



FORT-DAUPHIN 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 Fort-Dauphin 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 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%).

¹ Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

² Andoharanomaitso, Anjozorobe, Antanamaritana, Bongatsara, Fort-Dauphin, Foulpointe, Mahajanga, Manjakandriana, Moramanga and Toamasina.

- 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 ASRHR.
- 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 anti-retroviral 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.

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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 FORT-DAUPHIN MADAGASCAR

Indicator	Fort-Dauphin	CSB I Ambinanibe	CSBII Bazary Be
Total sample	224	51	173
% female	50%	56%	49%
% male	50%	44%	51%
Logistic information on health facilities			
Health facility within 10km from your home %	62%	64%	61%
The facility opens after school? %	77%	86%	75%
The facility opens on weekends? %	75%	76%	74%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	65%	54%	68%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	75%	84%	73%
Average fee in USD	\$2	\$2	\$1
Quality of care			
Peer counsellors available %	92%	80%	95%
Young people treated with respect %	94%	96%	93%
Young people are treated without parent present %	73%	82%	71%
Young people have privacy %	89%	90%	89%
Young people have confidentiality %	97%	100%	96%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	86%	88%	85%
Young people receive appropriate information %	87%	88%	87%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)			
Maternal health			
% Young people who requested contraceptives	74%	83%	72%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	88%	97%	86%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	64%	69%	63%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	93%	78%	96%
% Young women who were pregnant	6%	8%	5%
Menstrual health			
% Young women who requested pads	20%	27%	19%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	100%	100%	100%
HIV and AIDS and STI			
% Young men who requested male circumcision	58%	67%	57%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	86%	100%	85%
% who requested HIV test	48%	44%	49%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	95%	92%	95%
% who requested STI test	49%	55%	48%
% who requested who received STI test	92%	100%	90%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	25%	37%	21%
% who requested who received ARVs	79%	89%	75%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	63%	87%	55%