Restrictive abortion laws and policies put women’s health in peril. In developing countries, more than 22,000 women die from complications from unsafe abortion each year and 6.9 million are treated for complications. Abortion rates have decreased significantly in high income regions since 1990, but not in low income regions. The annual cost of providing postabortion care in developing countries was $232 million in 2014.

ACCESS TO SAFE ABORTION IS AN URGENT PUBLIC HEALTH NEED

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Solutions:

- Satisfy the demand for contraception
- Liberalize restrictive abortion laws and make safe abortion services accessible
- Improve access to postabortion care
- Address abortion stigma
- Provide comprehensive sexuality education to all, including adolescents

Data Source: Guttmacher Institute

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