



SOUTH EAST 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 South East 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 South East, the study covered 5 clinics; 154 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

- Over three quarters (77%) of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic. Only, Taung clinic had the least (27%) responses.
- Responses to whether the clinics open after school were low at 19%.
- All (100%) respondents, said that clinics open during weekends.
- All (100%) respondents said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting area.
- None of the clinics charged fees for their services.

Quality of care

- In all the 5 clinics, respondents said there was privacy, and they were treated with respect and confidentiality.

- Seventy-two percent of respondents said that clinics did not require their parents to be present, but Tlokwen Main Clinic recorded an above average (58%) score.
- The majority (98%) of young people indicated that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- Eighty-percent of young people said they received appropriate information. Siga and Tlokwen Main clinics recorded a much higher (97%) score while Taung clinic had a relatively low response rate at 53%. Availability of information is a key component of ASRHR that gives young people a #VoiceandChoice.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- Over half 55% of young people requested for contraceptives. All of those who requested contraceptives received them. Access to contraceptives is key to ensure that ASRH is prioritised.
- Fourteen percent of young women requested a pregnancy test and 94% received it.
- Fifty-eight percent of young men requested for male circumcision, which has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS. It is encouraging that 91% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment.
- Forty-six percent requested an HIV test. A significant proportion (90%) of those who asked for this test received it.
- A relatively low percentage of respondents (16% overall) said health workers asked about their mental health. This is a concern, as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.

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 ASHR SERVICES IN SOUTH EAST DISTRICT COUNCIL BOTSWANA

Indicator	South East District Council	Lesethane Clinic	Police Clinic	Siga Clinic	Taung Clinic	Tlokweng Main Clinic
Total sample	154	30	30	31	30	33
% female	49%	50%	50%	52%	50%	45%
% male	51%	50%	50%	48%	50%	55%
Logistic information on health facilities						
Health facility within 10 km from your home %	77%	90%	70%	100%	27%	97%
The facility opens after school? %	19%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
The facility opens on weekends? %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Quality of care						
Peer counsellors available %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Young people treated with respect %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Young people are treated without parent present %	72%	80%	80%	71%	73%	58%
Young people have privacy %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Young people have confidentiality %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	98%	100%	100%	97%	100%	94%
Young people receive appropriate information %	87%	93%	93%	97%	53%	97%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)						
Maternal health						
% Young people who requested contraceptives	55%	60%	77%	48%	40%	52%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	14%	9%	7%	23%	13%	20%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	94%	50%	100%	100%	100%	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	58%	53%	33%	47%	27%	91%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	91%	100%	0%	100%	100%	100%
% who requested HIV test	46%	40%	33%	35%	73%	48%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	90%	100%	89%	100%	73%	89%
% who requested STI test	36%	37%	33%	35%	40%	33%
% who requested who received STI test	98%	100%	100%	100%	100%	83%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	16%	3%	20%	13%	13%	30%