Sept 2002: Muluki Ain 11th Amendment Bill for abortion reform receives Royal Assent and becomes law

2002

Feb 2002: Abortion Task Force (ATF) created to draft safe abortion procedural order and help with safe abortion implementation plan

May 2003: Ipas conducts first Training of Trainers

July 2003: Approval of National Safe Abortion Policy

March 2004: First abortion services in Nepal begin at government hospital in Kathmandu

April 2004: First MVA training course for service providers

Dec 2003: Safe Pregnancy Termination Procedural Order establishes Safe Abortion Advisory Committee and allowed services to begin

Dec 2004: ATF dissolved; Technical Committee for Implementation of Comp. Abortion Care formed to carry on service planning and implementation

June 2007: Second-trimester services introduced

Nov 2009: MA scale up strategy approved

May 2008: Midlevel providers training started

As of Dec. 2011: 881 physicians, 371 staff nurses trained in safe abortion; 255 ANMs trained in medical abortion; 532 registered facilities, with at least one in all 75 districts; 497,804 women served

MVA = Manual vacuum aspiration; MA = Medical abortion; ANM = Auxiliary Nurse Midwives