Manual, Ministry of Health (page 26)

**Other (where provided)**
Sharp curettage
- Comprehensive Post Abortion Care Reference Manual, Ministry of Health (page 27)

**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 / mife-misoprostol)**

No

**Related documents:**
- Botswana Essential Drug List 2012 (page 1)

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

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

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

Source document: WHO Safe Abortion Guidance (page 75)

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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)

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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.

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Who can provide abortion services

Nurse
Not specified
- Botswana Penal Code
- Comprehensive Post Abortion Care Reference Manual, Ministry of Health

Midwife/nurse-midwife
Not specified
- Botswana Penal Code
- Comprehensive Post Abortion Care Reference Manual, Ministry of Health

Doctor (specialty not specified)
Yes
- Botswana Penal Code (page 65)

Specialist doctor, including OB/GYN
Not specified
- Botswana Penal Code
- Comprehensive Post Abortion Care Reference Manual, Ministry of Health

Other (if applicable)

Extra facility/provider requirements for delivery of abortion services

Referral linkages to a higher-level facility
Not specified
- Botswana Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy Guidelines
- Comprehensive Post Abortion Care Reference Manual, Ministry of Health

Availability of a specialist doctor, including OB/GYN
Not specified
- Botswana Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy Guidelines
- Comprehensive Post Abortion Care Reference Manual, Ministry of Health

Minimum number of beds
Not specified
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Indicators

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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  
144 (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  
30 (2015-2020)

3.8.2 Number of people covered by health insurance or a public health system per 1,000 population  
No data

3.c.1 Health worker density and distribution  
No data

Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

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
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
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<td>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</td>
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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>16.7.1 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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**Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development**

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<td>Percentage of women aged 20-24 who gave birth before age 18</td>
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