

Guideline Development Group for the: Update of the Safe abortion: technical and policy guidance for health systems, 2nd edition

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Marge Berer

Marge Berer has been one of the coordinators of the International Campaign for Women's Right to Safe Abortion since May 2015. She was the founder editor of the journal Reproductive Health Matters (October 1992-April 2015). She was a co-founder and Steering Committee Chairperson of the International Consortium for Medical Abortion (2002-2011), and the first chairwoman of the Gender Advisory Panel, WHO Department of Reproductive Health and Research (1996-2001). She has participated in a number of the advisory panels on WHO abortion guidance over the years.

Laura Castleman:

Dr. Castleman received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University and completed medical school at University of California, San Francisco. She was a resident in obstetrics and gynecology at Johns Hopkins and continued there to complete a Family Planning Fellowship. She obtained a Master of Public Health from Johns Hopkins, and a Master of Business Administration from Wharton, University of Pennsylvania. She previously served as the Medical Director for Ipas, and is currently affiliated with the University of Michigan and Planned Parenthood Michigan where she provides clinical care and works with trainees. She has served on numerous committees including Planned Parenthood Federation of America's National Medical Committee and Patient Safety Committee, the World Health Organization Committees for Guidelines for Safe Abortion Care and Management of Abortion Using Medical Abortion Medications, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Committee for Global Women's Health. Dr. Castleman has conducted direct training and supervision of reproductive health projects in Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and Africa

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Michalina is an Obstetrics and Gynecology Resident at the Poznan University of Medical Sciences Clinical Hospital in Poznan, Poland. She is a young scientist with special focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights and meaningful community and youth engagement in global health spaces. She has been involved in leadership roles within global youth spaces such as the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations, Adolescent and Youth Constituency of The Partnership of Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, UNAIDS The PACT and many more. She is the Women Deliver Young Leader, class of 2018. Co-Founded Polish Women in Surgery Foundation and working as European Liaison of Gender Equity Initiative in Global Surgery.

Michalina has worked as a consultant in the Human Reproduction Team at the WHO Department of Reproductive Health and Research on the newly launched WHO Consolidated Guideline on Self-Care Interventions for SRHR. Has worked in Lekarzy Kobietom (Polish Doctors for Women) initiative facilitating emergency contraception delivery to Polish women; and in the Executive Team at the International Youth Alliance for Family Planning as Director on Research and Development. She is pursuing her PhD in Obstetrics and Gynecology creating a holistic adolescent sexual and reproductive health care model for Polish girls and young women. Recently she completed MSc in Reproductive and Sexual Health Research at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

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Elimination of Discrimination against Women. She holds a JD from the University of Toronto and an LLM from Harvard Law School, and completed a fellowship at Yale Law School.

Caitlin Gerdts

Dr. Gerdts serves as the Vice President for Research at Ibis Reproductive Health. Caitlin's research has included clinical and epidemiologic studies on self-managed abortion, abortion accompaniment, the use of technology to increase access to abortion in restrictive legal settings, and novel methods to improve the measurement of abortion incidence and safety. Her methodologic expertise lies in study design and implementation, quantitative bias analysis, impact evaluation, and causal inference methods. She has authored and co-authored over 60 peer-reviewed publications. She received her undergraduate degree in Human Biology from Stanford University; a master's in health sciences in Population, Family, and Reproductive Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; and a PhD in Epidemiology from the University of California, Berkeley.

Laura Gil

Laura Gil graduated as an Obstetrician and gynecologist in 2004 from the National University of Colombia. She is an abortion provider and has been active in safe abortion training and in disseminating the concept of the health exception, as a collaborator for La Mesa Por la Vida y La Salud de las Mujeres, after abortion was partially decriminalized in Colombia. She is currently the program director of ESAR, a Foundation that provides training in sexual and reproductive health in ten countries in Latin America. She is also a member of the board of Global Doctors for Choice, and of the FIGO safe abortion committee and advisor for the Sexual and Reproductive Rights Committee of the Colombian Obstetrics and Gynecology Federation (FECOLSOG).

