

MAFETENG URBAN COUNCIL 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 undertaken in Mafeteng Urban 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 Lesotho conducted the study in nine Centers of Excellence for Gender in Local Government.² In Mafeteng Urban Council, the study covered the two clinics (LeCoop Clinic and Mafeteng Government Hospital) around Mafeteng Urban Council; 65 respondents: 45% young women and 55% young men (see table overleaf). This fact sheet should be read together with the Lesotho and the Southern Africa ASRHR Rapid Assessment research pamphlets. Key findings include:

Accessibility

- Over 69% of the respondents from Mafeteng Government hospital reported being within 10 km and 64% at Lecoop Clinic however more clinics are needed because this council serves more people as it is in town.
- At least 75% of respondents from Mafeteng Government Hospital said it opens after School while 78% on weekends as compared to 14% at Lecoop and 0% on weekends.
- About (100%) of respondents said both facilities have a comfortable waiting and consultation area.
- The government hospital charges a subsidised fare to accommodate more people.

Quality of care

- Almost 97% of respondents confirmed the availability of peer counsellors at the health facilities.

- About 95 % respondents said they received appropriate information with 100% at Lecoop Clinic and 94% at Mafeteng Hospital.
- Overall 71% of young people treated without third party with highest of 86% Lecoop Clinic and lowest of 43% at the Mafeteng Hospital treated with respect, this can only be the fact that Lecoop clinic is private own and their services is way much better than the government.
- Both facilities at 69% confirmed the privacy at the facilities with 64% at Lecoop clinic and 45% at Mafeteng Hospital in terms of confidentiality.
- Sixty-two percent of respondents said the clinic treated them with respect while 46% with confidentiality.
- All the respondents (100%) at Lecoop Clinic confirmed receiving appropriate information as compared to 94% at Mafeteng Hospital.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- Forty-two percent of respondents requested contraceptives and almost 90% received; this shows young women have greater access to contraceptives.
- About 48% young women requested pregnancy test and over 100% at Lecoop clinic received the test as compared to 14% at the Mafeteng Hospital, this highlight service delivery between a private owned facility and a government one.
- Overall 29% of young women tested positive.
- Only 45% of young women requested sanitary pads at both facilities and 50% at Lecoop received and 43% at Mafeteng hospital.
- All the young men (100%) requested male circumcision and received appointments.
- Only 10% requested ARVS and 83% received, this is amazing as the government is working very hard to see that when people get tested they are immediately put on treatment if need.

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

² Kanana, Lilala, Mafeteng, Mamants'o, Mazonod, Qibing, Sephokong, Siloe and Ts'ana Talana.

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KEY DATA FROM THE RAPID ASSESSMENT OF ASRHR SERVICES IN MAFETENG URBAN COUNCIL LESOTHO

Indicator	Mafeteng	Lecoop Clininc	Mafeteng Government Hospital
Total sample	65	14	51
% female	45%	100%	29%
% male	55%	0%	71%
Logistic information on health facilities			
Health facility within 10km from your home %	68%	64%	69%
The facility opens after school? %	62%	14%	75%
The facility opens on weekends? %	62%	0%	78%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	100%	100%	100%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	86%	36%	100%
Average fee in USD	\$1	\$1	\$1
Quality of care			
Peer counsellors available %	97%	100%	96%
Young people treated with respect %	52%	86%	43%
Young people are treated without parent present %	71%	50%	76%
Young people have privacy %	69%	69%	69%
Young people have confidentiality %	49%	64%	45%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	58%	100%	47%
Young people receive appropriate information %	95%	100%	94%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)			
Maternal health			
% Young people who requested contraceptives	42%	71%	34%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	93%	90%	94%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	48%	31%	64%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	62%	100%	44%
% Young women who were pregnant	29%	15%	40%
% pregnant young women who requested ante-natal check-up	88%	50%	100%
% pregnant young women who received ante-natal check-up	86%	100%	83%
% pregnant women who requested prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)	63%	50%	67%
% pregnant women who who requested PMTCT that received PMTCT	100%	100%	100%
% Young women who requested post-natal care	31%	0%	62%
% Young women who requested post natal care who received post-natal care	75%		75%
% Young women who requested help with breast feeding	30%	8%	50%
% Young women who requested that received help with breast feeding	50%	0%	57%
Menstrual health			
% Young women who requested pads	45%	43%	47%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	46%	50%	43%
HIV and AIDS and STI			
% Young men who requested male circumcision	100%		100%
% of those who requested male circimcision received an appointment	100%		100%
% youth who requested PREP	8%	7%	8%
% youth who received PREP	80%	0%	100%
% who requested post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)	6%	0%	8%
% of those who requested who received PEP	75%		75%
% who requested HIV test	88%	64%	94%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	98%	100%	98%
% who requested STI test	28%	57%	20%
% who requested who received STI test	94%	100%	90%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	10%	17%	8%
% who requested who received ARVs	83%	50%	100%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	29%	50%	24%