



International Seminar on
***Improving measurement of abortion incidence and safety:
Innovations in methodology and recent empirical studies***
Mombasa, Kenya, 19-21 November 2024

Organized by the **IUSSP Scientific Panel on Abortion Research**,

Seminar Programme

Tuesday 19 November

10:00– 10:15 **Registration**

10:15– 11:00 **Opening - Remarks, Welcome & Introduction**

Ann Moore, IUSSP Panel Liaison

Fatima Juarez and Susheela Singh, Panel Co-Chairs

Experts: Ernestina Coast, Akin Bankole, Iqbal Shah & Gilda Sedgh

Session 1: Direct approaches for measuring abortion incidence

Chair: Fatima Juárez

Discussant: Ndola Prata

11:15 – 12:40 *The potential value of pregnancy histories collected by The Demographic and Health Surveys Program for measuring induced abortion incidence in low- and middle-income countries*

[Thomas Pullum](#), [Iqbal Shah](#), [Trevor Croft](#)

Is it the same or different? Rohingya perceptions of family planning, miscarriage and “ending a pregnancy:” Evidence from a household-based survey in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh, 2022

[Ann M. Moore](#), [Pragna Paramita Mondal](#), [Atiya Rahman](#), [Tasnima Haque](#), [Joe Strong](#), [Mira Tignor](#)

Beyond interviewer effects: understanding structural and environmental effects on data collection in an abortion study in a complex humanitarian setting

[Joe Strong](#), [Ann M. Moore](#), [Atiya Rahman](#), [Pragna Mondal](#), [Mira Tignor](#)

Discussant remarks: [Ndola Prata](#)

Open Discussion

Kenya - Current Research on Abortion at APHRC

12:40-13:00 *Overview of APHRC’s current research portfolio on induced abortion in Kenya*

[Ramatou Ouedraogo](#), [Kenneth Juma](#), [Margaret Giorgio](#)

Session 2: Abortion law change: Implementation and impact

Chair: Susheela Singh

Discussant: Ernestina Coast

14:30 - 15:30 *Patterns in provision of and demand for abortion care in the Southeastern United States, 2023*

[Isabel DoCampo](#), Isaac Maddow-Zimet, and Elizabeth A. Sully

Two years of voluntary abortion law in Argentina: progress and challenges

Georgina Binstock, [Mailén Perez Tort](#) and Sarah Keogh

Harnessing digital trace data to study the impact of abortion legislation in South America

[Katherine Del Salto Calderon](#)

Socio-demographic heterogeneity in cost of accessing medication abortion: insights from Ghana

[Caesar Agula](#), Yuliya Kulikovab, Omkar Patangeb, Adriana Bineya, Michael Kuhn, Pearl Kyeia, Ayaya A. Bawaha

Session 2, Cont'd

15:50 - 16:35 Discussant remarks: [Ernestina Coast](#)

Open Discussion

Wednesday 20 November

Session 3 Part 1. Indirect approaches for measuring abortion incidence

Chair: Ndola Prata

Discussant: Akinrinola Bankole

9:30 – 11:00 *Updating or burying Anonymous Third-Party Reporting (ATPR)? Measuring abortion in the Kaya and Nairobi Health and Demographic Surveillance Systems*

[Clémentine Rossier](#), Moussa Lonkila Zan, Onikepe Owolabi, Intra Health International, Casey Breen, Dennis Feehan, N-MAS team

Measurement of abortion incidence in two humanitarian settings in East Africa: An adaptation of the Abortion Incidence Complications Methodology

[Tamara Fetters](#), Ruvani Jayaweera, Bill Powell, Lilian Odhoch, Juliet Nabunje, Wyclife Barasa, Carmela Zuniga, Clement Odour, Ramatou Ouedraogo, Yohannes Wado dibaba, Jessica Kakesa

Understanding abortion incidence and the provision of postabortion care within refugee settlements in Uganda: an adaptation of the abortion complications incidence method

[George Odwe](#), Margaret Giorgio, Yohannes Dibaba Wado, Peter Kisaakye, Stephanie Kung

Discussant remarks: [Akinrinola Bankole](#)

Open Discussion

Session 3 Part 2. Indirect approaches for measuring abortion incidence

Chair: Susheela Singh

Discussant: Clémentine Rossier

11:30– 13:00 *Estimates of induced abortion among women in Osun state Nigeria: evidence from a modified abortion incidence complications methodology*
[Tosin Olajide Oni](#), [Olufunmilayo Olufunmilola Banjo](#), [Akinrinola Bankole](#), [Akanni Ibukun Akinyemi](#)

