



SITEKI 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 Siteki 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 Eswatini conducted the study in 11 Centers of Excellence for Gender in Local Government.² In Siteki, the study covered 2 clinics; 60 respondents: 65% young women and 35% young men (see table overleaf). This fact sheet should be read together with the Eswatini and the Southern Africa ASRHR Rapid Assessment research pamphlets. Key findings include:

Accessibility

- Forty percent of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- Fifty-eight percent of respondents said the clinics open after school.
- Forty-eight percent said that the clinics open at weekends.
- Almost all respondents (95%) said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting area.
- Both clinics in Siteki charge a fee for their services.

Quality of care

- Almost all (96%) respondents said clinics treated them with confidentiality and respect.
- A little over half of respondents (57%) said clinics did not require their parents to be present.

- Eighty-seven percent of the respondents said that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- Eighty-eight percent said they received appropriate information in the clinics.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- Only 17% of respondents in all clinics requested contraceptives. All who requested contraceptives received them. This is a very encouraging finding, as the provision of contraceptives to young people is key to ASRHR.
- Overall 15% of young women requested a pregnancy test and 100% received it - another encouraging indicator of ASRHR services. Eight percent the young women were pregnant at the time.
- Six percent of the young women requested sanitary pads. None received them.
- Nineteen percent requested for male circumcision, none received the service.
- Overall 73% requested an HIV test. Eighty-six percent of those that asked for this test received it.
- A very low percentage (5%) of respondents requested an STI test. All those who requested STI tests received them.
- Ten percent of the respondents requested anti-retroviral drugs for HIV and AIDS and 17% of those received them.
- A very low percentage of respondents (12% 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 Ezulwini, Lavumisa, Malkerns, Mankayane, Manzini, Matsapha, Mbabane, Ngwenya, Nhlengano, Piggs Peak and Siteki.

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KEY DATA FROM THE RAPID ASSESSMENT OF ASRHR SERVICES IN SITEKI ESWATINI

Indicator	Siteki	Good Shepard Hospital	Lubombo Referral Hospital
Total sample	60	30	30
% female	65%	80%	50%
% male	35%	20%	50%
Logistic information on health facilities			
Health facility within 10km from your home %	40%	23%	57%
The facility opens after school? %	58%	90%	10%
The facility opens on weekends? %	48%	90%	4%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	95%	97%	93%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	100%	100%	100%
Average fee in USD	\$1	\$1	\$1
Quality of care			
Peer counsellors available %	0%	0%	0%
Young people treated with respect %	93%	97%	90%
Young people are treated without parent present %	57%	93%	15%
Young people have privacy %	92%	97%	87%
Young people have confidentiality %	96%	100%	93%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	87%	97%	77%
Young people receive appropriate information %	88%	100%	77%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)			
Maternal health			
% Young people who requested contraceptives	17%	14%	20%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	100%	100%	100%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	15%	13%	20%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	100%	100%	100%
% Young women who were pregnant	8%	4%	13%
% pregnant young women who requested ante-natal check-up	67%	0%	100%
% pregnant young women who received ante-natal check-up	100%		100%
% pregnant women who requested prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)	33%	0%	50%
% pregnant women who requested PMTCT that received PMTCT	100%		100%
% Young women who requested post-natal care	9%	0%	17%
% Young women who requested post natal care who received post-natal care	100%		100%
% Young women who requested help with breast feeding	5%	0%	8%
% Young women who requested that received help with breast feeding	100%		100%
Menstrual health			
% Young women who requested pads	6%	9%	0%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	0%	0%	0%
HIV and AIDS and STI			
% Young men who requested male circumcision	19%	0%	27%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	0%	0%	0%
% youth who requested PREP	0%	0%	0%
% youth who received PREP			
% who requested HIV test	73%	87%	60%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	86%	100%	67%
% who requested STI test	5%	3%	7%
% who requested who received STI test	100%	100%	100%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	10%	0%	20%
% who requested who received ARVs	17%		17%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	12%	10%	13%