



FACT SHEET

Access to Safe Abortion for Sex Workers in East Africa

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Focus Countries: Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda

Why It Matters

- ✓ Unsafe abortion is a top cause of maternal death.
- ✓ Sex workers face higher risks due to Stigma, Discrimination & Limited access to healthcare
- ✓ Safe abortion is a right, not a privilege!



What's Standing in the Way

- Criminalization of sex work & abortion
- Judgmental and unsafe healthcare
- Poor referral systems
- Misinformation and fear

What Sex Workers Need

- ✓ Clear, rights-based information
- ✓ Friendly, safe, and non-judgmental services
- ✓ Strong referral networks
- ✓ Peer-led education and outreach

What ASWA Is Doing

- Training peer educators
- Building referral frameworks
- Running campaigns (online + offline)
- Partnering with IPAS & others to push for change

What We're Asking For

- Decriminalize abortion and sex work
- Train healthcare providers to be stigma-free
- Fund and support community-led programs
- Integrate mental health & counselling into care

Get Involved



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