

Module 3

Assignment 2

Place 5 identities on a scale of likelihood of getting access to a safe abortion and also give your rationale for the same

1. A ciswoman living in Delhi - $\frac{4}{5}$
2. A ciswoman living in tier 2 cities - $\frac{3}{5}$
3. A trans person living in Delhi - $\frac{1}{5}$
4. A trans person living in tier 2 cities - 0/5
5. Non-binary - 0

It is easier for cis woman living in Delhi to access abortion services considering she is aware of her rights, about the process and the myths and misconceptions about the abortion than the cis woman living in tier 2 cities, as these cities have less heterogeneous population which makes societal norms and cultural processes more inflexible than in metropolitan cities.

Similarly, as easy it is for a cis woman to avail abortion services it is not easier for a trans person to avail safe abortion services. The patriarchal notions and binary norms have very negatively impacted the rights of a trans person. It is difficult for them to even avail normal things like education, and jobs how difficult it becomes for them to access safe abortion services, abortion being already a stigmatized topic! In India, as we are already aware that the MTP act is more a pro-service provider act rather than pro-person seeking abortion. This increases the chances of stigma association with the abortion process.

Any one who is non-binary has different challenges. Society has been neglecting them for a long time now. Although it is difficult but with effective dialogues with the stakeholders, improved awareness, and with using communication for development we can transform abortion policies into more inclusive policies with justice, bringing equality for the diverse rightsholders.