



CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Women, Business and the Law (WBL), in collaboration with the Global Financing Facility (GFF), has collected data on laws affecting women's and girls' access to sexual and reproductive health (SRH), as well as frameworks supporting their implementation. Data were collected through desk research and a questionnaire administered to country experts. The analysis is organized around five indicators. For each indicator, the legal framework is assessed based on domestic laws and regulations. The supportive framework is assessed based on instruments—such as national policies, strategies, and guidelines—that are currently in effect and support the implementation of these laws.

INDICATOR

WHAT DOES IT MEASURE?

		<i>Legal Frameworks</i>	<i>Supportive Frameworks</i>
	SRH rights	Right to SRH; guaranteed access to free SRH services without discrimination	Existence and contents of an operational SRH policy or strategy
	Violence against women and girls (VAWG)	Prohibition of female genital mutilations (FGM)	Adoption of measures to eradicate FGM
	Family planning	Absence of legal restrictions on SRH services, such as the need for consent from a husband, male guardian, parent or third party	Family planning guidelines or protocols
	Comprehensive sexuality education (CSE)	Legal mandates for CSE in schools	Guidelines for delivery of CSE in schools
	Right to education	Girls' legal right to attend school during pregnancy and after childbirth	Policies to keep girls in school and allow pregnant and parenting students to attend school

LEGAL AND SUPPORTIVE FRAMEWORKS

Côte d'Ivoire has a comprehensive and defined framework for:

SRH RIGHTS

A ministerial order of October 2024 established free contraceptive provision in all public health facilities.

The *Plan National de Développement Sanitaire* outlines efforts to improve access to voluntary SRH services. Additionally, the *Plan d'Action National Budgétisé de Planification Familiale* aims to raise the modern contraceptive prevalence rate by providing quality family planning services. The Action Plan includes awareness campaigns to increase the demand for family planning services.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

FGM is prohibited by the Constitution and is a criminal offense under the *Code Pénal*, triggering monetary penalties and up to five years of imprisonment. The law establishes criminal liability for both the individual performing the FGM procedure and any parent or legal guardian who allows FGM to be performed on a minor under their custody. The attempt to perform FGM is also punishable.

FAMILY PLANNING

No provisions in the law require women to obtain consent from their husband or male guardian, or adolescents to obtain parental or a legal guardian's consent to access SRH services. Similarly, the law does not require parental or any third-party consent that may restrict access to SRH.

Côte d'Ivoire's *Normes et Protocoles en Santé Sexuelle Reproductive, Maternelle, Néonatale et Infantile* establish standards for family planning counseling, contraceptive eligibility and choice, service provision, and follow-up care. The *Politique Nationale de Délégation des Tâches en Santé Reproductive* complements these guidelines by allowing specified family planning and reproductive health services to be delivered by trained lower-level and community health workers, thereby expanding access to care.

RIGHT TO EDUCATION

A decree of the Ministry of Education gives girls the right to attend school after childbirth.

POLICY OPPORTUNITIES

The data reveal gaps in Côte d'Ivoire's legal and supportive frameworks across four of the indicators assessed. Strengthening these frameworks can help accelerate the country's progress toward gender equality and to improve health outcomes for women, children, and adolescents.

Côte d'Ivoire may wish to consider translating the following gaps into policy opportunities:

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

While FGM is a criminal offense, the law does not address cross-border FGM. No measures aimed at preventing or eradicating FGM have been adopted.

FAMILY PLANNING

The law does not guarantee access to SRH services in case practitioners raise conscientious objections.

COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION

The law does not mandate the provision of CSE in schools, and there are no published guidelines for the delivery of CSE in schools.

RIGHT TO EDUCATION

The law does not explicitly provide for the right of pregnant girls to attend school. Similarly, policies to promote girls' education or to allow pregnant or parenting students to attend school have not been adopted.

