ABORTION HEALTH PROFILE
UGANDA 2019
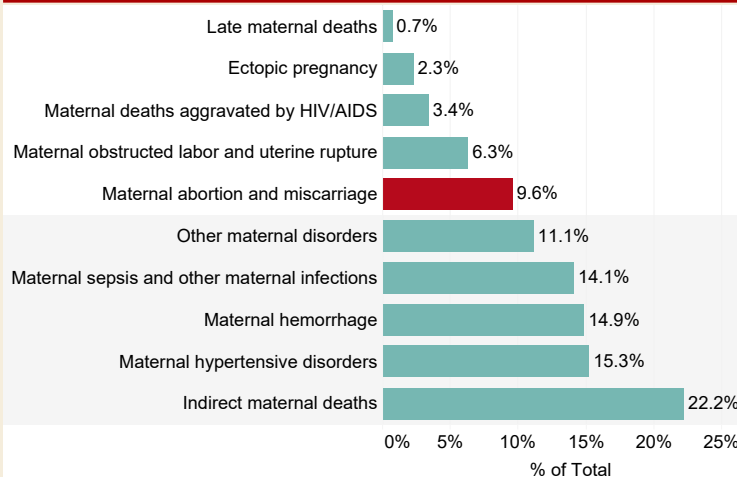
1. General Statistics

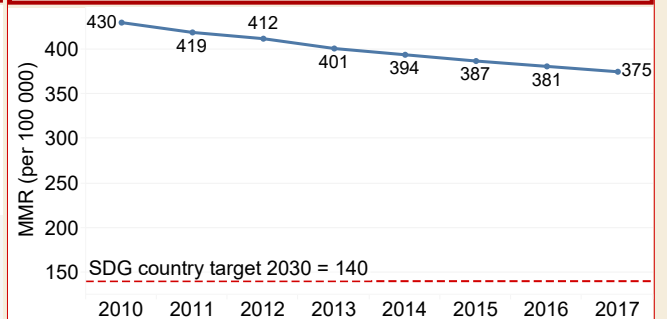|	
Total population (000's), 2019	44,270
Total female population (15 - 49 years) (000's), 2019	10,515
Unintended pregnancies (000's), 2019	1,157
Adolescent birth rate (per 1000 women aged 15-19 years), 2015	132
Proportion of women who make their own informed decisions regarding sexual relations (% of women aged 15-49 years), 2016	87
Total fertility rate 15-49 (births per woman), 2018	5

2. Legal status of abortion

	Not specif..	Yes
On request	○	
For economic or social reasons	○	
In cases of foetal impairment	○	
In cases of incest	○	
In cases of intellectual/cognitive disability of the 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)

- Late maternal deaths: 0.7%
- Ectopic pregnancy: 2.3%
- Maternal deaths aggravated by HIV/AIDS: 3.4%
- Maternal obstructed labor and uterine rupture: 6.3%
- Maternal abortion and miscarriage: 9.6%
- Other maternal disorders: 11.1%
- Maternal sepsis and other maternal infections: 14.1%
- Maternal hemorrhage: 14.9%
- Maternal hypertensive disorders: 15.3%
- Indirect maternal deaths: 22.2%

% of Total

4. Maternal mortality ratio (2010- 2017)

MMR (per 100 000): 430, 419, 412, 401, 394, 387, 381, 375 (2010–2017)

SDG country target 2030 = 140

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

Current AARR in MMR	2.0%
Expected AARR to reach MMR target 2030	5.5%

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

Unsafe abortions averted (000's): 139, 151, 165, 180, 198, 216, 235, 255 (2012–2019)
Demand satisfied for modern contraception (%): 42, 43, 45, 46, 48, 50, 52, 53
Unmet need for family planning (%): 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29
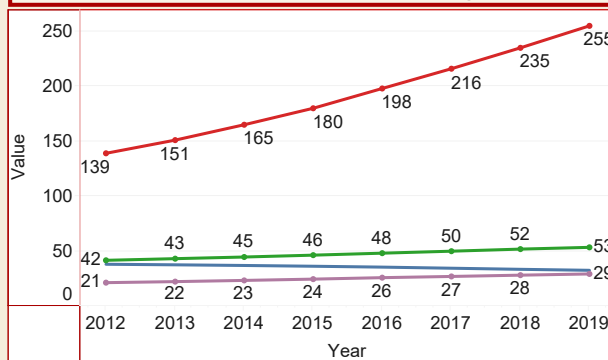
Legend
- Contraceptive prevalence - modern methods (%)
- Demand satisfied for modern contraception (%)
- Unmet need for family planning (%)
- Unsafe abortions averted (000's)

7. Available in National Essential Medicines List - (2017)

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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