# Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Japan

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# 6 issues related to SRHR in the report, of which only 3 will be discussed today

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# Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Japan – Issue 1

Limited access to Contraceptives, including Emergency Contraceptives. \*No previous recommendation.

### Recemmendations:

- Investigate to make quality modern contraceptives available and provide them at affordable prices to women of reproductive age through government subsidies.
- Accelerate to make ECs available at pharmacies without a medical prescription. Train pharmacists with SRHR knowledge and on how to support people in need.





## Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Japan – Issue 2

Limited access to Safe Abortion.

\*No previous recommendation.

### Recommendations:

- Remove the crime of abortion from the Penal Code and amend the Maternal Protection Act to ensure access to safe, timely, affordable, and respectful abortion care for all persons who need it, without stigmatizing the pregnant person, and without the requiring spousal consent.
- Establish the access to safe and affordable abortion for everyone who needs it by authorizing medical abortion, replacing D&C (dilation and curettage) with other methods such as vacuum aspiration and medical abortion, and include abortion under the national healthcare scheme to ensure affordability, while providing sufficient support and information to people of vulnerable/marginalized groups including noncitizens and minors.



# Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Japan - Issue 3

Discrimination based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression

In the previous cycle, 12 countries made recommendations to Japan on same sex partnerships and efforts to eliminate discrimination based on SOGIE.

### Recommendation:

 Eliminate any discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and expression (SOGIE) by legislating an anti-discrimination law with a newly established national equality body, legally recognizing same-sex partnerships and marriages at the national level, and revising the Gender Identity Disorder Act (2003) to repeal the forced sterilization requirement.



# Thank you for your attention!

### From all the members of our coalition:

- JOICFP (Japanese Organization for International Cooperation in Family Planning)
- Citizen's Project for Pharmacy access to Emergency Contraception
- #Nandenaino Project (Why don't we have?)
- SOSHIREN: Women's Network for Reproductive Freedom
- Japan Alliance for LGBT Legislation
- Spring
- Japan Youth Platform for Sustainability
- Sexual Rights Initiative (SRI)
- Asia Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights