Country Profile: Kyrgyzstan

Region: South-Central Asia

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Identified policies and legal sources related to abortion:
- Reproductive Health Act
- General Medical Health Act
- Constitution
- Civil Code
- 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 Reproductive Health Act:
- Law on reproductive rights of citizens amended, 2019

From General Medical Health Act:
- Law on Health Protection, 2005

From Criminal / Penal Code:
- Criminal Code amended, 2021

From Ministerial Order / Decree:
- Abortion procedure, 2009
- Position on abortion for medical indications, 2009
- Position on abortion for social indications, 2009

From Health Regulation / Clinical Guidelines:
- Clinical protocol on medical abortion in the first and second trimester, 2017
- Kyrgyzstan Clinical Protocol Medical abortion-in I and II trimester 2017

From EML / Registered List:
- Medabon registration, 2018
- Essential Medicines List, 2018

From Other:
- Law on National Strategy on Reproductive Health

Concluding Observations:
- CEDAW
- CRC
- CESCR
- SR VAW

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

Abortion at the woman's request

- Gestational limit: 12

Legal Ground and Gestational Limit
**Economic or social reasons**

- 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.

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- Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 16)

**Additional notes**

The Ministry of Health “Clinical protocol for medical abortion in the first and second trimesters of pregnancy” contains a list of social indications. These are: the presence of disability I-II group from his wife and / or her husband; death of the husband during the wife's pregnancy; detention in prison of the woman or her husband; presence of court decision on deprivation or restriction of parental rights; woman’s or husband’s official status as unemployed; woman’s official status as a refugee or forced migrant; divorce during pregnancy; pregnancy as a result of rape; large family (five or more children); presence of a disabled child in the family; material insecurity (income per family member is less than the official living wage); the pregnant woman's age is below 18 years. The Protocol states that if a woman has grounds for abortion of a non-medical nature which are not listed, a decision on whether she may terminate the pregnancy will be taken on an individual basis by a commission at the primary health care centre level or by a consultation at the hospital level. The gestational limit is 22 weeks.

**Related documents:**
- Law on Health Protection, 2005 (page 18)
- Clinical protocol on medical abortion in the first and second trimester, 2017 (page 11)

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**Foetal impairment**

- Yes

**Related documents:**
- Clinical protocol on medical abortion in the first and second trimester, 2017 (page 24)

**Gestational limit**

**Weeks:** 22

- Law on reproductive rights of citizens amended, 2019 (page 10)

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Until they are replaced with abortion on request, any existing grounds should be formulated and applied in a manner consistent with international human rights law. This requires that abortion not be made contingent on the presence of a health indication, or that abortion be available on the request of the woman, girl or other pregnant person.

- Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 64)

**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**

Congenital anomalies and hereditary diseases in the foetus are included in the list of medical indications for termination of pregnancy. There is no gestational limit.

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**Rape**

Rape is considered a social indication for abortion.

- Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 64)

**Related documents:**
- Clinical protocol on medical abortion in the first and second trimester, 2017 (page 11)
### Incest

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  **Source document**: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 64)

### Intellectual or cognitive disability of the woman

- **Not specified**
  
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### Mental health

- **Not specified**
  
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Physical health

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**Additional notes**

Abortion for medical reasons may be performed regardless of gestational age. The Ministry of Health “Clinical protocol for medical abortion in the first and second trimesters of pregnancy” contains a list of medical indications. For these indications there is no gestational limit.

**Related documents:**
- Clinical protocol on medical abortion in the first and second trimester, 2017 (page 20)

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Health

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**Additional notes**

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Until they are replaced with abortion on request, any existing grounds should be formulated and applied in a manner consistent with international human rights law. This requires that abortion is available where the life and health of the woman, girl or other pregnant person is at risk. Abortion Care Guideline § 2.2.2.

