

Understanding abortion-related complications in health facilities: Results from WHO multi-country survey on abortion (MCS-A) across 11 African countries

Supplementary File

Annex III. Facility Characteristics

	Benin	Burkina Faso	Chad	DRC	Ghana	Kenya	Malawi	Mozambique	Niger	Nigeria	Uganda	Total
Number of participating facilities	10	21	15	24	19	21	23	19	10	29	19	210
Location												
Urban	10	21	14	18	16	18	17	10	10	27	13	174
Rural	0	0	1	6	3	3	6	9	0	2	6	36
Facility level												
Primary	8 (80)	0	1 (6.7)	5 (20.8)	2 (10.5)	0	0	0	0	0	3 (16.7)	19 (19.0)
Secondary	0	14 (66.7)	5 (33.3)	16 (66.7)	11 (57.9)	11 (47.9)	22 (95.7)	11 (57.9)	9 (90.)	22 (75.9)	4 (22.2)	125 (59.2)
Tertiary	2 (20)	7 (33.3)	8 (53.3)	2 (8.3)	6 (31.6)	8 (34.8)	1 (4.4)	6 (31.6)	0	7 (24.1)	8 (44.4)	55 (26.1)
Other	0	0	1 (6.7)	1 (6.7)	0	4 (17.4)	0	2 (10.5)	1 (10.0)	0	3 (16.7)	12 (5.7)
Resources currently used at facility												
Safe Abortion Guidance/Clinical Handbook	8 (80.0)	17 (80.9)	7 (46.7)	10 (43.5)	14 (73.7)	9 (39.1)	19 (82.6)	14 (73.7)	8 (80.0)	16 (55.2)	8 (42.1)	130 (62.2)
WHO guidelines (e.g. for postpartum haemorrhage)	10 (100)	19 (90.5)	8 (53.3)	20 (83.3)	18 (94.7)	20 (95.2)	23 (100)	17 (89.5)	9 (90.0)	26 (89.7)	14 (73.7)	184 (87.6)
Evidence-based, locally adapted guidelines	10 (100)	17 (80.9)	5 (33.3)	14 (58.3)	16 (84.2)	17 (80.9)	10 (52.6)	21 (91.3)	8 (80.0)	26 (89.7)	11 (61.1)	155 (74.2)
Clinical audits (e.g. maternal deaths reviews)	10 (100)	19 (90.5)	8 (53.3)	22 (91.7)	19 (100)	21 (100)	22 (95.7)	19 (100)	10 (10)	27 (93.1)	15 (78.9)	192 (91.4)
Surgical abortion method employed for gestational age up to 12-14 weeks	7 (70.0)	18 (85.7)	12 (80.0)	13 (56.5)	14 (73.7)	17 (80.9)	23 (100)	14 (73.7)	9 (90.0)	17 (60.7)	15 (78.9)	159 (76.4)
Medical abortion offered at the facility (including medical management of incomplete abortion)	10 (100)	19 (90.5)	14 (93.3)	12 (54.6)	14 (73.7)	18 (85.7)	19 (82.6)	11 (57.9)	8 (80.0)	27 (93.1)	16 (84.2)	168 (80.8)
Abortion for gestational age >13 weeks offered at facility	7 (70.0)	18 (85.7)	13 (86.7)	10 (45.5)	10 (52.6)	14 (66.7)	20 (86.9)	8 (42.1)	6 (60.0)	18 (62.1)	7 (36.8)	131 (62.9)
Post-abortion contraception offered at facility	9 (90.0)	19 (90.5)	14 (93.3)	18 (75.0)	18 (94.7)	19 (90.5)	22 (95.7)	19 (100)	10 (100)	28 (96.6)	14 (73.7)	190 (90.5)

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