



CHOBE DISTRICT COUNCIL RAPID ASSESSMENT OF ADOLESCENT SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (ASRHR)

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FACT SHEET

This fact sheet is a summary of the findings of the ASRHR Rapid Assessment undertaken in Chobe District Council as part of an eight-country study¹ from November 2019 to December 2020. The research aims to strengthen youth-led and focused efforts to promote ASRHR through gender and youth responsive local governance. Gender Links Botswana conducted the study in 10 Centers of Excellence for Gender in Local Government.² In Chobe, the study covered 3 clinics; 99 respondents: 52% young women and 48% young men (see table overleaf). This fact sheet should be read together with the Botswana and the Southern Africa ASRHR Rapid Assessment research pamphlets. Key findings include:

Accessibility

- Twenty-four percent of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic. Only, Waybridge clinic had the least responses.
- Responses to whether the clinics open after school were low at 8%. Waybridge clinic is not open after school.
- A fifth (21%) of respondents, said that clinics open during weekends. Only a few (3%) respondents confirmed this for Waybridge clinic.
- Only 10% of respondents said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting area. Kasane clinic (6%) had the least responses.
- None of the clinics charged fees for their services.

Quality of care

- Three quarters (75%) of the respondents said they were treated with respect.
- Forty-nine percent of young people indicated that there was privacy at the clinic. Only 13% of young people from Waybridge Clinic said there was privacy.
- Over a third (69%) of respondents said they were treated with confidentiality. Responses were varied, ranging from 88% at Plateau Clinic to 40% at Waybridge clinic.
- Only half (51%) of respondents said that clinics did not require their parents to be present, but

Waybridge clinic recorded a significantly high (83%) score.

- Over half (58%) of young people indicated that health workers spent sufficient time with them. All clinics but Waybridge (27%) and had a low response rate.
- Only 45% of young people said they received appropriate information. Plateau clinic recorded a much higher (76%) score while Waybridge clinic had a very low response rate at 10%. Availability of information is a key component of ASRHR that gives young people a #VoiceandChoice.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- A third 31% of young people requested for contraceptives. Over half of those who requested contraceptives received them. This relatively low percentage of young people requesting and receiving contraceptives is worrying as access to contraceptives is key to ensure that ASRH is prioritised.
- Eighteen percent of young women requested a pregnancy test and 89% received it. 10% of women were pregnant at that time.
- A fifth 20% of pregnant women requested for prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT). There were no requests for PMTCT at Plateau and Waybridge clinics.
- At 15%, the overall demand for male circumcision, which has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS, is relatively low. It is encouraging that 57% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment.
- Only 2% of youth requested PREP while 1% requested post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).
- Overall, 10% requested an HIV test. A significant proportion (90%) of those who asked for this test received it.
- A relatively low percentage of respondents (21% overall) said health workers asked about their mental health. This is a concern, as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.
- Eleven percent of young people said that a follow-up appointment was set up whilst only 2% of young people were referred to a relevant facility.

¹ Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

² Chobe, Francistown, Lobatse, Mabutsane, Maun, Moshupa, Okavango, Selibe Phikwe, South East District and Tonota.

FOR MORE INFORMATION go to:

<https://genderlinks.org.za/what-we-do/governance/local-action-for-voice-and-choice/>

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KEY DATA FROM THE RAPID ASSESSMENT OF ASRHR SERVICES IN CHOBE DISTRICT COUNCIL BOTSWANA

Indicator	Chobe District Council	Kasane Clinic	Plateau Clinic	Waybridge Clinic
Total sample	99	35	34	30
% female	52%	49%	56%	50%
% male	48%	51%	44%	50%
Logistic information on health facilities				
Health facility within 10 km from your home %	24%	26%	24%	23%
The facility opens after school? %	8%	15%	9%	0%
The facility opens on weekends? %	21%	43%	15%	3%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	10%	6%	15%	10%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	0%	0%	0%	0%
Quality of care				
Peer counsellors available %	16%	6%	24%	20%
Young people treated with respect %	75%	77%	85%	60%
Young people are treated without parent present %	51%	43%	29%	83%
Young people have privacy %	49%	62%	68%	13%
Young people have confidentiality %	69%	76%	88%	40%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	58%	74%	71%	27%
Young people receive appropriate information %	45%	44%	76%	10%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)				
Maternal health				
% Young people who requested contraceptives	31%	27%	41%	23%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	57%	56%	57%	57%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	18%	7%	37%	7%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	89%	100%	86%	100%
% Young women who were pregnant	10%	6%	16%	7%
Menstrual health				
% Young women who requested pads	14%	29%	5%	7%
HIV and AIDS and STI				
% Young male who requested male circumcision	15%	17%	7%	20%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	57%	100%	0%	33%
% who requested HIV test	10%	9%	6%	17%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	90%	67%	100%	100%
% who requested STI test	4%	6%	3%	3%
% who requested who received STI test	100%	100%	100%	100%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	1%	3%	0%	0%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	21%	14%	35%	13%