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

1 Commission

For abortions for medical or social reasons after 12 weeks of gestation, a permit issued by a “Commission” is required. The “Commission” decides on the basis of a diagnosis of a disease or finding of a social factor by the doctor from whom the woman seeks a referral for abortion. The Ministry of Health “Clinical protocol for medical abortion in the first and second trimesters of pregnancy” states that if a woman has grounds for abortion of a non-medical nature which are not listed, a decision on whether she may terminate the pregnancy will be taken on an individual basis by a commission at the primary health care centre level or by a consultation at the hospital level. No further information was found on how the “Commission” is constituted or works. In the case of women receiving inpatient treatment and needing an abortion for medical reasons, the abortion permit is issued by a consilium of doctors treating facility. In the case of women being treated in a midwifery-gynaecological hospital, an appropriate record is entered in the medical history, certified by the doctor's signatures according to the profile of the condition of the pregnant woman, the treating doctor and the head of the health organization (department),

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#### Additional notes

For medical indications included on the list there is no gestational limit.

For social indications included on the list, the gestational limit is 22 weeks.

### Authorization in specially licensed facilities only

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#### WHO Guidance

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To establish an enabling environment, there is a need for abortion care to be integrated into the health system across all levels (including primary, secondary and tertiary) – and supported in the community – to allow for expansion of health worker roles, including self-management approaches. To ensure both access to abortion and achievement of Universal Health Coverage (UHC), abortion must be centred within primary health care (PHC), which itself is fully integrated within the health system, facilitating referral pathways for higher-level care when needed. Abortion Care Guideline § 1.4.1.

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**Source document:** WHO-Safe-Abortion-Guidance-2012.pdf#page=104

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### Spousal consent

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### Ultrasound images or listen to foetal heartbeat required

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The right to refuse information, including the right to refuse viewing ultrasound images, must be respected. The Abortion Care Guideline recommends against the use of ultrasound scanning as a prerequisite for providing abortion services for both medical and surgical abortion. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.3.5.

**Source document:** WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 85)

### Compulsory counselling

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While counselling should be made available and accessible, it should always be voluntary for women to choose whether or not they want to receive it. The right to refuse counselling when offered must be respected. Where provided, counselling must be available to individuals in a way that respects privacy and confidentiality.

Counselling should be person-centred and may need to be tailored according to the needs of the individual; young people, survivors of sexual and gender-based violence or members of marginalized groups may have different information or counselling requirements.

The content of and approach to counselling will need to be adjusted depending on the reason for seeking abortion services. Therefore, it is important for the counsellor to be aware of and sensitive to the individual’s situation and needs. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.2.2.

**Source document:** WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 77)

### Compulsory waiting period

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Mandatory waiting periods delay access to abortion, sometimes to the extent that women’s access to abortion or choice of abortion method is restricted. The Abortion Care Guideline recommends against mandatory waiting periods for abortion. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.3.1.

**Source document:** WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 79)
### Mandatory HIV screening test

Not specified

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Regulatory, policy and programmatic barriers – as well as barriers in practice – that hinder access to and timely provision of quality abortion care should be removed. Abortion Care Guideline § Box 2.1.

**Source document:** WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 59)

**Additional notes**

Blood tests for RW, HIV, coagulogram (platelets, blood clotting), blood type and Rh factor are not necessary before a medical abortion, but the Clinical Protocol on Medical Abortion specifies that due these tests are necessary in the case of surgical abortion. In health organizations, where all women conduct laboratory tests to exclude STIs, in the absence of clinical signs of infection, induced abortion should not be postponed until the results of these tests are obtained.

**Related documents:**
- Clinical protocol on medical abortion in the first and second trimester, 2017 (page 7)

### Other mandatory STI screening tests

Not specified

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### Prohibition of sex-selective abortion

Not specified

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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.

**Source document:** Preventing Gender-Biased Sex Selection (page 17)
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National standards and guidelines for abortion care should be evidence based and periodically updated and should provide the necessary guidance to achieve equal access to comprehensive abortion care. Leadership should also promote evidence-based SRH services according to these standards and guidelines. Abortion Care Guideline § 1.3.3.

*Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 50)*
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| Dilatation and evacuation | Not specified |
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| - Clinical protocol on medical abortion in the first and second trimester, 2017 |
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| Combination mifepristone-misoprostol | Yes (22 WEEKS) |
| Medical abortions up to 71 days from the first day of the menstrual period can be performed in primary health care facilities and hospitals. After 71 days they may be performed only in hospitals. |
| - Clinical protocol on medical abortion in the first and second trimester, 2017 (page 10) |

| Misoprostol only | Not specified |
| - Clinical protocol on medical abortion in the first and second trimester, 2017 |

| Other (where provided) | |
| - Clinical protocol on medical abortion in the first and second trimester, 2017 |

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Vacuum aspiration is recommended for surgical abortions at or under 14 weeks to be provided by traditional and complementary medicine professionals, nurses, midwives, associate/advanced associate clinicians, generalist medical practitioners and specialist medical practitioners.

