

MAKUTANO JUNCTION

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ONE NIGHT IN MAKUTANO RED DISCOVERED SHE WAS PREGNANT WITH PP'S BABY...



I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, I'M PREGNANT WHAT AM I GOING TO DO? I HAVE NO FAMILY TO SUPPORT ME, NO MONEY FOR ANOTHER CHILD

RED WENT TO FIND THE FATHER OF HER BABY



I NEED TO TALK TO YOU

YOU CAN'T KEEP CHASING ME RED, THAT NIGHT WE HAD TOGETHER WAS A MISTAKE

WHAT IS ABORTION?
ABORTION IS THE ENDING OF PREGNANCY AND REMOVAL OF AN EMBRYO OR OF A FETUS BEFORE IT IS ABLE TO SURVIVE ON ITS OWN OUTSIDE THE WOMB. ABORTION CAN BE INDUCED OR SPONTANEOUS.

THE BABY'S PP'S AND HE'S MARRYING TONI, HE WON'T EVEN TELL HER ABOUT IT



I'M NOT CHASING YOU! I JUST THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW I'M PREGNANT

RED WAS ALL ALONE AND NEEDED HELP SO SHE WENT TO HER FRIEND



WHAT !? I'VE GOT TO FIND TONI, I CAN'T DEAL WITH THIS NOW

I DON'T KNOW WHO ELSE TO TELL..... I'M PREGNANT

THAT'S EXCITING NEWS YOU CAN START A FAMILY



CAN YOU SUPPORT THE BABY YOURSELF?



I CAN'T I ALREADY HAVE TOBY TO FEED AND CLOTHE AND I COULDN'T LEAVE THE CYBER CAFE

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ?



I THINK I MUST HAVE AN ABORTION

WELL IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CHOICE I'LL HELP YOU



THANKS SHARON, IF ONLY PP AND I HAD USED CONTRACEPTION

I'VE HEARD OF SOMEONE WHO CAN DO THE OPERATION BUT BECAUSE IT'S ILLEGAL IT'S EXPENSIVE KSH 7,000 TO KSH 10,000



THERE'S NO WAY I COULD AFFORD THAT

THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE WHO DOES IT CHEAP, CHEAP BUT I'VE HEARD BAD STORIES.....

FAMILY PLANNING:
IF WOMEN AND MEN SEEK FAMILY PLANNING AND CONTRACEPTION THERE SHOULD BE NO NEED FOR ABORTIONS. IF WOMEN HAVE TO DEAL WITH INADEQUATE FAMILY PLANNING OR LACK OF ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTIVES THEY MAYBE FACED WITH FINANCIAL SITUATIONS WHERE THEY WILL CONSIDER ABORTION RATHER THAN THE OPTION OF RAISING ANOTHER CHILD. MEN'S ROLE IN FAMILY PLANNING AND SUPPORT OF CONTRACEPTIVES IS VERY IMPORTANT AND CAN PREVENT UNWANTED PREGNANCIES AND UNNECESSARY ABORTIONS.

ABORTION IS ILLEGAL IN KENYA:
CHAPTER 63 OF THE PENAL CODE DECLARES ABORTION ILLEGAL
HOWEVER IF PREGNANCY/BIRTH ENDANGERS THE LIFE OF A MOTHER IT IS LEGAL FOR A DOCTOR TO ABORT DUE TO MEDICAL REASONS. A SECOND DIAGNOSIS FROM A DIFFERENT DOCTOR MUST BE GIVEN AND ONLY WHEN BOTH AGREE CAN THE OPERATION TAKE PLACE.
THIS LAW IS FOUND IN CHAPTER 63 OF THE PENAL CODE POINT 240.

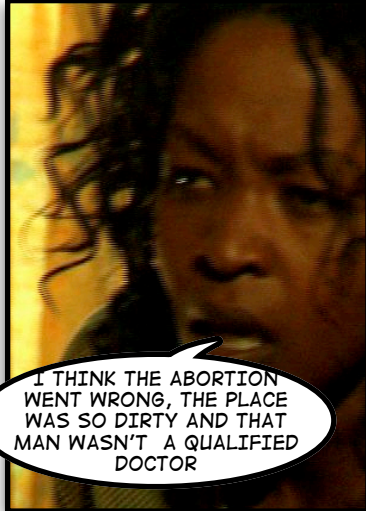


PLEASE TAKE ME THERE

AFTER THE ABORTION RED CAME HOME...



OH PLEASE LET THIS PAIN GO AWAY, I CAN'T COPE ANYMORE



I THINK THE ABORTION WENT WRONG, THE PLACE WAS SO DIRTY AND THAT MAN WASN'T A QUALIFIED DOCTOR

WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF ABORTION?

