



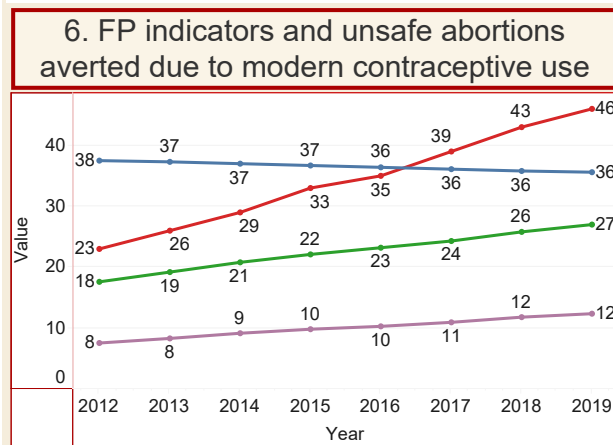
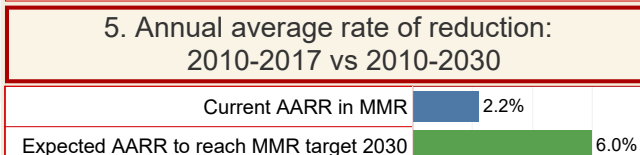
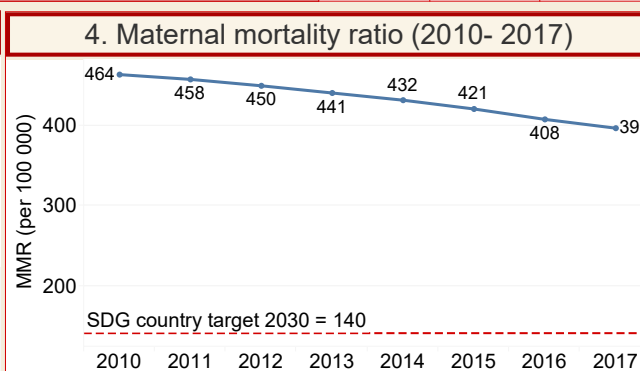
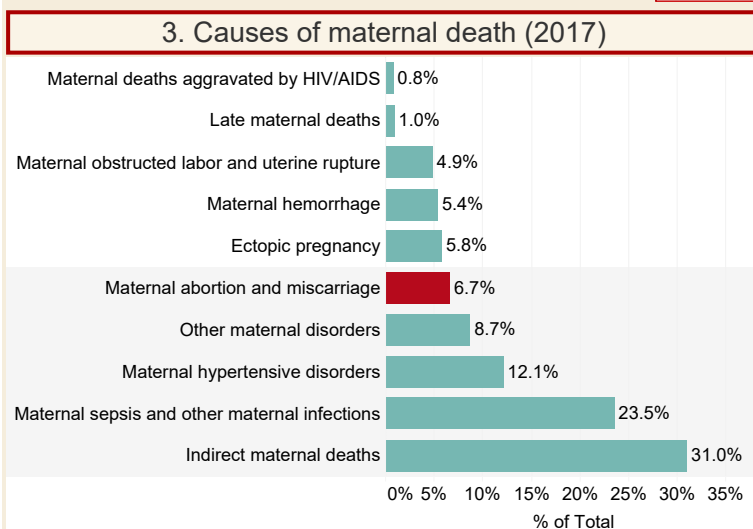
# ABORTION HEALTH PROFILE

## BENIN 2019



1. General Statistics	
Total population (000's), 2019	11,801
Total female population (15 - 49 years) (000's), 2019	2,798
Total fertility rate 15-49 (births per woman), 2017	6
Adolescent birth rate (per 1000 women aged 15-19 years), 2016	108
Unintended pregnancies (000's), 2019	131
Proportion of women who make their own informed decisions regarding sexual relations (% of women aged 15-49 years), 2012	64

2. Legal status of abortion			
	Not specified	No	Yes
On request		×	
For economic or social reasons		×	
In cases of foetal impairment			✓
In cases of incest			✓
In cases of intellectual/cognitive disability of woman		×	
In cases of rape			✓
To preserve a woman's health			✓
To preserve a woman's mental health	○		
To preserve a woman's physical health		×	
To save a woman's life			✓
Other			✓



**Legend**

- Contraceptive prevalence - modern methods (%)
- Demand satisfied for modern contraception (%)
- Unmet need for family planning (%)
- Unsafe abortions averted (000's)

### 7. Available in National Essential Medicines List - (2018)

Misoprostol	✓
Mifepristone	×
Misoprostol + Mifepristone combination	×

### 8. Post-abortion contraceptive acceptance

No data

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### Definitions and abbreviations

**Unsafe abortions averted due to modern contraceptive use:** Number of unsafe abortions that did not occur during a specified reference period as a result of the protection provided by modern contraceptive use during the reference period.

**Contraceptive prevalence - Modern Methods:** Percentage of women of reproductive age who are using (or whose partner is using) a modern contraceptive method at a particular point in time

**Unmet need:** percentage of fecund women of reproductive age who want no more children or to postpone having the next child, but are not using a contraceptive method, plus women who are currently using a traditional method of family planning

**FP** - Family planning, **MMR** - Maternal Mortality Ratio

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