



# ABORTION HEALTH PROFILE

## NAMIBIA 2019



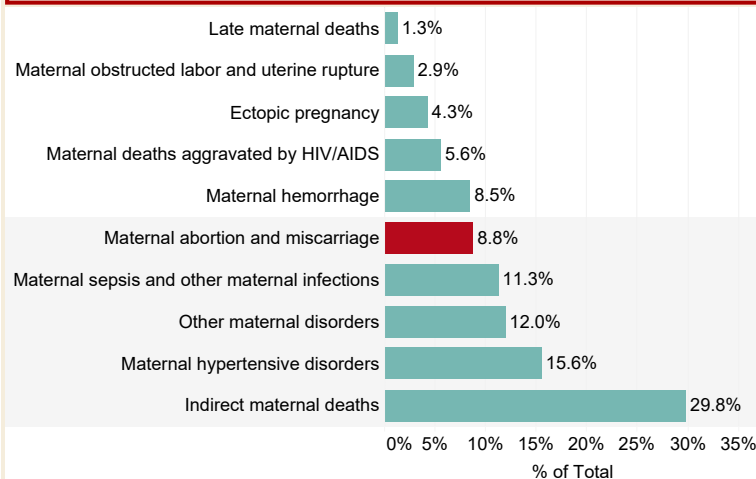
### 1. General Statistics

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| Total population (000's), 2019   | 2,495 |
| Total female population (15 - 49 years) (000's), 2019  | 658   |
| Adolescent birth rate (per 1000 women aged 15-19 years), 2016  | 64    |
| Unintended pregnancies (000's), 2019   |       |
| Proportion of women who make their own informed decisions regarding sexual relations (% of women aged 15-49 years), 2013 | 94    |
| Total fertility rate 15-49 (births per woman), 2013  | 4     |

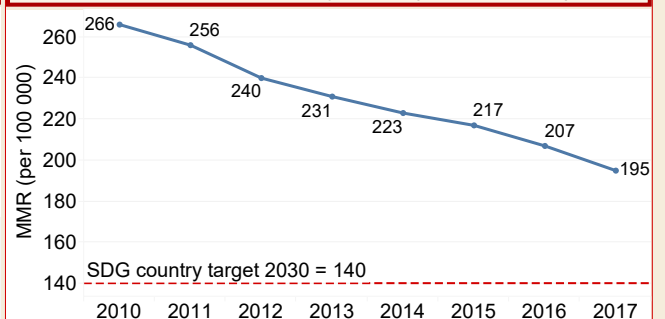
### 2. Legal status of abortion

|  | No | Yes |
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| 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)



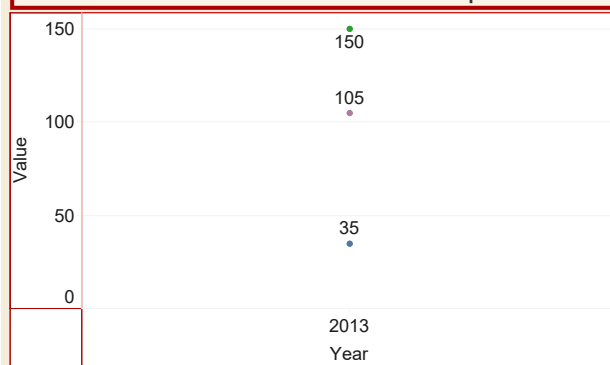
### 4. Maternal mortality ratio (2010- 2017)



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

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| Current AARR in MMR                    | 4.4% |
| Expected AARR to reach MMR target 2030 | 5.5% |

### 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 - (Null)

|  |   |
|--|---|
| 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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