Using Respondent Driven Sampling to Improve Abortion Incidence Estimates Derived from the Abortion Incidence Complications Method

[Margaret Giorgio](#), [Kenneth Juma](#), [Onikepe Owolabi](#), [Elizabeth Sully](#)

Adapting the Abortion Incidence Complications Method to the United States: measuring online medication abortion post-Dobbs

[Elizabeth A. Sully](#), [Isabel DoCampo](#), [Sidney Cech](#), [Abigail Aiken](#) and [Isaac Maddow-Zimet](#)

Discussant remarks: [Clémentine Rossier](#)

Open Discussion

Thursday 21 November

Session 4: Morbidity from unsafe induced abortion and factors that influence it

Chair: Kenneth Juma

Discussant: Ann Moore

9:00 – 10:30 *Safety and effectiveness of medical abortion obtained from outside the formal health system: Experiences of Indian women*
[Rajib Acharya](#), [Neelanjana Pandey](#), [Rimjhim Bajpai](#), [Abhishek Kumar](#), [Sushanta Kumar Banerjee](#)

Safety and effectiveness of self-managed abortion using misoprostol-only in the United States: Efforts to improve follow-up and methodological considerations

[Dana M. Johnson](#), [Mira Michels-Gualtieri](#), [Rebecca Gomperts](#), [Abigail R.A. Aiken](#)

Trends in abortion safety over time in Mexico: Evidence from rates of treatment for abortion complications, 2005-2021

[Mitzi Ramírez](#), [Fatima Juárez](#), [Susheela Singh](#) and [Gabriela Mejía-Paillés](#)

Understanding post-abortion complications and treatment-seeking behavior in India: Insights from DHS Surveys with a focus on the role of frontline health workers ; [Francis Xavier A. John](#)

Restrictive abortion law and the impact on severity of abortion-related morbidities in LMICs

[Blake Erhardt-Ohren](#), [Hedieh Mehrtash](#), [Özge Tuncalp](#), [Adama Baguiya](#), [Kwame Adu-Bonsaffoh](#), [Philip Govule](#), [Ausbert Thoko Msusa](#), [Folasade Adenike Bello](#), [Zahida Qureshi](#), [Rachidatou Compaore](#), [Caron Rahn Kim](#), [Ndola Prata](#)

11:00-11:45 *Session 4, Cont'd*

Discussant remarks: [Ann Moore](#)

Open Discussion

Session 5: Measurement of abortion safety

Chair: Ramatou Ouedraogo

Discussant: Margaret Giorgio

11:45 – 13:00 *Using Respondent Driven Sampling to measure abortion safety in restrictive contexts: Results from Kaya (Burkina Faso) and Nairobi (Kenya)*

[Moussa L. Zan](#), [Onikepe Owolabi](#), [Adama Baguiya](#), [Clement Oduor](#), [Martin Bangha](#), [Caron Kim](#), [Clémentine Rossier](#), N-MAS team

Searching for needles in a haystack: Exploring alternative operational approaches to classify the safety of induced abortions using respondent driven sampling data from two Sub-Saharan African settings

[Onikepe Owolabi](#), [Clémentine Rossier](#), [Rachidatou Compaore](#), [Caron Kim](#), [Bela Ganatra](#), [Ramatou Ouedraogo](#), [Moussa Zan](#), [Martin Bangha](#), [Adama Baguiya](#), the N-MAS team

Failed abortion attempts: Incidence and inequities in Burkina Faso and the Democratic Republic of the Congo”

[Selena Anjur-Dietrich](#), [Suzanne Bell](#) and [Caroline Moreau](#)

Discussant remarks: [Margaret Giorgio](#)

Open Discussion

Session 6: Advances in research on the measurement of abortion safety and abortion incidence, and future work needed

14:30-15:30 **Breakout Groups**

Facilitators - [Akin Bankole](#), [Iqbal Shah](#), [Ernestina Coast](#)

Preliminary ideas for topics: Incidence; complications/safety; policy relevance/application; humanitarian populations. Flexible on topics - decide on Day 2 what themes are emerging as topics for breakouts.

Session 6, Cont'd

16:00-16:30 **Report back from breakout groups**

Discussion: all participants

16:30-17:00 **Wrap up: Next steps and Closing** - Chair: [Fatima Juarez](#)

Proposed commentary - [Gilda Sedgh](#)

Next Steps - Panel & [Ann Moore](#) (IUSSP Liaison)