The Abortion Care Guideline recommends against the practice of dilatation and sharp curettage (D&C), including for sharp curette checks (i.e. to “complete” the abortion) following vacuum aspiration. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.4.1.  
Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 101)

Dilation and evacuation (D&E) is recommended for surgical abortions at or over 14 weeks to be provided by generalist medical practitioners and specialist medical practitioners. Vacuum aspiration can be used during a D&E. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.4.1.  
Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 103)

The recommended method for medical abortion is mifepristone followed by misoprostol (regimen differs by gestational age). Abortion Care Guideline § 3.4.2.  
Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 106)

The Abortion Care Guideline recommends the use of misoprostol alone, with a regime that differs by gestational age. Evidence demonstrates that the use of combination mifepristone plus misoprostol is more effective than misoprostol alone. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.4.2.  
Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 106)
### WHO Guidance

The following descriptions were extracted from WHO Abortion Care Guideline. Where there is a specific Recommendation, this is stated. Otherwise, these are excerpts.

Mifepristone and misoprostol should be listed in relevant national EMLs (NEMLs) or their equivalent and should be included in the relevant clinical care/service delivery guidelines.

Inclusion in the NEML is one important component of ensuring that quality medicines are available.

For induced abortion, Mifepristone (200 mg) and misoprostol (200 μg), are recommended in the WHO EML. The EML specifically mentions the following co-packaged formulation: 1 tablet mifepristone (200 mg) + 4 tablets misoprostol (200 μg).

Restrictions on prescribing authority for some categories of health workers may need to be modified or other mechanisms put in place to make the medicines available for these health workers within the regulatory framework of the health system. Abortion Care Guideline § 1.4.4.

**Source document**: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 55)

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### Additional notes

The Essential Medicines List specifies that Misoprostol is for: "treatment of incomplete abortion and miscarriage; prevention and treatment of postpartum hemorrhage where oxytocin is not available or cannot be safely administered."
Where can abortion services be provided

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**WHO Guidance**

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Where it is lawful, abortion must be accessible in practice. This requires both ensuring that health-care facilities, commodities and services are accessible (including sufficient providers), and that law and policy on abortion is formulated, interpreted and applied in a way that is compatible with human rights. Abortion Care Guideline § 1.3.1.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 48)

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National guidelines for post-abortion care

Yes, guidelines issued by the government

**WHO Guidance**

The following descriptions were extracted from WHO Abortion Care Guideline. Where there is a specific Recommendation, this is stated. Otherwise, these are excerpts.

National standards and guidelines for abortion care should be evidence based and periodically updated and should provide the necessary guidance to achieve equal access to comprehensive abortion care. Leadership should also promote evidence-based SRH services according to these standards and guidelines. Abortion Care Guideline § 1.3.3.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 50)
Where can post-abortion care services be provided

| Location                                      | Description                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------|                                                                            |
| Primary health-care centres                   | Not specified                                                               |
| Secondary (district-level) health-care facilities | Not specified                                                               |
| Specialized abortion care public facilities   | Not specified                                                               |
| Private health-care centres or clinics        | Not specified                                                               |
| NGO health-care centres or clinics            | Not specified                                                               |

**WHO Guidance**

The following descriptions were extracted from WHO Abortion Care Guideline. Where there is a specific Recommendation, this is stated. Otherwise, these are excerpts.

The Abortion Care Guideline recommends the option of telemedicine as an alternative to in-person interactions with the health worker to deliver medical abortion services in whole or in part. Telemedicine services should include referrals (based on the woman’s location) for medicines (abortion and pain control medicines), any abortion care or post-abortion follow-up required (including for emergency care if needed), and for post-abortion contraceptive services. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.6.1.

**Related documents:**
- WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 133)

Contraception included in post-abortion care

- Yes

**Related documents:**
- Clinical protocol on medical abortion in the first and second trimester, 2017 (page 8)

**WHO Guidance**

The following descriptions were extracted from WHO Abortion Care Guideline. Where there is a specific Recommendation, this is stated. Otherwise, these are excerpts.

