Country Profile: Malaysia
Region: South-Eastern Asia
Last Updated: 22 December 2022

Identified policies and legal sources related to abortion:
- Reproductive Health Act
- General Medical Health Act
- 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 General Medical Health Act:
- Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act, 1998

From Criminal / Penal Code:
- Penal Code, 2006

From Health Regulation / Clinical Guidelines:
- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012

From EML / Registered List:
- National Essential Medicines List, 2019

Concluding Observations:
- SR
- HEALTH

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
- No

Legal Ground and Gestational Limit

| Economic or social reasons | No |

Related documents:
- Penal Code, 2006 (page 126)

WHO Guidance

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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 when carrying a pregnancy to term would cause the woman, girl or other pregnant person substantial pain or suffering, including but not limited to situations where the pregnancy is not viable. Grounds-based approaches that require fetal impairments to be fatal for abortion to be lawful frustrate providers and leave women no choice but to continue with pregnancy. Being required to continue with a pregnancy that causes significant distress violates numerous human rights. Abortion Care Guideline § 2.2.2.

Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 64)
Additional Requirements to Access Safe Abortion

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### Gestational limit

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| Related documents: | Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012 (page 1:6) |

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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-2012.pdf#page=103

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### Life

| Yes |
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| Related documents: | Penal Code, 2006 (page 126) |

### Gestational limit

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### Other

- **Related documents:** Penal Code, 2006 (page 126)
Authorization of health professional(s)

- Yes

**Related documents:**
- Penal Code, 2006 (page 126)
- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012 (page 1:7)

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

- 1
  - Registered Medical Practitioner

While by law, only one medical registered practitioner is required to

assess if a termination of pregnancy is, it is suggested that in a Government Hospital setting, two doctors, one of whom is a specialist, should concur on the termination of Pregnancy. For mental health reasons, an opinion from a psychologist or psychiatrist is not needed unless it is deemed necessary by the attending doctor i.e. because of severe depression or suicidal risk.

**Related documents:**
- Penal Code, 2006 (page 126)
- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012 (page 7)
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**WHO Guidance**

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Third-party authorization requirements are incompatible with international human rights law, which provides that States may not restrict women’s access to health services on the ground that they do not have the authorization of husbands, partners, parents or health authorities, because they are unmarried, or because they are women. The Abortion Care Guideline recommends that abortion be available on the request of the woman, girl or other pregnant person without the authorization of any other individual, body or institution. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.3.2.

**Source document:** WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 81)

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Authorization in specially licensed facilities only

- Not specified

**Related documents:**
- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012
- Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act, 1998

**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.

**Source document:** WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 52)

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Judicial authorization for minors

- Not specified

**Related documents:**
- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012

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Judicial authorization in cases of rape

- not applicable

**WHO Guidance**

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There shall be no procedural requirements to “prove” or “establish” satisfaction of grounds, such as requiring judicial orders or police reports in cases of rape or sexual assault (for sources to support this information). These restrictions subject the individual to unnecessary trauma, may put them at increased risk from the perpetrator, and may cause women to resort to unsafe abortion.

The Abortion Care Guideline recommends abortion be available on the request of the woman, girl or other pregnant person. Abortion Care Guideline § 2.2.2.

**Source document:** WHO-Safe-Abortion-Guidance-2012.pdf#page=104
### Police report required in case of rape

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#### 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.

While parental or partner involvement in abortion decision-making can support and assist women, girls or other pregnant persons, this must be based on the values and preferences of the person availing of abortion and not imposed by third-party authorization requirements. Third-party authorization requirements are incompatible with international human rights law, which provides that States may not restrict women’s access to health services on the ground that they do not have the authorization of husbands, partners, parents or health authorities, because they are unmarried, or because they are women. The Abortion Care Guideline recommends that abortion be available on the request of the woman, girl or other pregnant person without the authorization of any other individual, body or institution. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.3.2.

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**Additional notes**

Muslim women require husband’s consent as per Fatwa, this is not a legal requirement otherwise.

### Ultrasound images or listen to foetal heartbeat required

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#### WHO Guidance

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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)*
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### Prohibition of sex-selective abortion

*Not specified*

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**Related documents:**
- Penal Code, 2006

### Restrictions on information provided to the public

No data found

**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.

Dissemination of misinformation, withholding of information and censorship should be prohibited. Information should be accessible and understandable, including formats catering to low-literacy and differently abled populations. Different modalities exist for the provision of information on abortion, e.g. remote access via hotlines and telemedicine, and through approaches such as harm reduction and community-based outreach, as well as in-person interactions with health workers.

*Source document:* WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 74)

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

*Not specified*

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**Related documents:**
- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012

### Other

Consent for cognitively impaired women may be obtained from parent/guardian or doctors caring for her

**Related documents:**
- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012 (page 1:9)

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

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- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012 (page A)

**WHO Guidance**

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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)
Methods allowed

Vacuum aspiration
Yes (7-19 WEEKS)

Manual vacuum aspiration is permitted below ten weeks of gestation. Suction evacuation (vacuum aspiration/suction curettage) is permitted between seven and 14 weeks, and surgical evacuation is permitted up to 19 weeks.

- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012 (page 1:11)

Dilatation and evacuation
Yes (15-20 WEEKS)

Dilatation and evacuation is to be done by a specialist practitioner. It is not the method of choice since it is associated with complications such as bleeding and cervical injury.

- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012 (page 1:20)

Combination mifepristone-misoprostol
Yes (14-22 WEEKS)

- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012 (page 1:11)

Misoprostol only
Yes (5-9, 14-22 WEEKS)

- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012 (page 1:11)

Other (where provided)
Gemeprostor or methotrexate with misoprostol
Extra-amniotic saline infiltration is also listed, but with a note regarding limited safety/efficacy data

- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012 (page 1:11)

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WHO Guidance

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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)

Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012 (page 1:11)

Related documents:

- National Essential Medicines List, 2019 (page 1)

WHO Guidance

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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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### Country recognized approval (misoprostol)

No

**Related documents:**
- National Essential Medicines List, 2019 (page 1)

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**Related documents:**
- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012 (page A)
- Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act, 1998

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### National guidelines for post-abortion care

Yes, guidelines issued by the government

**Related documents:**
- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012 (page A)

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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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**Additional notes**

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**Source document:** WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 50)
### Primary health-care centres

- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012
- Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act, 1998

### Secondary (district-level) health-care facilities

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- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012 (page 1:7)
- Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act, 1998 (page 1)

### Specialized abortion care public facilities

- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012
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### Private health-care centres or clinics

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- Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act, 1998 (page 1)

### NGO health-care centres or clinics

- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012
- Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act, 1998

#### Contraception included in post-abortion care

**Yes**

- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012 (page 1:13)

#### Insurance to offset end user costs

- Not specified

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**WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 53)**

**Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012**

**Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act, 1998**

**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.**

- Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 133)

**WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 126)**

**Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012**

**Private Healthcare Facilities and Services Act, 1998**

**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.**

- Source document: WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 133)
### Related documents:
- Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012 (page 1:15)
- Penal Code, 2006

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

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<td>Specialist doctor, including OB/GYN</td>
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### WHO Guidance

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The Abortion Care Guideline recommends against regulation on who can provide and manage abortion that is inconsistent with WHO guidance. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.3.8.

**Source document:** WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 97)

### Referral linkages to a higher-level facility

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**Source document:** Guideline on Termination of Pregnancy for Hospitals in the Ministry of Health, 2012 (page 1:7)

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There is no single recommended approach to providing abortion services. The choice of specific health worker(s) (from among the recommended options) or management by the individual themself, and the location of service provision (from among recommended options) will depend on the values and preferences of the woman, girl or other pregnant person, available resources, and the national and local context. A plurality of service-delivery approaches can co-exist within any given context. Given that service-delivery approaches can be diverse, it is important to ensure that for the individual seeking care, the range of service-delivery options taken together will provide access to scientifically accurate, understandable information at all stages; access to quality-assured medicines (including those for pain management); back-up referral support if desired or needed; linkages to an appropriate choice of contraceptive services for those who want post-abortion contraception. Best Practice Statement 49 on service delivery. Abortion Care Guideline § 3.6.1.

**Source document:** WHO Abortion Care Guideline (page 132)

### Conscientious Objection
### Public sector providers

**Not specified**

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**Additional notes**

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Public facilities

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Facility type not specified

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Indicators
Country specific information related to sexual and reproductive health indications. As data for the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicators related to sexual and reproductive health become available, these will be provided, through periodic updates.

Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

1.1.1 Proportion of population below the international poverty line, by sex, age, employment status and geographical location (urban/rural)  
No data

1.3.1 Proportion of population covered by social protection floors/systems, by sex, distinguishing children, unemployed persons, older persons, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, newborns, work-injury victims and the poor and the vulnerable  
No data

1.3.2 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  
29 (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  
13.4 (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 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

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
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<td>5.3.2 Proportion of girls and women aged 15-49 years who have undergone female genital mutilation/cutting, by age</td>
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<td>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</td>
<td>No data</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>5.a.1 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</td>
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<td>5.b.1 Proportion of individuals who own a mobile telephone, by sex</td>
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<td>Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all</td>
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<td>8.5.2 Unemployment rate, by sex, age and persons with disabilities</td>
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<td>10.2.1 Proportion of people living below 50 per cent of median income, by age, sex and persons with disabilities</td>
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<td>10.2.3 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</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>16.1.3 Proportion of population subjected to physical, psychological or sexual violence in the previous 12 months</td>
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<td>16.1.5 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>16.1.6 Proportion of the population satisfied with their last experience of public services</td>
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<td>16.1.8 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>Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development</td>
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<td>17.8.1 Proportion of individuals using the Internet</td>
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<td>Percentage of married women with unmet need for family planning</td>
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