

MAKONI RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL 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 undertaken in Makoni Rural District Council 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 Zimbabwe conducted the study in thirteen Centers of Excellence for Gender in Local Government.² In Makoni, the study covered 28 clinics; 163 respondents: 51% young women and 49% young men (see table overleaf). This fact sheet should be read together with the Zimbabwe and the Southern Africa ASRHR Rapid Assessment research pamphlets. Key findings include:

Accessibility

- Less than half (47%) of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic. Responses ranged from 10% at Bingaguru to 80% at Tsanzaguru clinics.
- Above three-quarters, (79%) of respondents said the clinics open after school. Maurice Nyagumbo clinic (33%) had the least positive response.
- Almost all respondents (93%), said that clinics open during weekends. At 67% Maurice Nyagumbo clinic had the least positive responses.
- Over three-quarters, (76%) of respondents said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting area. All clinics but Toriro clinic (50%) had a rating above half.
- The average cost of ASRHR services in Makoni is USD\$5.

Quality of care

- Over three-quarters of young people (79%) said they were treated with respect. At Bingaguru and Katsenga clinics half of the young people said they were treated with respect.
- Less than two-thirds (63%) of young people indicated that there was privacy at the clinic. Responses varied from 33% at Groobi Springs to 83% at Sangano clinics.

- Over three-quarters of respondents (78%) said they were treated with confidentiality.
- Over two-thirds (68%) of respondents said that clinics did not require their parents to be present to seek ASRHR services. At Katsenga and Toriro clinics all young people are treated with their parents present.
- Less than three-quarters (72%) of young people indicated that health workers spent sufficient time with them. Mabvurungwa clinic had the least responses at 40%.
- Less than three-quarters of young people (70%) said they received appropriate information.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- Less than a third of young people (32%) requested contraceptives. Requests were varied, ranging from no requests at Chikobvore, and Groobi Springs clinics to 63% at Chitungwiza clinic. Almost all (85%) of young people who requested contraceptives received them.
- A quarter of young women requested a pregnancy test. The highest proportion of requests was at Katsenga and Matsika clinics where all young women requested the test. Almost all (86%) of those who requested, received the service. At the time of the study, 20% of young women were pregnant.
- Over a quarter (27%) of young women requested sanitary pads. Almost all (85%) of the young women who requested pads, received them.
- Over half of young men (54%) requested male circumcision. No requests were made at Katsenga clinic. Male circumcision has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS. Almost all requests (84%) for circumcision were met.
- Only sixteen percent of respondents requested an HIV test. Almost all (93%) of those who requested, received it.
- Half of all respondents said health workers asked about their mental health.

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