All contraceptive options may be considered after an abortion. For individuals undergoing surgical abortion and wishing to use contraception, Abortion Care Guideline recommends the option of initiating the contraception at the time of surgical abortion. For individuals undergoing medical abortion, for those who choose to use hormonal contraception, the Abortion Care Guideline suggests that they be given the option of starting hormonal contraception immediately after the first pill of the medical abortion regimen. For those who choose to have an IUD inserted, Abortion Care Guideline suggests IUD placement at the time that success of the abortion procedure is determined. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.5.4.

**Related documents:**
- WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 126)

Insurance to offset end user costs

- Not specified

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**Related documents:**
- Law on Health Protection, 2005

**Other (if applicable)**

**WHO Guidance**

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Where user fees are charged for abortion, this should be based on careful consideration of ability to pay, and fee waivers should be available for those who are facing financial hardship and adolescent abortion seekers. As far as possible, abortion services and supplies should be mandated for coverage under insurance plans as inability to pay is not an acceptable reason to deny or delay abortion care. Furthermore, having transparent procedures in all health-care facilities can ensure that informal charges are not imposed by staff. Abortion Care Guideline § 1.4.2.

**Related documents:**
- WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 53)
### Related documents:
- Law on Health Protection, 2005

### Nurse
- Not specified
  - Law on Health Protection, 2005
  - Clinical protocol on medical abortion in the first and second trimester, 2017

### Midwife/nurse-midwife
- Not specified
  - Law on Health Protection, 2005
  - Clinical protocol on medical abortion in the first and second trimester, 2017

### Doctor (specialty not specified)
- Not specified
  - Law on Health Protection, 2005
  - Clinical protocol on medical abortion in the first and second trimester, 2017

### Specialist doctor, including OB/GYN
- Not specified
  - Law on Health Protection, 2005
  - Clinical protocol on medical abortion in the first and second trimester, 2017

### Other (if applicable)
- Medical abortion is conducted by a specially trained medical professional (certificate).
  - Clinical protocol on medical abortion in the first and second trimester, 2017 (page 12)

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

| Referral linkages to a higher-level facility | No data found |
| Availability of a specialist doctor, including OB/GYN | No data found |
| Minimum number of beds | No data found |

### Conscientious Objection

### Public sector providers

- **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 reproductive rights of citizens amended, 2019
- Criminal Code amended, 2021

### WHO Guidance
The following descriptions were extracted from WHO Abortion Care Guideline. Where there is a specific Recommendation, this is stated. Otherwise, these are excerpts.

The Abortion Care Guideline recommends that access to and continuity of comprehensive abortion care be protected against barriers created by conscientious objection. It is critical that States ensure compliance with regulations and design/organize health systems to ensure access to and continuity of quality abortion care. If it proves impossible to regulate conscientious objection in a way that respects, protects and fulfills abortion seekers’ rights, conscientious objection in abortion provision may become indefensible. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.3.9.

**Source document**: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 98)
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**Source document:** WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 98)
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)

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)

Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

3.1.1 Maternal mortality ratio

3.2 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.c.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

5.1.2 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

5.2.1 Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to physical, sexual or psychological 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

5.6.3 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

16.6.1 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
No data

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
No data

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
No data

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

17.8.1 Proportion of individuals using the Internet
No data

**Additional Reproductive Health Indicators**

- Percentage of married women with unmet need for family planning: 18 (2012)
- Percentage of births attended by trained health professional: 98.4 (2014)
- Percentage of women aged 20-24 who gave birth before age 18: 2 (2009-2013)
- Total fertility rate: 3.3 (2018)
- Legal marital age for women, with parental consent: 18 (2009-2017)
- Legal marital age for women, without parental consent: No data
- Gender Inequalities Index (Value): 0.39 (2017)
- Gender Inequalities Index (Rank): 91 (2017)
- Mandatory paid maternity leave: yes (2020)
- Median age: 26 (2020)
- Population, urban (%): 36.35 (2018)
- Percentage of secondary school completion rate for girls: 0.98 (2013)
- Percentage of women in non-agricultural employment: 68.69 (2018)
- Proportion of seats in parliament held by women: 19.2 (2017)
- Sex ratio at birth (male to female births): 1.06 (2018)