

# Medical Abortion in Azerbaijan

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# The National Strategy on Reproductive Health (2008-2015)

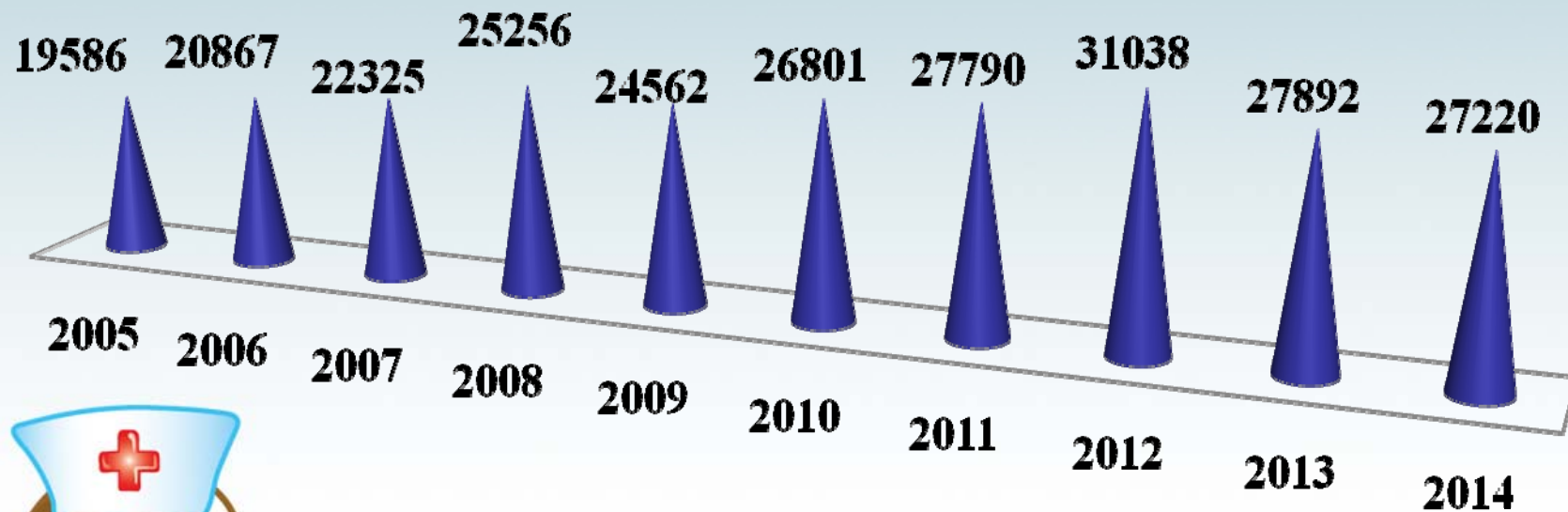
- In 2008 in Azerbaijan has been developed and approved the "National RH Strategy", which has been rated by WHO experts and the Director of the General Assembly of the WHO Margaret Chan.
- The document reflects the main goals and objectives in improving RH , and the main ways of achieving the development objectives set out in the UN Millennium Declaration , namely the reduction of maternal mortality and improving the health of newborns.



- Maternal mortality for the past 10 years has decreased by 21 % in the country, however the maternal mortality rate remains high , and 6-7 times higher than the average of the European countries of the region . The main cause of maternal mortality is hemorrhage ( it should be noted that cause of bleeding , leading to death was uncontrolled use of Cytotec, in 2008 ) .
- According to official statistics there is a tendency to increase the number or abortions in recent years in Azerbaijan. Abortion rate per 1,000 women ( 15-49 ) is in the range of 7.8 - 8.1, over the past 5 years.



# Quantity of abortions in Azerbaijan (MoH)



# The reasons for this situation are the following:

- Lack of awareness of population about prevention methods against unwanted pregnancy and the dangers of unsafe abortion
- The interest of doctors to conduct abortions
- Rather high cost of contraceptives
- Limited access to the Family planning services in countryside, due to the territorial remoteness .



# In order to change this situation, held and conducting following works:

- Developed clinical protocols on methods of contraception
- Work with the population with the assistance of community volunteers
- Implemented methods of medical abortion
- Since October 2008, is carried out medical project with support of Gynuity Health Projects jointly with the Scientific Research Institute of Obstetrics & Gynecology of Azerbaijan Republic.
  - *Acceptability and feasibility of a demedicalized medical abortion (<63 days of gestation) regimen in Baku & Azerbaijan Regions, 2008-2011. Took part in project 863 women.*
  - *Outpatient medical abortion with 200 mg mifepristone and 800 mkg misoprostol through 77 days of gestation, 2015-2016 . Took part in project 75 women.*



- ❑ In July 2013 registered drugs for medical abortions in Azerbaijan
- ❑ Since August 2013 till April 2016, more than 3176 women on behalf of their choice, received medical abortion services.
- ❑ Efficiency of medical abortion has been reached 98%
- ❑ In November 2014 was accepted clinical protocol “Safe abortions in Azerbaijan”. More than 170 obstetrician and gynecologists in Baku and other regions of Azerbaijan had got certificates for implementing medical abortion.



Thank you for your attention!!