THERE ARE A VARIETY OF SIGNS OF ABORTION AND THE SYMPTOMS VARY FROM CASE TO CASE. ONE OF THE FIRST SIGNS OF ABORTION IS VAGINAL BLEEDING. AT THIS STAGE ABORTION IS THREATENED BUT NOT INEVITABLE. LATER, RHYTHMICAL PAINS MAY BE FELT, ACCOMPANIED BY OPENING OF THE CERVIX (NECK OF THE WOMB) AND A FEELING OF BEARING DOWN. THE UTERUS MAY EMPTY COMPLETELY WITH THE END OF BLEEDING AND THE END OF THE SYMPTOMS, BUT OFTEN THE UTERUS FAILS TO EMPTY COMPLETELY AND LIFE-THREATENING BLEEDING FOLLOWS. WITH CASES OF HEAVY BLEEDING FOR A LONG TIME THE WOMAN MUST VISIT A DOCTOR. IF THE ABORTION HAS BEEN DONE BY SOMEONE WITH NO MEDICAL TRAINING IN DIRTY CONDITIONS OTHER PROBLEMS CAN OCCUR SUCH AS: AN INCOMPLETE ABORTION, TEARS INSIDE THE WOMAN, FEVER, INFECTION, SEPTIC SHOCK, AND SEVERE BLEEDING.

SHARON CAME TO VISIT



YOU'RE STILL ILL YOU MUST COME TO THE MEDICAL CENTRE

I CAN'T PEOPLE WILL FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED, I WILL GET BETTER AT HOME



YOU'RE NOT GETTING BETTER, YOU'RE GETTING WORSE AND RISKING YOUR LIFE

FACTS ON ABORTIONS IN KENYA:

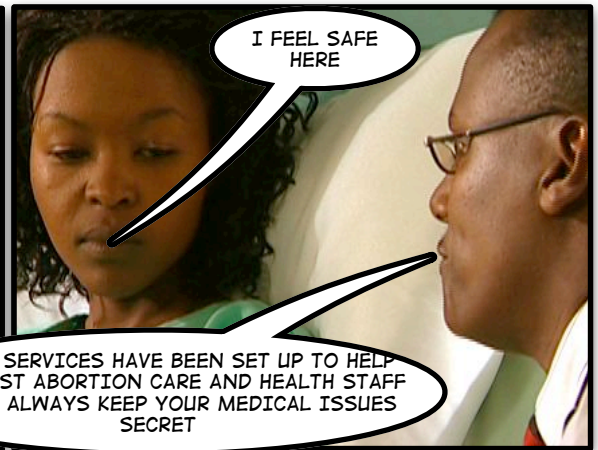
- KENYA HAS A HIGH MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE, WITH 1,300 WOMEN DYING OF COMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PREGNANCY FOR EVERY 100,000 LIVE BIRTHS.
- EACH YEAR, OVER 3,000 WOMEN OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE DIE OF COMPLICATIONS FROM UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES AND OVER HALF A MILLION MORE SUFFER ILL HEALTH. AN ESTIMATED 30 - 50% OF THESE COMPLICATIONS ARE A DIRECT RESULT OF UNSAFE ABORTION.
- APPROX 20,893 WOMEN WITH ABORTION COMPLICATIONS ARE ADMITTED TO PUBLIC HOSPITALS IN KENYA EVERY YEAR

SO SHARON PERSUADED RED TO GO TO THE HEALTH CENTRE



THANK GOODNESS YOU CAME NOW, ANY LONGER AND YOU WOULD HAVE LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD TO BE SAVED

I WAS TOO ASHAMED, I THOUGHT YOU WOULD JUDGE ME



I FEEL SAFE HERE

HEALTH SERVICES HAVE BEEN SET UP TO HELP WITH POST ABORTION CARE AND HEALTH STAFF SHOULD ALWAYS KEEP YOUR MEDICAL ISSUES SECRET

BACK STREET ABORTIONS ARE DANGEROUS:

EACH YEAR THERE ARE 68,000 THOUSAND DEATHS DUE TO UNSAFE ABORTIONS IN AFRICA 709 WOMEN DIE FOR EVERY 100,000 UNSAFE ABORTIONS EVERY 8 MINUTES A WOMAN DIES SOMEWHERE IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY DUE TO COMPLICATIONS FROM AN UNSAFE ABORTION

WHAT SERVICES DOES POST ABORTION CARE PROVIDE?

- COUNSELLING:** HELP WITH BOTH EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH NEEDS AND OTHER CONCERNS
- TREATMENT:** TREAT INCOMPLETE AND UNSAFE ABORTION AND POTENTIALLY LIFE-THREATENING COMPLICATIONS
- CONTRACEPTIVE AND FAMILY-PLANNING SERVICES:** HELP WOMEN PREVENT AN UNWANTED PREGNANCY OR PRACTICE BIRTH SPACING



I MUST BE STRONG FOR TOBY, I WILL PUT THIS BEHIND ME

YOU NEED TO REST AND GET STRONG NOW, LIFE CAN GO ON IF YOU TRY, YOU HAVE PEOPLE DEPENDING ON YOU

POST ABORTION CARE SERVICES SAVE LIVES AND ARE LEGAL.

IF A WOMAN HAS HAD AN UNSAFE ABORTION AND THERE ARE COMPLICATIONS IT'S VERY IMPORTANT SHE HAS CORRECT AND TIMELY EMERGENCY TREATMENT. IN KENYA, THEY ARE PAC SERVICES AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT HOSPITALS, PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS, AND SOME HEALTH CENTRES. THE KENYAN MOH IMPROVED THE QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY OF PAC SERVICES. THERE ARE ALSO PRIVATE CLINICS PROVIDED BY DOCTORS AND MID-LEVEL PROVIDERS(NURSES AND CLINICAL OFFICERS)