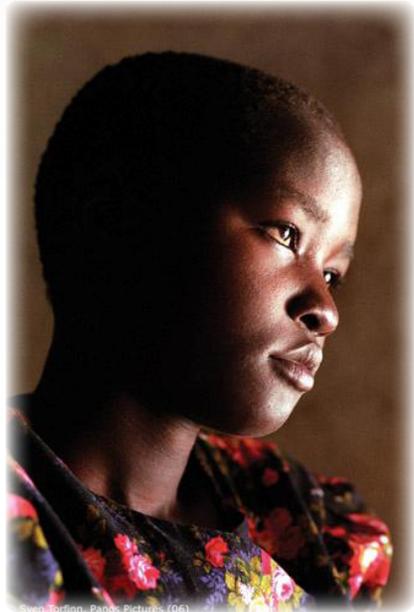


- **How HIV status affects unintended pregnancy and abortion experiences: New evidence from Nigeria and Zambia** (Investigators: University of Ibadan; Dr. Kumbutso Dzekedzeke, independent researcher; Guttmacher Institute)
- **Prevalence, perceptions, and experiences of unwanted pregnancy in slum and non-slum settlements of Nairobi, Kenya** (Investigators: African Population and Health Research Center; Population Studies Research Institute, University of Nairobi)



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The Consortium for Research on Unsafe Abortion in Africa

A growing number of scholars, practitioners, and stakeholders have turned their attention to research on unwanted pregnancy and unsafe abortion in Africa. The work to date has helped to increase knowledge and facilitate changes in policies and programs. Despite these advances, it has also highlighted major knowledge gaps and policy needs.

In September 2006, the Consortium for Research on Unsafe Abortion in Africa was formally launched to address these needs. The current member organizations are:

- **African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC)**, based in Kenya
- **Ethiopian Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ESOG)**
- **Guttmacher Institute**, based in the United States
- **Ipas**, based in the United States and with 5 African offices
- **Women's Health and Action Research Centre (WHARC)**, based in Nigeria

Purpose and activities

The overarching purposes of the Consortium are to:

- improve understanding of the prevalence, causes and consequences of unwanted pregnancy and unsafe abortion in Africa
- provide evidence to support actions to reduce unwanted pregnancy and unsafe abortion
- increase women's access to high quality, comprehensive, safe abortion care, within the limits of the law, and post-abortion care.

The three main activities of the Consortium are:

1. To jointly develop and implement a broad program of **original and innovative research**.
2. To **communicate existing and new research** findings for policy and program impact at local, national, and international levels.



In 2003, an estimated 36,000 African women died from complications of unsafe abortion, the largest number of any region in the world.

-Source: World Health Organization, 2007

3. To **foster technical exchange and build capacity** for high quality research and effective communications among a network of researchers.

Current Consortium research

- **Men, women, and abortion in Central Kenya: A study of lay narratives** (Investigator: African Population and Health Research Center)
- **Perceptions of policymakers towards unsafe abortion and maternal mortality in Nigeria** (Investigators: Women's Health and Action Research Centre; Guttmacher Institute)



- **The magnitude and consequences of unsafe abortion in Ethiopia** (Investigators: Ethiopia Ministry of Health; Ethiopia Public Health Association; Ipas; Ethiopian Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Guttmacher Institute)
- **The magnitude and consequences of unsafe abortion in Malawi** (Investigators: Reproductive Health Unit of the Malawian Ministry of Health; UNFPA Malawi; Ipas)
- **Expanding women's options: Scaling up medical abortion in public sector facilities in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa** (Investigators: University of KwaZulu-Natal; Ipas; Ibis Reproductive Health)
- **Scaling up medical uterine evacuation in public sector facilities in Zambia** (Investigators: Zambia Ministry of Health; University Teaching Hospital; Ipas)