**Situation of abortion in the Philippines**

**Key Facts**
- **610,000** abortions in 2012
- **>100,000** complications of abortion in 2012
- **1,000** maternal deaths in 2008 attributed to abortion

*Induced abortion only

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**Legal Environment**

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**ARE THERE NATIONAL GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS?**
- Guidelines and protocols on safe abortion: ×
- Guidelines and protocols on Post Abortion Care (PAC): ✓
- Training manual: ×

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**Which abortion methods are included in guidelines/protocols?**
- RECOMMENDED
  - Vacuum aspiration
  - Medical abortion
  - Dilatation & evacuation
  - Not specified

- NOT RECOMMENDED
  - Dilatation & curettage (outdated method)
  - Not specified

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**Does post abortion care include family planning services?**
- Family planning counseling
- Family planning service provision at post abortion site

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2. Republic Act 10554, Section 3