

## How do we help women use safe and effective medications for abortion with pills?

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### Introduction

- Abortion with pills is a safe and effective way to end a pregnancy.
- Abortion self-care (ASC) is on the rise globally due to:
  - increasing availability of the abortion medications, and
  - because women's needs for safe abortion on their own terms is not being met.
- Women need quality medications for safe and effective ASC.
- There are many counterfeit and poor-quality abortion pills available.
- Ipas designed a "buyers' guide" to help women in the abortion pill buying process.

# A digital and printed resource is available to help women choose the right abortion pills.



## How does this apply to humanitarian settings and what is needed?

- Research has shown SAC is almost non-existent in humanitarian settings.
- Failure to meet refugees' need for abortion is a denial of the basic right to health.
- All people deserve the right to benefit from scientific advances regardless of their nationality or citizenship status, including access to information about having an abortion on your own safely with safe medications.
- Is there a market for abortion pills to be used outside health facilities?
- How do we "tap into" entrepreneurship and foster controlled markets to distribute abortion pills safely?
- Evidence is needed on innovative supply approaches and demand and use of abortion pills.

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