

### **Module 3**

#### **Assignment 1**

#### **Analyse access to abortion services in your city or state in 200-400 words.**

I put up in a community of Delhi. Fortunately, the government district hospital specially dedicated to maternal and child services is quite close. According to the government site of Delhi, the hospital has legal permissions of performing abortions. Unfortunately, this government hospital is famous for its inadequacy and inefficiency as per the reviews.

There is another private hospital in my community which does not come in the results when done an internet search for abortion services near me. Although I have seen many women which do opt for abortion service contacting the centre. I remember looking out for the license for legitimacy of the hospital which I did not find. This shows that a majority of women who opt for abortion in my community are putting their health at risks. The doctor charges them a little more, but women of the community do trust the doctor more than the district hospital because of the post-abortion care tips the doctor gives to them.

There are many abortion services available in Delhi as per the google results but none of the hospitals have provided the license copy or legal permission of providing abortion on their websites. I believe considering the risk of health complications - infertility, sepsis because of unsafe abortion an individual does have the right to know about the legitimacy of an institution regarding the services provided.

Abortion is stigmatised, and because of the taboo associated with it, I am unable to ask for the abortion pills in my community's pharmacies inspite of my education and awareness. I know of the cases in my extended family where women have become infertile because of the poor abortion services provided to them even by a trained medical healthcare practitioner and that entirely is because of the stigma attached to abortion.

We need dialogue, advocacy and behavior change about the process of abortion to bring improve the health conditions of people seeking abortion, and enhance their agency.