

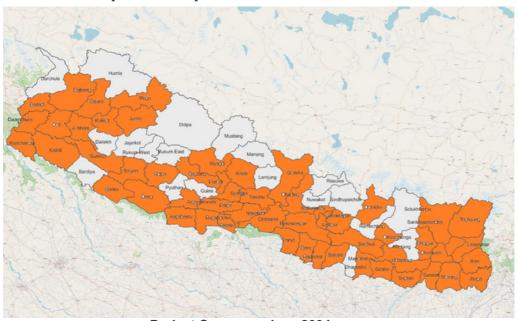
From Hurdles to hopes: Evolving landscape of abortion services in Nepal

2007 2001 Provision to regulate and recognize Law, justice and parliamentary Second trimester services introduced abortion under certain condition in committee returns the bill with draft criminal code of 1973 recommendation to the full house of Representatives. National Commission on Population 2008 makes a recommendation to the 2001 government to decriminalize abortion for pregnancies due to contraceptive Midlevel providers training started. The House of Representatives passed the bill and sent it to the National Assembly. 1980s 2009 2001 Nepal Women's Organization (NOW) MA Scale up strategy approved. convened a nationwide meeting in the middle of the 1980s to advocate The National Assembly voted down for the abortion law to be altered to the bill because of disagreement over permit the provision of abortion provisions on women's property services for pregnancies caused by rights. 2015 rape, incest, or other circumstances when the woman's life may be in risk The Constitution of Nepal 2002 guaranteed safe motherhood 1995 and reproductive health rights as Representatives took up and passed women's fundamental rights. the bill. Paropakar Maternity Hospital starts MVA to treat incomplete abortion 2016 2002 The GoN approved the provision of 1996 free safe abortion services to all The bill received Royal Assent and women including adolescents. Pregnancy Protection Bill (private bill) proposed by Hon. Sunil Bhandari 2018 2002 1997 The Safe Motherhood and Safe abortion procedure order and Reproductive Health Rights safe abortion implementation plan by (SMRHR) Act was passed by the Special Committee to review and Abortion Task Force (ATF) parliament. discuss the bill and recommend it to the National Assembly. 2003 2020 1997 Approval of national safe abortion Introduction of Safe Motherhood and Reproductive Health Regulation in Nepal's Safe Motherhood Initiative Nepal launched 2004 2020 First legal abortion services opened 1999 Interim Guidance for RMNCH at the Maternity hospital in Services in COVID-19 Pandemic Kathmandu. Private Bill proposed by Hon. Sunil introduced Bhandari declared null and void. 2004 1999 First MVA training course for service

providers.

The Ministry of law, justice and parliamentary affairs introduced Muluki Ain 11th Amendment bill in the house of representatives.

2002-2023: Ipas in Nepal



Project Coverage since 2004









1192 Providers Trained

206,837

Number of safe abortion services performed









Unsafe abortions

Maternal deaths averted

averted (mortality and morbidity)

Achievements and Results of Gender Based Violence Prevention and Response Program II 2021/22



SUPPORTED 7 SAFE HOUSES AND 2 SHELTER HOMES

Supported in making child-friendly spaces in safe houses/shelter homes

2,065 GBV survivors received services

94.92% survivors were satisfied with services (among 860 exit interviews)

SUPPORTED 8 OCMCs AND CAPACITATED 416 HEALTH WORKERS

Supported in making child- friendly spaces in OCMC



3,963

GBV survivors received services

92.69% survivors were satisfied with services (among 894 exit interviews)



GBV survivors were referred by 106 CPSWs to multi-sector response services.