Selma Hajri

Dr. Hajri has 25 years of clinical and research experience in hormonal contraception and medical abortion. Specializing in endocrinology, her career has focused on clinical research and introduction trials of medication abortion with Gynuity Health Projects and the National Family Planning Office (ONFP) in Tunisia since 1997. In the past, she was a member of the steering committees on long-acting contraceptives at the HRP/WHO for six years (1988-1994), the International Consortium for Medical Abortion (ICMA) from 2002 to 2005, the African Network for Medical Abortion (ANMA), and the ANMA Network Coordinator from April 2010 to 2012. She is also the founder and former president of a Tunisian

NGO dedicated to sexual and reproductive health and rights in Tunisia "Groupe TAWHIDA Ben Cheikh" since its creation (2012-2016). Currently, Dr. Hajri is Secretary General of "Groupe Tawhida Ben Cheikh" and Vice President of ASFAMM (Association for Women's Health in Africa, the Maghreb and the Middle East) in France. Since 2020 she is also the project leader of a new regional network RAWSA (Right and Access of Women to Safe abortion) in the MENA region, aiming to build a platform for the right to safe abortion, and a member of the advisory committee of the International Campaign for Women's Right to Safe Abortion (ICWRSA).

Fauzia Akhter Huda

Fauzia Akhter Huda, a medical graduate and public health expert, having 26 years track record of working experience with different tiers of Bangladesh government's health system and in icddr, b. She has substantially contributed to a range of studies with the shared objective of improving maternal health. Her research focused on: dimensions of the problem of maternal mortality and morbidity and health system factors affecting them; underlying social determinants; most pressing reproductive health needs of adolescents; rights-based and gender-sensitive approach to policies and programmes for safe motherhood, and advocacy strategies for making this an issue of urgent priority.

Guyo Jaldesa

Prof Jaldesa is a practicing obstetrician/gynecologist and a founding Director at Africa Coordinating Center for the Abandonment of Female Genital Mutilation(ACCAF) at the University of Nairobi. He holds Master of Medicine in obstetrics and Gynaecology from University of Nairobi and Master of Science in reproductive health from The University of Edinburgh, UK. Prof. Jaldesa, an advocate of Women reproductive health rights, researcher and teacher. Prof. Jaldesa's advocacy work includes his work with International federation of obstetrics and Gynaecology where he served as national focal point, regional coordinator for East Central and Southern Africa region and currently advisory board member on FIGO Advocacy for Safe Abortion initiative.

As East Central and Southern Africa Regional Coordinator for FIGO initiative for the prevention of unsafe abortion. Prof. Jaldesa helps countries develop national plan of action, source funding and implement activities. He also undertakes supervisory visits and conducts regional workshop annually to assess the progress on plan of action. His work has led to expanding the provision of safe abortion services with in the East Central and Southern Africa to the full extent of the national laws and in some countries led to

the revision of the national laws through the advocacy by the national societies. Prof Jaldesa presented in many conferences within Africa and beyond advocating for prevention of unsafe abortion with the aim of influencing policy and practice around safe abortion services and the introduction of post abortion contraception with emphasizes on long acting reversible contraceptives. As leader in women reproductive health rights, Jaldesa published several papers on Female Genital Mutilation and abortion

Godfrey Kangaude

Godfrey Kangaude LLD, is an activist and scholar on sexual and reproductive rights with over 10 years of experience in advocacy on safe abortion. He has previously worked with Ipas, Sonke Gender Justice and Malawi Law Society. His doctoral research focused on childhood sexuality, gender and law. His current research interests lie in the intersection of sociocultural norms and law (including human rights), and their impact on the sexual health trajectories of children. He currently runs a legal and consulting firm in Blantyre, Malawi.

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Vinoj is the CEO of Ipas Development Foundation, an Indian NGO that works with the public health system to improve the environment for and increase access to comprehensive abortion and contraceptive care in the country. and heads the multi-disciplinary team of more than 120 staff based in 11 offices across the country. He is a member of federal taskforces on abortion and contraception constituted by the Government of India and an expert to WHO-Geneva in developing safe abortion task sharing guidelines. Vinoj has been published in journals including the International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology and The Lancet. Vinoj is particularly interested in strengthening the capacity of health systems to provide high-quality abortion and contraceptive care and improving the evidence base for the provision of safe abortion care. He has a post-graduate diploma in rural management and an MBA Plus leadership certificate from the School of Business, Portland State University.