WBL SRH LEGAL FRAMEWORKS DATA

	QUESTION	ANSWER	LEGAL BASIS
SRH Rights	1.1 Does the law provide for the right to sexual and reproductive health?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
	1.2 Does the law guarantee access to sexual and reproductive health services?	Yes	Arrêté portant la gratuité de l'offre des produits contraceptifs dans les établissements publics 2024
	1.2.1 If the answer to question 1.2 is Yes, does the law guarantee access to sexual and reproductive health services free of cost?	Yes	Arrêté portant la gratuité de l'offre des produits contraceptifs dans les établissements publics 2024
	1.3 Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to sexual and reproductive health services based on sex/gender?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
	1.4 Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to sexual and reproductive health services based on age?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
	1.5 Does the law prohibit discrimination in access to sexual and reproductive health services based on marital status?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
VAWG	2.1 Does the law criminalize FGM?	Yes	Constitution de la République de Côte d'Ivoire, Art. 5; Code Pénal, Arts. 394-397
	2.1.1 If the answer to question 2.1 is Yes, is the individual performing the FGM procedure criminally responsible?	Yes	Code Pénal, Art. 394
	2.1.2 Is a parent or legal guardian criminally responsible for allowing FGM to be performed on a minor under their legal custody?	Yes	Code Pénal, Art. 397
	2.2 Does the law criminalize cross-border FGM?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Family Planning	3.1 Is the law free of provisions requiring a husband or male guardian to consent for a woman to access sexual and reproductive health services?	Yes	No applicable provisions could be located
	3.2. Is the law free of provisions requiring parental or a legal guardian's consent for an adolescent to access sexual and reproductive health services?	Yes	No applicable provisions could be located
	3.3 Is the law free of provisions requiring any other form of third-party consent to access sexual and reproductive health services?	Yes	No applicable provisions could be located
	3.4 Does the law guarantee sexual and reproductive service delivery in case practitioners raise conscientious objections?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
CSE	4.1 Does the law mandate comprehensive sexuality education (CSE) in schools?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
Right to Education	5.1 Does the law provide for the right of pregnant girls to attend school?	No	No applicable provisions could be located
	5.2 Does the law provide for the right of adolescent girls to attend school after childbirth?	Yes	Arrêté N° 31/MENET/FP/DELC du 5 mars 2019 portant report de scolarité dans le système éducatif ivoirien, Art. 2

WBL SRH SUPPORTIVE FRAMEWORKS DATA

	QUESTION	ANSWER	SOURCE
SRH Rights	1.1 Has the government adopted a sexual and reproductive health policy or strategy?	Yes	Plan National de Développement Sanitaire (2021-2025) ; Plan d'Action National Budgétisé de Planification Familiale 2021-2025 de Côte d'Ivoire
	1.1.1 If the answer to question 1.1 is Yes, does the policy or strategy include the provision of sexual and reproductive health services among its targets/strategic actions?	Yes	Plan d'Action National Budgétisé de Planification Familiale 2021-2025 de Côte d'Ivoire
	1.1.2 If the answer to question 1.1 is Yes, does the policy or strategy include awareness campaigns among its targets/strategic actions?	Yes	Plan d'Action National Budgétisé de Planification Familiale 2021-2025 de Côte d'Ivoire
VAWG	2.1 Has the government adopted measures aimed at eradicating FGM?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Family Planning	3.1. Has the government published guidelines on family planning?	Yes	Normes et Protocoles en Santé Sexuelle Reproductive, Maternelle, Néonatale et Infantile ; Politique Nationale de Délégation des Tâches en Santé Reproductive
CSE	4.1 Has the government published guidelines for the delivery of CSE in schools?	No	Insufficient evidence located
Right to Education	5.1 Has the government adopted policies to keep girls in schools?	No	Insufficient evidence located
	5.2 Has the government adopted policies to allow pregnant students to attend school?	No	Insufficient evidence located
	5.3 Has the government adopted policies to allow adolescent parenting students to attend school?	No	Insufficient evidence located

