



SELIBE PHIKWE 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 Selibe Phikwe 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 Selibe Phikwe, the study covered 8 clinics; 241 respondents: 51% young women and 49% 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 were low at 27%. The response rate was low (6%) at Selibe Phikwe North First aid Clinic, while other clinics had no responses at all.
- The majority (90%) of respondents, said that clinics open during weekends. Only a fifth (20%) respondents confirmed this for Sesame clinic.
- All the respondents (100%) 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

- All the respondents interviewed said they were treated with respect at all the clinics.
- Ninety-four percent of young people indicated that there was privacy at the clinic.
- In all the 8 clinics respondents said they were treated with confidentiality.

- The majority (88%) of respondents said that clinics did not require their parents to be present.
- Almost all (90%) of young people indicated that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- Over two thirds (63%) of young people said they received appropriate information. Botshabelo Industrial, Kagiso and Lesole clinic recorded a much higher (100%) score while Tapologo clinic had a very low response rate at 7%. Availability of information is a key component of ASRHR that gives young people a #VoiceandChoice.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- Over a third (36%) of young people requested for contraceptives. All (100%) of those who requested contraceptives received them. This relatively percentage of young people requesting and receiving contraceptives is worrying as access to contraceptives is key to ensure that ASRH is prioritised.
- Over three quarters (76%) of young women requested a pregnancy test and 60% received it. There were no young women pregnant at that time.
- Over two thirds (66%) of young men requested male circumcision. It is encouraging that all of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment. Male circumcision has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS.
- Overall, 42% of respondents requested an HIV test. A significant proportion (90%) of those who asked for this test received it.
- A relatively 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.
- Three 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 SELIBE PHIKWE TOWN COUNCIL BOTSWANA

Indicator	Selibe Phikwe Town Council	Botshabelo Clinic	Industrial Clinic	Kagiso Clinic	Lesole Clinic	Selibe Phikwe North First aid Clinic	Sesame Clinic	South East Ext clinic	Tapologo Clinic
Total sample	241	31	30	31	30	33	25	31	30
% female	51%	48%	50%	52%	50%	55%	48%	52%	50%
% male	49%	52%	50%	48%	50%	45%	52%	48%	50%
Logistic information on health facilities									
Health facility within 10 km from your home %	90%	100%	100%	97%	93%	67%	60%	97%	100%
The facility opens after school? %	27%	100%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%	13%	93%
The facility opens on weekends? %	90%	100%	100%	100%	100%	94%	20%	94%	100%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	96%	100%	100%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Quality of care									
Peer counsellors available %	99%	100%	100%	97%	100%	100%	100%	100%	93%
Young people treated with respect %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Young people are treated without parent present %	88%	90%	83%	84%	87%	94%	84%	94%	90%
Young people have privacy %	94%	100%	100%	97%	100%	79%	80%	97%	100%
Young people have confidentiality %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	90%	100%	100%	97%	100%	76%	72%	87%	90%
Young people receive appropriate information %	63%	100%	100%	100%	100%	48%	48%	0%	7%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)									
Maternal health									
% Young people who requested contraceptives	36%	61%	27%	19%	20%	24%	36%	48%	50%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	76%	100%	93%	87%	70%	52%	45%	71%	80%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	60%	100%	68%	30%	24%	29%	30%	100%	88%
% Young women who were pregnant	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Menstrual health									
% Young women who requested pads	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
HIV and AIDS and STI									
% Young male who requested male circumcision	66%	45%	73%	84%	87%	81%	43%	33%	29%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
% who requested HIV test	42%	74%	37%	42%	47%	45%	28%	29%	33%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	90%	97%	90%	90%	86%	87%	80%	95%	95%
% who requested STI test	25%	29%	17%	16%	20%	24%	28%	39%	30%
% who requested who received STI test	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	94%	100%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	14%	6%	10%	19%	40%	21%	12%	0%	0%