



# FRANCISTOWN 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 Francistown as part of an eight-country study<sup>1</sup> 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 ten Centers of Excellence for Gender in Local Government.<sup>2</sup> In Francistown, the study covered 15 clinics; 464 respondents: 49% young women and 51% 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

- Ninety percent of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- Responses to whether the clinics open after school varied from low to high. This suggests either differences in the way clinics operate, or lack of knowledge concerning their hours.
- Almost all respondents (92%), except in BMC clinic (5%), said that the clinics open at weekends.
- Almost all respondents (97%) said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting area.
- None of the clinics charged fees for their services.

### Quality of care

- All respondents said clinics treated them with confidentiality and respect.
- A high percentage of respondents (79%) said clinics did not require their parents to be present but this dropped to 53% in Lapologang and Masego Clinic.
- Overall, only 35% of respondents said that health workers spent sufficient time with them, but this rose to 100% in Tati Siding Clinic.
- While 70% or higher said they received appropriate information in Gerald Clinic and

Itekeng Clinic, overall only 33% of respondents concurred.

### Sexual and reproductive health services

- More than two thirds of respondents in all clinics except BMC clinic (38%) requested contraceptives. All who requested contraceptives received them. This is a very encouraging finding, as provision of contraceptives to young people is key to ASRHR.
- Overall 68% of young women requested a pregnancy test and 91% received it - another encouraging indicator of ASRHR services. None of the young women were pregnant at the time: a positive reflection on good access to contraceptives.
- None of the young women requested sanitary pads possibly, because Botswana provides these in schools rather than clinics.
- At 53%, overall demand for male circumcision, which has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS, is relatively low. However, this varied; for example, all the male respondents in BMC; Botsalano and Botshelo Clinics asked for and received these services.
- Overall, 49% requested an HIV test. This ranged from 33% in Tshwaragano Clinic to 64% in BMC clinic. Almost all those (91%) who asked for this test received it.
- Less than half (42%) of respondents requested an STI test; this ranged from 17% in Tshwaragano Clinic to 80% in Lapologang and Masego Clinic. All those who requested STI tests received them.
- None of the respondents requested anti-retroviral drugs for HIV and AIDS possibly because they did not require them. ARVs are generally accessible in Botswana.
- A very low percentage of respondents (14% overall) said health workers asked about their mental health. This is a concern, as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.

<sup>1</sup> Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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

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<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 FRANCISTOWN BOTSWANA

Indicator	City of Francistown	BMC Clinic	Boikhuiso Clinic	Botsalano Clinic	Botshelo Clinic	Botswelole Clinic	Donga Clinic	Gerald Clinic	Ilekeng Clinic	Jubilee Clinic	Kagiso Clinic	Lapologang Clinic	Masego Clinic	Ntsho Clinic	Tati Siding Clinic	Tshwaragano Clinic
Total sample	464	39	30	32	29	31	31	29	30	32	29	30	30	30	32	30
% female	49%	38%	50%	53%	52%	48%	48%	52%	50%	50%	52%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
% male	51%	62%	50%	47%	48%	52%	52%	48%	50%	50%	48%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%
<b>Logistic information on health facilities</b>																
Health facility within 10 km from your home %	91%	100%	100%	88%	72%	81%	74%	97%	90%	100%	97%	93%	70%	100%	100%	100%
The facility opens after school? %	22%	0%	3%	6%	7%	6%	10%	90%	3%	94%	10%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
The facility opens on weekends? %	92%	5%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	97%	100%	100%	100%	100%	94%	90%	97%	93%	100%	100%	93%	87%	100%	100%	100%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Quality of care</b>																
Peer counsellors available %	63%	38%	47%	53%	52%	48%	48%	83%	80%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	100%	0%
Young people treated with respect %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Young people are treated without parent present %	79%	97%	83%	91%	93%	77%	77%	79%	73%	53%	55%	53%	53%	97%	100%	100%
Young people have privacy %	96%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	94%	90%	90%	100%	97%	90%	80%	100%	100%	100%
Young people have confidentiality %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	35%	38%	57%	53%	52%	58%	45%	55%	57%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	100%	0%
Young people receive appropriate information %	33%	38%	57%	53%	52%	55%	52%	72%	70%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	34%	0%
<b>Sexual and reproductive health services (%)</b>																
<b>Maternal health</b>																
% Young people who requested contraceptives	70%	38%	60%	63%	62%	61%	65%	69%	73%	84%	83%	83%	83%	83%	84%	67%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	68%	60%	59%	76%	73%	67%	67%	67%	60%	84%	83%	83%	83%	17%	84%	33%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	91%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	81%	79%	80%	80%	100%	100%	100%
% Young women who were pregnant	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Menstrual health</b>																
% Young women who requested pads	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>HIV and AIDS and STI</b>																
% Young male who requested male circumcision	53%	100%	87%	100%	100%	19%	6%	14%	13%	69%	50%	53%	53%	27%	31%	50%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	59%	100%	100%	100%	100%	33%	0%	0%	0%	55%	0%	13%	13%	0%	0%	0%
% who requested HIV test	49%	64%	47%	47%	48%	48%	45%	55%	60%	50%	52%	53%	50%	37%	47%	33%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	91%	96%	86%	80%	93%	88%	88%	76%	75%	100%	96%	96%	92%	94%	100%	100%
% who requested STI test	42%	46%	27%	22%	24%	26%	29%	24%	37%	78%	79%	80%	80%	30%	25%	17%
% who requested who received STI test	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	14%	5%	17%	13%	21%	23%	23%	24%	27%	0%	14%	13%	7%	17%	6%	0%