ABORTION HEALTH PROFILE
LIBERIA 2019
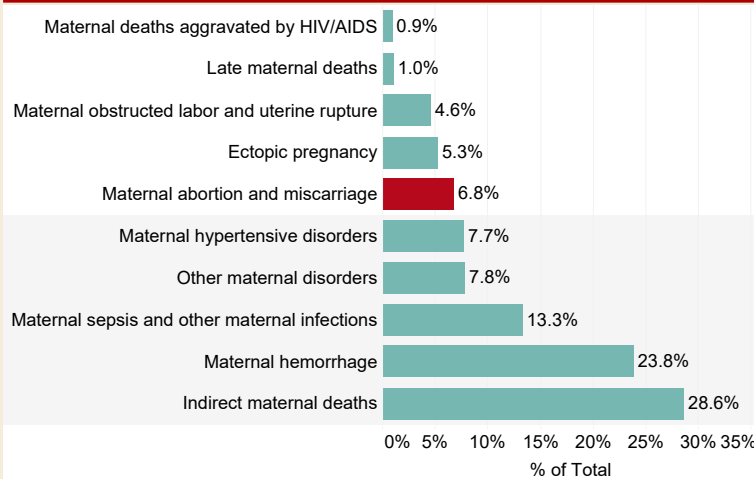
1. General Statistics

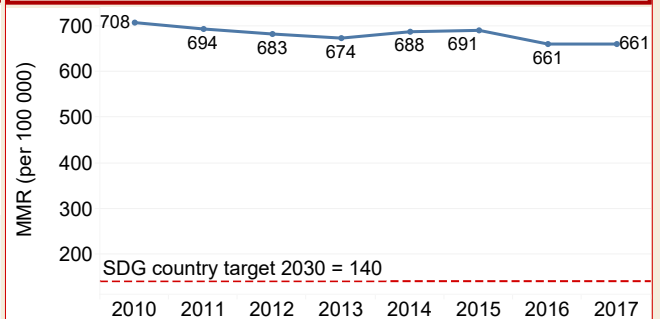|	
Total population (000's), 2019	4,937
Total female population (15 - 49 years) (000's), 2019	1,189
Unintended pregnancies (000's), 2019	137
Adolescent birth rate (per 1000 women aged 15-19 years), 2015	150
Proportion of women who make their own informed decisions regarding sexual relations (% of women aged 15-49 years), 2013	92
Total fertility rate 15-49 (births per woman), 2016	4

2. Legal status of abortion

	Not specified	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		✔

3. Causes of maternal death (2017)

Cause	% of Total
Maternal deaths aggravated by HIV/AIDS	0.9%
Late maternal deaths	1.0%
Maternal obstructed labor and uterine rupture	4.6%
Ectopic pregnancy	5.3%
Maternal abortion and miscarriage	6.8%
Maternal hypertensive disorders	7.7%
Other maternal disorders	7.8%
Maternal sepsis and other maternal infections	13.3%
Maternal hemorrhage	23.8%
Indirect maternal deaths	28.6%

4. Maternal mortality ratio (2010- 2017)

MMR (per 100 000)

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
708	694	683	674	688	691	661	661

SDG country target 2030 = 140

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

Current AARR in MMR	1.0%
Expected AARR to reach MMR target 2030	8.1%

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

Value vs Year (2012-2019)
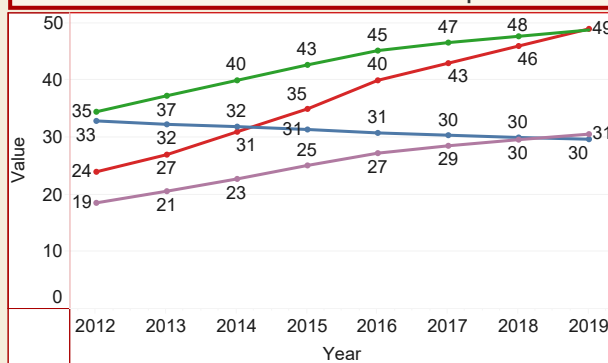
Legend
- Contraceptive prevalence - modern methods (%)
- Demand satisfied for modern contraception (%)
- Unmet need for family planning (%)
- Unsafe abortions averted (000's)

7. Available in National Essential Medicines List - (2011)

Misoprostol	✔
Mifepristone	✘
Misoprostol + Mifepristone combination	✘

8. Post-abortion contraceptive acceptance

No data

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For further information:
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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