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2014/2015
year activity

**FIGO INITIATIVE ON
PREVENTION OF
UNSAFE ABORTION
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- Priority
- Obstacles
- Initiatives
- Stagnation

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- Historically (25 years ago)
 - free access to abortion ratio 1: 1 with deliveries
- Nowadays- statistic not reliable 6.000 registered- probably same number not registered
- Initiatives
- Stagnation

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- Main problem
 - Not proper collaboration with MOH
 - Stress situation for Obs&Gyn
 - Mentioning abortion and contraceptives- MOH and HIF resistant
 - New Law on Abortion- urgent adoption in Assembly-in 2 weeks
 - (structure of preabortion counselling-after 1 year, post abortion not delivered yet)

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- UNFPA/WHO support
 - Workshop on Standard for Safe abortion 2011
 - Prepared and adopted standard by the Obs&Gyn Association of Macedonia 2011
 - Revised and adopted standards with NGO 2012
 - Proceeded to MOH- committee inside MOH positive, but...NOT signed by the Minister- somewhere in his office (due to pronatal and abortion policy of the ruling party)

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- UNFPA/MOH 2 year program contract

Adressing Family Planning

1. Family planning education (curriculum, training manual, training courses)
2. Emmergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care
3. MISP for SRH in crisis

ALL this activities has an “underlined chapter” with special part on providing FP services and access to CAC

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- Integrating information and skills about Comprehensive Abortion Care through Family Planning Services- which have already established strong correlation

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Goal

- Decrease abortion rate
- Decrease the unsafe abortion rate
- Decrease Maternal/Neonatal Mortality
- Increase modern contraception
- Increase pre/post abortion counselling

Priority 1



Improving quality of CAC by providing latest information for Obs&Gyn professionals

- In phase of collaboration with Institutions and support for translation of the “WHO Clinical handbook for providers”-2014
- Preparing workshop for dissemination of the Clinical Handbook and translated copies

Priority 2



Changing practices locally- using the adopted Standards of safe abortion from Obs&Gyn Association- to every institution

- MVA kits provided -3 new kits for University Clinic of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Preparing re-training in MVA and provision of MVA kits (collaboration with IPAS or international trainer)
- Preparing training in Medical Abortion
- Continuing effort registering Mife/Miso in Macedonia



Priority 3



- **Improve the competences of health providers from different levels of care for contraception information and counselling**
- Group of national experts was formed
- Different curricula and training modules developed for different profiles (Family physicians ,community nurses, Ob&Gyn residents, medical students)
- 4 workshops (trainings) organized (1-2014 and 3-2015)
- UNFPA/MOH/NHO support
- Trainings registered in MOH as essentials for family physicians

Priority 4



Improve the social participation in Women's Health Right's

- the Network of Women organisation involved in addressing abortion issues (HERA)
- Information and wider participation in the International Campaign for Women's Right to Safe Abortion (ICMA)

Priority 5



- Thank you

