Moldova: WHO assistance in improving access to and quality of abortion care

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“Work in Progress to improve access to and quality of safe abortion in the WHO European Region”

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Most important public health and human rights issues related to access to, and/or quality of, safe abortion care

• Access: still limited for poor and adolescents
• Violation of women’s right on accessing 2nd trimester abortion: sophisticated mechanism to obtain it; limit – 22 weeks even on fetal malformation,
• Methods: ~ 30% still D&C.
• Attempts (unsuccessful so far!) to reduce access by religious parliamentarians and other anti-choice groups
How and why did you get WHO involved in your efforts to strengthen policies and programmes related to safe abortion?
What has been achieved to date in terms of policy and programme strengthening and what more needs to be done to ensure safe abortion care for all women?