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Hiromi OBARA, MD, MSc, Specialist of Ob/Gyn, has over 20 years' experience providing technical, programmatic and management support in reproductive, maternal and newborn health (RMNH) to countries in the Western Pacific Region and elsewhere. Positions held include JICA Health Policy Advisor, Reproductive Health Medical Officer in WHO Western Pacific Regional Office, Deputy Director, International Affairs Division of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Japan, Chief Advisor of JICA MCH

project in Cambodia, Ob/Gyn doctor in Jichi Medical University Hospital in Japan. She obtained an MSc in Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She assisted countries in the Western Pacific Region to conduct maternal death reviews, improve maternal and newborn care, eliminate unsafe abortions, develop policy strategy frameworks and conduct monitoring at country and regional levels. She has also contributed to regional and global meetings as an RMNH expert, to WHO publications. Her professional interests include programme implementation, monitoring and evaluation, quality of care, updating country policies/strategies/plans/clinical guidelines, and improving financial access to care.

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Akila Radhakrishnan

Akila Radhakrishnan is the President of the Global Justice Center. She directs GJC's strategies and efforts to establish legal precedents protecting human rights and ensuring gender equality. In 2010, she helped to conceptualize GJC's Abortion Access in Conflict program to ensure access to abortion services for girls and women raped in war as a matter of right. Akila has authored numerous shadow reports, legal briefs and advocacy documents and provided legal expertise to domestic and international stakeholders and policymakers, including the International Criminal Court, the United Nations, the European Union and state governments. Akila has been published widely on issues of international law, gender equality and

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Prior to the Global Justice Center, she has worked at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, DPK Consulting and Drinker, Biddle & Reath, LLP. Akila received her J.D. with a concentration in international law from the University of California, Hastings and holds a B.A. in Political Science and Art History from the University of California, Davis.

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Dr Michelle Remme leads the Research pillar at the United Nations University International Institute for Global Health. She is a health economist with fifteen years of experience as a researcher and policy advisor in global health, having worked in academia, the UN system, donor development cooperation and private consulting. Prior to joining UNU, Dr. Remme served as Assistant Professor in Health Economics at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Her previous experience includes policy advice and technical assistance at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs on HIV and health financing, and at FAO in Malawi on the integration of HIV, gender and food security. She has also consulted for the World Bank, WHO, and UNDP, among others, in several countries in sub-Saharan Africa, on topics related to health and gender financing.

Kitihoun Serge

Dr KITIHOUN Serge Innocent Magloire graduated from the State University of Medicine in Kiev (Ukraine) where he obtained his State Doctor of Medicine in 1995. He prepared an MBA2-ME at the International Institute of Management (IIM) in Cotonou. He worked for three years in preventive and curative care at the Center Hospital and University of the Mother and Child Lagoon (CHU-MEL). Since October 1998, Dr. KITIHOUN Serge Innocent Magloire has been very active in providing rights-based sexual and reproductive health services. The Beninese Association for the Promotion of the Family owes him the remarkable revolution of its clinical program which it has diversified, restructured and reinforced considering the political, social environment and especially the needs of the populations. Thus, after integrating the supply of HIV services into the clinical program, Dr KITIHOUN Serge I.M. had to set up a new but very sensitive sub-program in 2005; this is the provision of post-abortion care and comprehensive abortion services within the limits of the law in Benin. Today, all the Association's clinics, as well as some of its franchised clinics, happily offer these services to populations. Dr KITIHOUN has led dozens of workshops relating to abortion including, among other things, clarifying values for a transformation of attitudes towards

abortion (CVTA), offering full abortion services within the limits of the law, both in favor of providers of public and private health facilities. He is a member of the technical assistance team of the African Region of the International Federation for Family Planning for several themes: family planning, CVTA, cervical cancer, cryotherapy, continuous improvement of the Quality of Services (AcQDS). Dr KITIHOUN Serge Innocent Magloire successively held the positions of Head of Medical Program and Services, Director of Medical Services, Director of Programs, and now Executive Director. Since 2011, he has been an external facilitator at the Reproductive Health Unit of the Alfred Comlan QUENUM Regional Institute of Public Health at Ouidah.

Chi-Chi Undie

Chi-Chi Undie is a Senior Associate with the Population Council, where her work focuses primarily on sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). For the last decade, she has directed and provided strategic and technical oversight for the 'Africa Regional SGBV Network' – a multi-country, multi-partner SGBV response, research, and research uptake initiative in the East, Horn, and Great Lakes Region, which involves designing, implementing, and evaluating innovative SGBV response models in low-resource settings. Under her leadership, this Network has conducted studies on safe abortion laws, policies, and programs in the context of sexual violence in sub-Saharan Africa. She is the Chair of the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) – the largest research network on violence against women and violence against children