

# CUREPIPE COUNCIL RAPID ASSESSMENT OF ADOLESCENT SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (ASRHR)



JANUARY 2022

This fact sheet is a summary of the findings of the ASRHR Rapid Assessment undertaken in Curepipe 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 Mauritius conducted the study in seven Centres of Excellence for Gender in Local Government.2 In Curepipe, the study covered 3 community health centres; 92 respondents: 45% young women, 4% gender non-conforming and 51% young men (see table overleaf). This fact sheet should be read together with the Mauritius and the Southern Africa ASRHR Rapid Assessment research pamphlets. Key findings include:

# **Accessibility**

- All respondents reported being within 10 km of a community health centre.
- Seventy percent of the facilities offered at the community health centres are open after school, with that of Wooton being 100%.
- Almost all respondents (99%), said that the Community Health Centres are open at weekends.
- Almost all respondents (99%) said that the Community Health Centre had a comfortable waiting area.
- None of the community health centres charged fees for their services.

### Quality of care

- None of the young people mentioned that peer counsellors were available across the three community health centres.
- Almost all of young people (97%) said that they were treated with respect and that confidentiality and privacy were respected.
- Overall, only 12% of youth were treated without a parent being present.
- The majority (80%) of respondents said that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- Over three quarters (76%) of young people affirmed that they received appropriate information overall.

# Sexual and reproductive health services

- Only 1% of young people requested for contraceptives and none received any contraceptives upon request. This relatively low percentage of young people requesting and receiving contraceptives is worrying as access to contraceptives is key to ensure that ASRH is prioritised.
- Overall, only 2% of young women requested a pregnancy test and none were received.
   Yet, 4% of women were pregnant at that time.
- Fifteen percent of young people affirmed that a follow-up appointment was set up while 10% of young people were referred to a relevant facility.

FOR MORE INFORMATION go to:

Contact details: Gender Links Mauritius

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







<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe <sup>2</sup> Beau Bassin-Rose Hill, Curepipe, Grand Port, Moka, Port Louis, Quatre Bornes and Savanne



#### key data from the rapid assessment of asrhr services in curepipe council mauritius

| Indicator   | Curepipe | Floreal<br>Community<br>Health Centre | Forest Side<br>Community<br>Health Centre | Wooton<br>Community<br>Health Centre |
|---|----------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Total sample  | 92       | 31                                    | 29  | 32                                   |
| % female  | 45%      | 45%                                   | 41%                                       | 47%                                  |
| % gender non-conforming                                     | 4%       | 6%                                    | 7%  | 0%                                   |
| % male  | 51%      | 48%                                   | 52%                                       | 53%                                  |
| Logistic information on health facilities                   |          |                                       |   |                                      |
| Health facility within 10km from your home %                | 100%     | 100%                                  | 100%                                      | 100%                                 |
| The facility opens after school? %                          | 70%      | 97%                                   | 7%  | 100%                                 |
| The facility opens on weekends? %                           | 99%      | 97%                                   | 100%                                      | 100%                                 |
| The facility has a comfortable waiting and                  | 99%      | 100%                                  | 97%                                       | 100%                                 |
| consultation area? %  |          |                                       |   |                                      |
| Does the facility charge a fee? %                           | 0%       | 0%                                    | 0%  | 0%                                   |
| Average fee in USD  | None     | None                                  | None                                      | None                                 |
| Quality of care   |          |                                       |   |                                      |
| Peer counsellors available %                                | 0%       | 0%                                    | 0%  | 0%                                   |
| Young people treated with respect %                         | 97%      | 100%                                  | 90%                                       | 100%                                 |
| Young people are treated without parent present %           | 12%      | 10%                                   | 21%                                       | 6%                                   |
| Young people have privacy %                                 | 97%      | 100%                                  | 90%                                       | 100%                                 |
| Young people have confidentiality %                         | 97%      | 100%                                  | 93%                                       | 97%                                  |
| Health workers spend sufficient time with young             | 80%      | 97%                                   | 66%                                       | 78%                                  |
| people %  |          |                                       |   |                                      |
| Young people receive appropriate information %              | 76%      | 90%                                   | 72%                                       | 66%                                  |
| Sexual and reproductive health services (%) Maternal health |          |                                       |   |                                      |
| % Young people who requested contraceptives                 | 1%       | 0%                                    | 3%  | 0%                                   |
| % Young women who requested a pregnancy test                | 2%       | 0%                                    | 7%  | 0%                                   |
| % Young women who were pregnant                             | 4%       | 0%                                    | 7%  | 7%                                   |
| Follow up and referral                                      |          |                                       |   |                                      |
| % who said the HW set up a follow up appointment            | 15%      | 29%                                   | 7%  | 9%                                   |
| % referred to a relevant facility                           | 10%      | 19%                                   | 7%  | 3%                                   |

