

2019
7%
 maternal mortality related to unsafe abortions in Sub-Saharan Africa



45%
 unsafe abortions worldwide



2010-2014

77%
 unsafe abortions in Sub-Saharan Africa



An estimated **8 million** abortions occur annually as of 2015-2019

approximately **6.2 million** of which are unsafe



As of 2015-2019

Some **91** unintended pregnancies occur annually for every **1,000 women** of reproductive age

An estimated **37%** of unintended pregnancies end in abortion



SSA exhibits a high pregnancy rate: **218 per 1,000**. It displays the highest unintended pregnancy rate of any world region despite having the lowest proportion unintended

In **2019**, among the region's

255 million women of reproductive age (15-49),

92% lived in countries with highly or moderately restrictive abortion laws



As of 2019

8 out of 39 SSA countries

that ratified the **Maputo Protocol** reformed their laws to meet its minimum legal criteria since 2003

Poor women in rural areas risk the most by having an **unsafe abortion**

52% of abortions among poor rural women result in complications needing treatment compared to **44%** of all women



Half of those with complications do not receive needed care

Improving provision of contraceptives and expanding access to safe abortion care and postabortion care services can save lives