



# BONGATSARA 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 conducted in Bongatsara as part of an eight-country study<sup>1</sup> 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 Madagascar conducted the study in ten Centers of Excellence for Gender in Local Government.<sup>2</sup> In Bongatsara, the study covered just one clinic; 231 respondents: 52% young women and 48% young men (see table overleaf). This fact sheet should be read together with the Madagascar and the Southern Africa ASRHR Rapid Assessment research pamphlets. Key findings include:

### Accessibility

- Less than half (44%) of respondents benefit from a clinic 10 km of their home.
- The majority (88%) of young people responded that the clinic is open after school.
- Sixty-four percent confirmed that the clinic is open at weekends and that it had a comfortable waiting and consultation area.
- Over half (58%) of the young people reported paying an average fee of \$1 for ASRHR services.

### Quality of care

- Three-quarters of young people were treated with confidentiality, while 74% of them were treated with respect.
- Sixty-nine percent of respondents said that they met with peer counsellors during their visits.
- Over half (57%) confirmed that they were treated without a third-party presence and 55% of respondents said that they had privacy.
- Bongatsara rural council ranked lowest among the 10 councils surveyed in Madagascar on two quality of care indicators: only 33% of

youths received appropriate information, as well only 29% of respondents said that health workers spent sufficient time with them. This shows that the rural authorities are faced with lower-quality care.

### Sexual and reproductive health services

- Half of the respondents requested contraceptives and 85% of them got it.
- Over two-thirds (70%) of young women requested a pregnancy test and 78% received it. Thirteen percent of young women were pregnant at the time of the survey, which ranks Bongatsara as the council that represents the maximum rate of young pregnant women in all the councils surveyed in the country overall.
- Thirty percent of the young women requested sanitary pads and 80% received: more need to be done to ensure the provision of free menstrual ware in clinic, since it is a way to guarantee menstrual hygiene and health.
- At almost half (49%) overall demand for male circumcision, which has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS, 71% of them received an appointment for the circumcision.
- Only 39% of young people requested an HIV test. Almost all of them (92%) who asked for this test received it.
- Similarly, only 38% of respondents requested an STI test and 89% of those who requested for STI tests received them.
- Thirty-five percent of the respondents requested anti-retroviral treatment and 67% of them received them. ARVs are generally accessible in Madagascar at the referral district hospitals.
- Only 19% (the lowest of the country overall) said health workers asked about their mental health. A key concern to resolve as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.

<sup>1</sup> Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

<sup>2</sup> Andoharanomaitso, Anjozorobe, Antananarivo, Bongatsara, Fort-Dauphin, Foulpointe, Mahajanga, Manjakandriana, Moramanga and Toamasina.

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KEY DATA FROM THE RAPID ASSESSMENT OF ASRHR SERVICES IN BONGATSARA MADAGASCAR

Indicator	Bongatsara	CSB II Anjomakely
Total sample	231	231
% female	52%	52%
% male	48%	48%
<b>Logistic information on health facilities</b>		
Health facility within 10km from your home %	44%	44%
The facility opens after school? %	88%	88%
The facility opens on weekends? %	64%	64%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	64%	64%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	58%	58%
Average fee in USD	\$1	\$1
<b>Quality of care</b>		
Peer counsellors available %	69%	69%
Young people treated with respect %	74%	74%
Young people are treated without parent present %	57%	57%
Young people have privacy %	55%	55%
Young people have confidentiality %	75%	75%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	29%	29%
Young people receive appropriate information %	33%	33%
<b>Sexual and reproductive health services (%)</b>		
<b>Maternal health</b>		
% Young people who requested contraceptives	50%	50%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	85%	85%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	70%	70%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	78%	78%
% Young women who were pregnant	13%	13%
<b>Menstrual health</b>		
% Young women who requested pads	30%	30%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	80%	80%
<b>HIV and AIDS and STI</b>		
% Young men who requested male circumcision	49%	49%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	71%	71%
% who requested HIV test	39%	39%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	92%	92%
% who requested STI test	38%	38%
% who requested who received STI test	89%	89%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	35%	35%
% who requested who received ARVs	67%	67%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	19%	19%