



TONOTA SUB 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 Tonota Sub 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 Tonota, the study covered 2 clinics; 65 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

- Eight percent of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- Responses to whether the clinics open after school were low at 5%.
- Only 6% of respondents, said that clinics open during weekends.
- A quarter (25%) of respondents said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting area. Tonota clinic (12%) had the least responses.
- None of the clinics charged fees for their services.

Quality of care

- The majority (95%) of respondents said they were treated with respect.
- Forty-five percent of young people indicated that there was privacy at the clinic.
- Eighty-two percent of respondents said they were treated with confidentiality. The responses were varied, ranging from 68% at Tonota Clinic to 97% at Tonota College of Education Clinic.
- Only half (51%) of respondents said that clinics did not require their parents to be present.

- Half (51%) of young people indicated that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- Fifty-two percent of young people said they received appropriate information. Availability of information is a key component of ASRHR that gives young people a #VoiceandChoice.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- Twenty-two percent of young people requested for contraceptives. Over half (57%) 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.
- Only 6% of young women requested a pregnancy test and all of them received it. Three percent of young women were pregnant at that time.
- At 6%, 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 50% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment.
- Only 2% of youth requested PREP while none requested post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).
- Only 5% of respondents requested an HIV test. A significant proportion (67%) of those who asked for this test received it.
- A relatively low percentage of respondents (11% 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 another 3% 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.

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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 TONOTA SUB DISTRICT COUNCIL BOTSWANA

Indicator	Tonota Sub District Council	Tonota Clinic	Tonota College of Education Clinic
Total sample	65	34	31
% female	49%	50%	48%
% male	51%	50%	52%
Logistic information on health facilities			
Health facility within 10 km from your home %	8%	6%	10%
The facility opens after school? %	5%	6%	3%
The facility opens on weekends? %	6%	6%	6%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	25%	12%	39%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	0%	0%	0%
Quality of care			
Peer counsellors available %	38%	24%	55%
Young people treated with respect %	95%	94%	97%
Young people are treated without parent present %	51%	50%	52%
Young people have privacy %	45%	47%	42%
Young people have confidentiality %	82%	68%	97%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	51%	50%	52%
Young people receive appropriate information %	52%	47%	58%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)			
Maternal health			
% Young people who requested contraceptives	22%	21%	23%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	57%	57%	57%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	6%	6%	7%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	100%	100%	100%
% Young women who were pregnant	3%	6%	0%
Menstrual health			
% Young women who requested pads	3%	0%	7%
HIV and AIDS and STI			
% Young male who requested male circumcision	6%	12%	0%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	50%	50%	
% who requested HIV test	5%	3%	6%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	67%	0%	100%
% who requested STI test	3%	3%	3%
% who requested who received STI test	100%	100%	100%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	0%	0%	0%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	11%	0%	23%