



# ABORTION HEALTH PROFILE

## MALAWI 2019



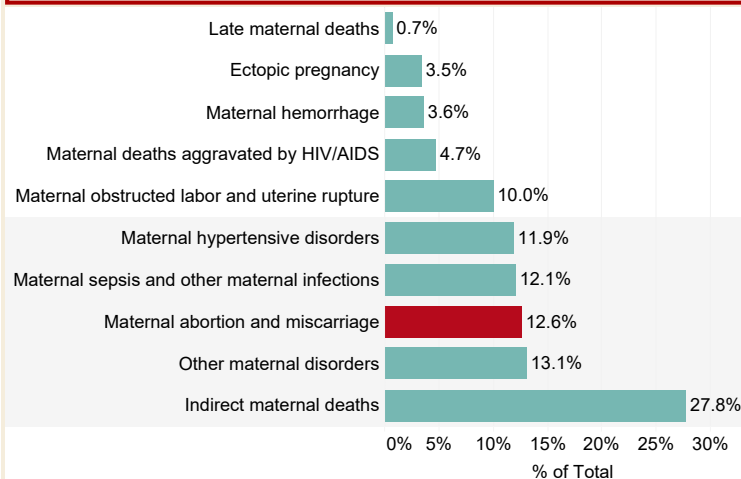
### 1. General Statistics

Total population (000's), 2019	18,629
Total female population (15 - 49 years) (000's), 2019	4,548
Total fertility rate 15-49 (births per woman), 2017	4
Unintended pregnancies (000's), 2019	856
Adolescent birth rate (per 1000 women aged 15-19 years), 2015	138
Proportion of women who make their own informed decisions regarding sexual relations (% of women aged 15-49 years), 2016	70

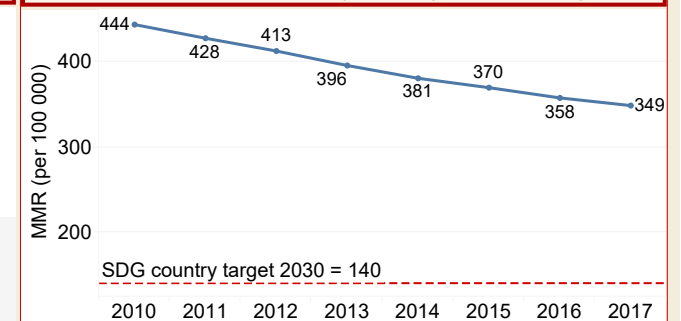
### 2. Legal status of abortion

	Not specified	Yes
On request	<input type="radio"/>	
For economic or social reasons	<input type="radio"/>	
In cases of foetal impairment	<input type="radio"/>	
In cases of incest	<input type="radio"/>	
In cases of intellectual/cognitive disability of woman	<input type="radio"/>	
In cases of rape	<input type="radio"/>	
To preserve a woman's health	<input type="radio"/>	
To preserve a woman's mental health	<input type="radio"/>	
To preserve a woman's physical health	<input type="radio"/>	
To save a woman's life		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### 3. Causes of maternal death (2017)



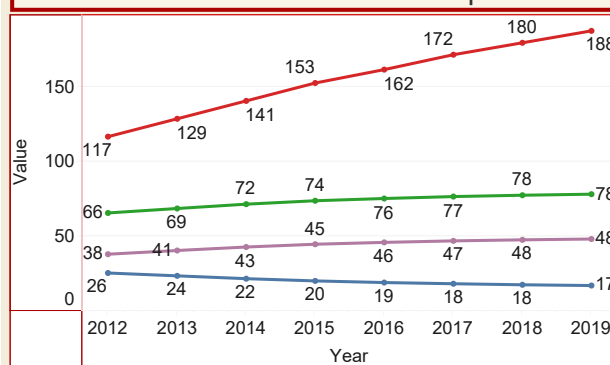
### 4. Maternal mortality ratio (2010- 2017)



### 5. Annual average rate of reduction: 2010-2017 vs 2010-2030

Current AARR in MMR	3.4%
Expected AARR to reach MMR target 2030	5.8%

### 6. FP indicators and unsafe abortions averted due to modern contraceptive use



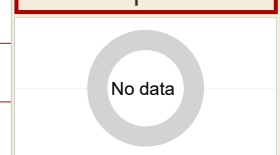
**Legend**

- 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 - (2015)

Misoprostol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mifepristone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Misoprostol + Mifepristone combination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### 8. Post-abortion contraceptive acceptance



### References

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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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