



GWERU CITY 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 Gweru City 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 Gweru, the study covered 9 clinics; 215 respondents: 56% young women and 44% 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

- Seventy-four percent of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- Responses to whether the clinics open after school were relatively low, with relatively higher responses in IDH, Mtapa and Senga.
- Over three-quarters of respondents (76%), said that clinics open during weekends. Child Welfare, IDH, and I-Tech (100%) had the highest response rate while the lowest (66%) was at Mtapa clinic.
- Less than two thirds of respondents (65%) said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting area.
- All Clinics in Gweru charge an average fee of USD\$5 for ASRHR services this is relatively high for adolescents.

Quality of care

- A moderately high number of young people (60%) said they were treated with respect. Child Welfare and IDH (both at 33%) recorded the least response rates.
- Sixty-six percent of young people indicated that there was privacy at the clinic. This varied from 55% at Mtapa to 100% at Child Welfare and I-Tech clinics.

- Half of respondents said that clinics did not require their parents to be present. This was not the case in I-Tech (0%), Mkoba 1 (39%), Mtapa (41%) and Mkoba Poly (43%) clinics.
- Less than half (46%) indicated that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- A moderately high percentage of respondents (63%) said they received appropriate information with the lowest response rate in I-Tech where no respondents got sufficient information on ASRHR services. Access to information is important to assist young people to make better ASRHR choices.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- A low number of young people (23%) requested contraceptives. These requests ranged from no requests at IDH and I-Tech clinics to 35% at Mkoba 1 clinic. Below three quarters (73%) of those who requested contraceptives received them.
- Less than a quarter (24%) of young women requested a pregnancy test. This was consistent in all clinics except for Iveme clinic. Less than half (44%) of those who requested, received the service. At the time of the study, 4% of young women were pregnant.
- Only 18% of young women requested sanitary pads and 55% of those who requested received them.
- Demand for male circumcision which has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS is relatively low in Gweru at 26%, overall,
- Over a third (39%) of respondents requested an HIV test. 82% of those who requested the service received it. This is evidence of Zimbabwe's commitment to zero HIV infections.
- Sixteen percent of respondents requested an STI test and 90% of those who requested STI tests received them.
- Less than a third of respondents (31% overall) said health workers asked about their mental health. There is a need for addressing mental health issues as they mostly affect the youth.

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

² Bindura RDC, Bulawayo City, Gweru City, Harare City, Kadoma City, Makoni RDC, Masvingo City, Murehwa RDC, Mutare City, Mvurwi Town, Umguza RDC, Zibagwe RDC and Zvimba RDC

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KEY DATA FROM THE RAPID ASSESSMENT OF ASRHR SERVICES IN GWERU CITY ZIMBABWE

Indicator	Gweru City Council	Child Welfare	IDH	I-Tech	Ivene Clinic	Mkoba 1 Poly Clinic	Mkoba Poly Clinic	Mtapa Poly Clinic	Senga Poly Clinic	Totonga Clinic
Total sample	215	3	3	1	38	29	35	29	33	44
% female	56%	33%	67%	0%	58%	52%	57%	66%	52%	55%
% male	44%	67%	33%	100%	42%	48%	43%	34%	48%	45%
Logistic information on health facilities										
Health facility within 10km from your home %	74%	100%	33%	100%	74%	76%	74%	72%	76%	74%
The facility opens after school? %	45%	0%	100%	0%	37%	48%	34%	57%	53%	43%
The facility opens on weekends? %	76%	100%	100%	100%	68%	86%	71%	66%	94%	70%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	65%	33%	100%	100%	69%	64%	63%	52%	78%	63%
Quality of care										
Young people treated with respect %	60%	33%	33%	0%	63%	61%	69%	50%	67%	57%
Young people are treated without parent present %	50%	33%	67%	0%	58%	39%	43%	41%	52%	61%
Young people have privacy %	66%	100%	67%	100%	65%	72%	62%	55%	79%	61%
Young people have confidentiality %	64%	100%	100%	100%	68%	64%	69%	45%	76%	55%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	46%	33%	67%	100%	40%	26%	52%	48%	61%	43%
Young people receive appropriate information %	63%	100%	33%	0%	71%	37%	71%	45%	84%	64%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)										
Maternal health										
% Young people who requested contraceptives	23%	33%	0%	0%	29%	35%	18%	26%	18%	19%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	73%	100%	0%	0%	88%	78%	80%	71%	75%	43%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	24%	100%	0%	0%	31%	21%	22%	21%	29%	19%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	44%	0%	0%		80%	0%	50%	50%	50%	25%
% Young women who were pregnant	4%	0%	0%		0%	0%	0%	11%	0%	10%
Menstrual health										
% Young women who requested pads	18%	0%	0%		11%	18%	17%	28%	0%	30%
% of those who requested pads that received pads					50%	50%	67%	60%	50%	56%
HIV and AIDS and STI										
% Young men who requested male circumcision	26%	50%	0%	0%	33%	15%	23%	40%	25%	22%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	73%	100%			60%	100%	100%	50%	67%	75%
% who requested HIV test	39%	100%	0%	0%	43%	36%	45%	32%	33%	39%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	82%	100%	0%	0%	100%	90%	67%	67%	82%	81%
% who requested STI test	16%	0%	0%	0%	29%	14%	9%	18%	13%	14%
% who requested who received STI test	90%				100%	100%	100%	60%	75%	100%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	5%
% who requested who received ARVs	100%						100%			100%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	31%	33%	100%	100%	37%	28%	26%	29%	21%	32%