



# MANJAKANDRIANA 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 Manjakandriana 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 Manjakandriana, the study focused on a clinic (Basic Health Centre II); 211 respondents: 51% young women and 49% 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 (only 42%) of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- More than two-thirds (71%) of youth responded that the clinic is open after school.
- Under two-thirds (64%) of respondents said that the clinics open at weekends.
- A high proportion of respondents (86%), said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting area.
- One-third (33%) of young people paid a fee of \$1 to access ASRHR services.

### Quality of care

- A high proportion of young people were treated with respect (87%) and confidentiality (85%).
- The majority (82%) of respondents said they both received appropriate information and that health workers spent enough time with them.
- Eighty-one percent of youth met with peer counsellors during their visits.
- Nearly three-quarters (73%) of young people reported having received services in privacy.
- Sixty percent of young people declared being treated without the presence of a third party.

### Sexual and reproductive health services

- Only 12%, a small minority sought for contraceptive services, which places Manjakandriana in the last rank of the councils in the survey in Madagascar. Seventy-two percent of those who requested contraceptives received them. A slight effort still needs to be made to reach 100%, as provision of contraceptives to young people is key to ASRHR.
- Similarly, only 13% of young women requested a pregnancy test and 86% received it. Three percent of the young women were pregnant at the time of the survey: a high proportion which could be explained by the constraints of youth to contraceptives, owing to various barriers (lack of knowledge and fully access to ASRHR included).
- Almost none (1%) of young women requested sanitary pads because they know they have to buy one. However, all of those who requested for sanitary pads obviously received: a very significant indicator for menstrual health management.
- Only 10% of youths requested male circumcision. Of these, 70% received an appointment for circumcision. Overall demand for male circumcision is very yet it has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS.
- Only 1% of youth requested HIV tests, and all received them. While is ranked Manjakandriana at the bottom among the councils in the survey, the health facility is well geared for HIV testing.
- Similarly, only 2% of respondents requested an STI test and three-quarters (75%) of them received it.
- None of the respondents requested anti-retroviral drugs for HIV and AIDS, possibly because they did not require them.
- Almost two-thirds (64%) of youth indicated that health workers asked about their mental health. A key progress as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.

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

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

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

Indicator	Manjakandriana	CSB II Manjakandriana
Total sample	211	211
% female	51%	51%
% male	49%	49%
<b>Logistic information on health facilities</b>		
Health facility within 10km from your home %	42%	42%
The facility opens after school? %	71%	71%
The facility opens on weekends? %	64%	64%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	86%	86%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	42%	42%
Average fee in USD	\$2	\$2
<b>Quality of care</b>		
Peer counsellors available %	81%	81%
Young people treated with respect %	87%	87%
Young people are treated without parent present %	60%	60%
Young people have privacy %	73%	73%
Young people have confidentiality %	85%	85%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	82%	82%
Young people receive appropriate information %	82%	82%
<b>Sexual and reproductive health services (%)</b>		
<b>Maternal health</b>		
% Young people who requested contraceptives	12%	12%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	72%	72%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	13%	13%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	86%	86%
% Young women who were pregnant	3%	3%
<b>Menstrual health</b>		
% Young women who requested pads	1%	1%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	100%	100%
<b>HIV and AIDS and STI</b>		
% Young men who requested male circumcision	10%	10%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	70%	70%
% who requested HIV test	1%	1%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	100%	100%
% who requested STI test	2%	2%
% who requested who received STI test	75%	75%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	0%	0%
% who requested who received ARVs		
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	64%	64%