



LOBATSE TOWN 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 Lobatse Town 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 Lobatse, the study covered 5 clinics; 154 respondents: 50% young women and 50% 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

- Almost all (97%) of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- All of the community health centres are open after school.
- Only a fifth (21%) of respondents said clinics open after school except in Peleng, Tsopeng, and Woodhall clinics.
- Almost all respondents (97%), said that clinics open during weekends.
- Over two thirds (66%) of respondents said that the clinics had a comfortable waiting area. Woodhall clinic had the least score (3%) on this indicator.
- None of the clinics charged fees for their services.

Quality of care

- All the young people (100%) interviewed said they were treated with respect in all clinics.
- Almost all (99%) of young people indicated that there was privacy at the clinic.
- All (100%) respondents said they were treated with confidentiality.

- Only fifty-six percent of respondents said that clinics did not require their parents to be present. Responses were varied from 35% at Motswedi clinic to 71% at Tsopeng clinic.
- A significant proportion (94%) of young people indicated that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- Ninety-seven percent of young people said they received appropriate information. Availability of information is a key component of ASRHR that gives young people a #Voice andChoice.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- Less than half of young people (48%) requested contraceptives. These requests were varied, ranging from 29% at Peleng Central Clinic to 61% at Peleng East Clinic and Tsopeng clinics. Most young people (96%) who requested contraceptives received them.
- Over a quarter (26%) of young women requested a pregnancy test. Forty-five percent of those who requested, received the service. At the time of the study, none of the young women interviewed were pregnant.
- Thirty-two percent of young men requested male circumcision. The least requests (13%) were made at Woodhall clinic. Male circumcision has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS. Almost all requests (92%) for circumcision were met.
- Over a half of respondents (55%) requested an HIV test. Almost all (90%) of those who requested the service received it.
- A third of (31%) of young people requested an STI test and all (100%) of those requests were met.
- Over a third of respondents (36%) said health workers asked about their mental health.

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 LOBATSE TOWN COUNCIL BOTSWANA

| Indicator | Lobatse Town Council | Motswedi Clinic | Peleng Central Clinic | Peleng East Clinic | Tsopeng Clinic | Woodhall Clinic |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Total sample | 154 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 30 |
| % female | 50% | 52% | 48% | 48% | 52% | 50% |
| % male | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Logistic information on health facilities | | | | | | |
| Health facility within 10 km from your home % | 97% | 97% | 87% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| The facility opens after school? % | 21% | 3% | 0% | 100% | 0% | 0% |
| The facility opens on weekends? % | 97% | 87% | 97% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? % | 66% | 100% | 29% | 100% | 94% | 3% |
| Does the facility charge a fee? % | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Quality of care | | | | | | |
| Peer counsellors available % | 97% | 100% | 87% | 100% | 97% | 100% |
| Young people treated with respect % | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Young people are treated without parent present % | 56% | 35% | 52% | 58% | 71% | 67% |
| Young people have privacy % | 99% | 100% | 97% | 97% | 100% | 100% |
| Young people have confidentiality % | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Health workers spend sufficient time with young people % | 94% | 97% | 87% | 100% | 90% | 97% |
| Young people receive appropriate information % | 97% | 97% | 90% | 100% | 100% | 97% |
| Sexual and reproductive health services (%) | | | | | | |
| Maternal health | | | | | | |
| % Young people who requested contraceptives | 48% | 39% | 29% | 61% | 61% | 50% |
| % Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives | 96% | 100% | 100% | 84% | 100% | 100% |
| % Young women who requested a pregnancy test | 26% | 29% | 40% | 33% | 19% | 7% |
| % Young women who received a pregnancy test | 45% | 40% | 50% | 40% | 33% | 100% |
| % Young women who were pregnant | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Menstrual health | | | | | | |
| % Young women who requested pads | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| HIV and AIDS and STI | | | | | | |
| % Young male who requested male circumcision | 32% | 33% | 38% | 38% | 40% | 13% |
| % of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment | 92% | 60% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| % who requested HIV test | 55% | 26% | 52% | 77% | 52% | 70% |
| % of those who requested who received HIV test | 90% | 89% | 63% | 92% | 100% | 100% |
| % who requested STI test | 31% | 19% | 23% | 29% | 29% | 53% |
| % who requested who received STI test | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| % who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs) | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| % who said Health worker asked about mental health | 36% | 42% | 42% | 23% | 26% | 50% |