

# FORT-DAUPHIN RAPID ASSESSMENT OF ADOLESCENT SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (ASRHR)



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This fact sheet is a summary of the findings of the ASRHR Rapid Assessment conducted in Fort-Dauphin 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.2 In Fort-Dauphin, the study covered two clinics; 224 respondents: 50% young women and 50% young men (see table overleaf). Overall, youth rate the services of the two clinics as satisfactory and there is no great difference between the percentages scored by the respondents on the two clinics. This fact sheet should be read together with the Madagascar and the Southern Africa ASRHR Rapid Assessment research pamphlets. Key findings include:

### **Accessibility**

- Almost two-thirds (62%) of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- Responses to whether the clinics open after school are high for both clinics, with an average rate of 77%.
- Three-quarters (75%) said that the clinics open at weekends.
- The CSBII Bazary Be was rated much better (68%) by youths than the CSBI Ambinanibe (54%) for the existence of a comfortable waiting area.
- Many young people (75% overall) confirmed that the clinics are paid, however the cost varied from \$2 on average at CSBI Ambinanibe and \$1 at CSB II Bazary Be.

#### Quality of care

- Almost all respondents (97%) said clinics treated them with confidentiality, with 100% reported by young people for CSBI Ambinanibe.
- The majority (94%) said being treated with respect, as well as meeting with peer counsellors (92%).

- A high proportion (89%) of youth indicated that they were treated in privacy.
- Eighty-seven percent of respondents reported said they received appropriate information, while 86% said that health workers spend enough time with young people.
- Almost three-quarters (73%) of young people were treated without parents' presence: with a percentage much higher for CSBI Ambinanibe (82%).

#### Sexual and reproductive health services

- A high proportion (74%) of respondents requested contraceptives and 88% of those who requested contraceptives received them. An effort still needs to be made to reach 100%, as the provision of contraceptives to young people is key to
- Overall 64% of young women requested a pregnancy test and 93% received it. Six percent of the young women were pregnant at the time of the study. There is need to increase access to contraception.
- 20% of the young women requested sanitary pads. What is encouraging is that all of those who requested sanitary pads in Fort-Dauphin received them. The council figure among the three councils surveyed in Madagascar, which 100% satisfy meet the demand of young people on sanitary pads' provision.
- At 58%, overall demand for male circumcision, which has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS, 86% of them received an appointment for the circumcision.
- Twenty-nine percent of the respondents requested an HIV test. Over two-thirds (68%) who asked for this test received it.
- Similarly, 29% of respondents requested an STI test and 70% of those who requested STI tests received them.
- A quarter of the respondents requested antiretroviral drugs for HIV and AIDS, of which 79% received. ARVs are generally accessible in Madagascar at the referral district hospitals.
- Almost two-thirds (63%) said health workers asked about their mental health. A key progress as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.

FOR MORE INFORMATION go to:

https://genderlinks.org.za/what-we-do/governance/local-action-for-voice-and-choice/

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