Strengthening actions of citizen participation and advocacy on commodity security for access to safe and legal abortion

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Overall objective

To strengthen the actions of drug registration (misoprostol and mifepristone) for legal and safe abortion in 6 countries of the LA Region

Specific objectives

1. To systematize and analyze barriers to registration, availability and access to mifepristone and misoprostol for obstetric use in the 6 countries in the Region
2. To gather and systematize successful and failed registration process "cases" to show how barriers and facilitators of the processes

Purpose
To make available quality information to those monitoring access to safe and legal abortion and institutions working on drug registration that will allow them to optimize processes and act preventively against the potential obstacles

In addition, the project is expected to identify pros and cons of alternative methods of registration, such as mifepristone for other indications in gynecology and obstetrics (i.e. treatment of abnormal bleeding)

Methodology

Instrument developed by legal and medical consultants addressing dimension such as:

- Drug registration agency
- Mife / miso registration: indications, route, dosage, insert characteristics, prescription requirements
- Local production or imported
- Public production
- Protocols and guidelines for safe abortion and post abortion care
- Mife and miso included in essential medicines list
- Attempts to register mife and miso: by whom., when, result

Methodology

Countries selected on the basis of attempts, political or civil society's will to change the law or protocols to include legal abortion and/or miso and mife

- Argentina
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Colombia
- Peru
- Uruguay

Expected results

- Document with systematization of country cases and status of mife and miso registration and availability

- Lessons learned from successful and failed cases to overcome potential obstacles in the Region