



MUTARE 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 Mutare 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 Mutare, the study covered 10 health centres; 202 respondents: 50% young women and 50% 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-seven percent of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- Half of the respondents said the clinics open after school, an indication of youths' knowledge of the operating hours of clinics.
- Over a third of respondents (37%), said that clinics open during weekends. Only Gimboki mobile (GM) clinic and the New Start centre did not open on weekends.
- The average service fee for ASRHR services in Mutare's clinics is USD\$1. Sakubva outpatient's clinic charges the most at USD\$5.

Quality of care

- Most young people said they were treated with respect (90%). Only young people accessing GM clinic (60%) had the least response.
- Eighty-three percent of young people indicated that there was privacy at the clinic. At 40% GM clinic recorded the least response. This could be because it is a mobile clinic.
- Most young people (84%) said they were treated with confidentiality.
- Three-quarters of respondents said that clinics did not require their parents to be present. This

varied from 11% at Fernvalley and Florida clinics to 95% at GM clinic.

- Most young people (84%) indicated that health workers spent sufficient time with them. Only GM clinic had a low response rate at 50%.
- Most respondents (84%) said they received appropriate information. Low responses were recorded at GM (60%) and Dangamvura (68%) Polyclinics. Access to information is important to assist young people to make better ASRHR choices.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- Less than half (46%) of young people requested contraceptives. Requests ranged from 12% at City Health clinic to 82% at Hobhouse clinic. Almost all (93%) of those who requested contraceptives received them.
- Thirty-eight percent of young women requested a pregnancy test. No tests were requested at City Health and GM clinics. Almost all (89%) of those who requested, received the service. At the time of the study, 20% of young women were pregnant, a relatively high figure.
- Only 22% of young women requested sanitary pads and half of those who requested received them.
- Half of the young men in the study requested male circumcision. Circumcision has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS. Almost all requests (92%) for circumcision were met. Only GM clinic did not offer the service.
- Over a third (39%) of respondents requested an HIV test. 85% of those who requested the service received it.
- Twenty-one percent of respondents requested an STI test and over three quarters (76%) of those who requested STI tests received one. Sakubva Health Centre did not respond to this request.
- Below three-quarters (73%) of respondents said health workers asked about their mental health. This shows efforts towards raising awareness on the issue.

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 MUTARE CITY ZIMBABWE

Indicator	Mutare City Council	Chikanga Clinic	City Health Clinic	Dangamvura Poly Clinic	Ferrvalley Clinic	Florida Clinic	Gimbaki Mobile Clinic	Hobhouse Clinic	New Start	Sakubva Health Centre	Sakubva Out Patients
Total sample	202	23	17	22	19	19	20	17	19	24	22
% female	50%	39%	41%	55%	47%	47%	50%	41%	47%	75%	45%
% male	50%	61%	59%	45%	53%	53%	50%	59%	53%	25%	55%
Logistic information on health facilities											
Health facility within 10km from your home %	77%	91%	94%	50%	79%	63%	50%	88%	58%	96%	95%
The facility opens after school? %	50%	74%	82%	41%	89%	11%	0%	88%	0%	21%	95%
The facility opens on weekends? %	37%	22%	94%	45%	11%	53%	0%	24%	0%	29%	95%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	80%	100%	88%	55%	95%	95%	0%	100%	100%	79%	95%
Average fee in USD	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	None	None	\$1	\$2	\$5
Quality of care											
Peer counsellors available %	78%	91%	71%	45%	95%	100%	5%	94%	100%	92%	86%
Young people treated with respect %	90%	91%	82%	77%	100%	100%	60%	100%	100%	96%	95%
Young people are treated without parent or other adult present %	75%	70%	41%	64%	11%	11%	95%	18%	58%	74%	86%
Young people have privacy %	83%	87%	94%	59%	100%	100%	40%	100%	100%	79%	82%
Young people have confidentiality %	84%	96%	94%	50%	100%	100%	35%	100%	100%	79%	91%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	84%	87%	88%	73%	95%	100%	50%	100%	100%	75%	77%
Young people receive appropriate information %	84%	87%	82%	68%	95%	100%	60%	100%	100%	75%	82%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)											
Maternal health											
% Young people who requested contraceptives	46%	70%	12%	14%	74%	68%	15%	82%	79%	25%	25%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	93%	100%	100%	100%	100%	92%	0%	100%	100%	83%	80%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	38%	89%	0%	8%	67%	33%	0%	100%	67%	17%	40%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	89%	88%		100%	100%	100%		100%	83%	100%	50%
% Young women who were pregnant	20%	22%	0%	0%	22%	44%	0%	57%	67%	6%	10%
Menstrual health											
% Young women who requested pads	22%	22%	71%	8%	11%	33%	20%	0%	11%	19%	40%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	50%	50%	80%	0%	100%	0%	0%		100%	33%	75%
HIV and AIDS and STI											
% Young men who requested male circumcision	51%	64%	30%	10%	90%	40%	20%	90%	90%	17%	42%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	92%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%	89%	100%	100%	80%
% who requested HIV test	39%	35%	35%	18%	47%	42%	15%	35%	89%	25%	50%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	85%	100%	67%	100%	78%	88%	0%	100%	100%	83%	73%
% who requested STI test	21%	14%	24%	0%	37%	26%	0%	24%	63%	8%	18%
% who requested who received STI test	76%	33%	75%		57%	100%		75%	100%	0%	75%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	73%	83%	100%	64%	95%	89%	20%	94%	95%	54%	55%