

# MVURWI TOWN 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 Mvurwi Town Council 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 Zimbabwe conducted the study in thirteen Centers of Excellence for Gender in Local Government.<sup>2</sup> In Mvurwi, the study covered 2 health centres; 40 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

- Almost all (95%) of the respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- Responses to whether the clinics open after school were very high at 95%.
- Most respondents (95%), said that clinics open during weekends.
- Almost all (85%) of respondents said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting area.
- The average cost of ASRHR services in Mvurwi is USD\$4.

### Quality of care

- Almost all young people (97%) said they were treated with respect. All the young people from Government Health Facility 1 (GHF1) said they were treated with respect, while 97% from Government Facility 2 (GHF2) said the same.
- Ninety-eight percent of young people indicated that there was privacy at the clinic. GHF2 had the least responses at 96%. All young people in Mvurwi were treated with confidentiality.

- Less than two thirds (63%) of respondents said that clinics did not require their parents to be present. GHF1 had the least response rate at 27%.
- Over three quarters (79%) indicated that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- Almost all respondents (95%) said they received appropriate information with the lowest response rate at GHF2 (92%). This is a clear indication that young people in Mvurwi have sufficient knowledge of ASRHR.

### Sexual and reproductive health services

- A quarter of young people (25%) requested contraceptives. Less than three quarters (70%) of those who requested contraceptives received them.
- Less than a third (30%) of young women requested a pregnancy test. GHF2 had the least requests at 17%. Half of those who requested received the service. At the time of the study, 5% of young women were pregnant all from GHF2.
- A quarter of young women requested sanitary pads and less than half (40%) of those who requested received them. Requests for sanitary pads were not met at GHF2.
- Three-quarters of young men requested male circumcision. Male circumcision has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS. Less than three quarters (73%) of those who requested the service, received it.
- Over half (58%) of all respondents requested an HIV test. 91% of those who requested the service received it. This is evidence of Zimbabwe's commitment to reducing HIV infections.
- Three-quarters of respondents said health workers asked about their mental health. Health workers are treating mental health issues with greater urgency.

<sup>1</sup> Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe

<sup>2</sup> 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 MVURWI TOWN COUNCIL ZIMBABWE

Indicator	Mvurwi Town Council	Government health facility 1	Government health facility 2
Total sample	40	15	25
% female	50%	53%	48%
% male	50%	47%	52%
<b>Logistic information on health facilities</b>			
Health facility within 10km from your home %	95%	93%	96%
The facility opens after school? %	95%	93%	92%
The facility opens on weekends? %	95%	93%	96%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	85%	73%	92%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	45%	87%	20%
Average fee in USD	\$4	\$5	\$4
<b>Quality of care</b>			
Access to peer counsellors available %	92%	87%	96%
Young people treated with respect %	97%	100%	96%
Young people are treated without parent or other adult present %	63%	27%	56%
Young people have privacy %	98%	100%	96%
Young people have confidentiality %	100%	100%	100%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	79%	67%	84%
Young people receive appropriate information %	95%	100%	92%
<b>Sexual and reproductive health services (%)</b>			
<b>Maternal health</b>			
% Young people who requested contraceptives	25%	27%	24%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	70%	75%	67%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	30%	50%	17%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	50%	50%	50%
% Young women who were pregnant	5%	0%	8%
<b>Menstrual health</b>			
% Young women who requested pads	25%	38%	17%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	40%	67%	0%
<b>HIV and AIDS and STI</b>			
% Young men who requested male circumcision	75%	71%	77%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	73%	80%	70%
% youth who requested PREP	5%	13%	0%
% youth who received PREP	50%	50%	
% who requested post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)	10%	13%	8%
% of those who requested who received PEP	0%	0%	0%
% who requested HIV test	58%	67%	52%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	91%	90%	92%
% who requested STI test	13%	13%	12%
% who requested who received STI test	80%	50%	100%
% who requested anti-retroviral (ARVs)	8%	13%	4%
% who requested who received ARVs	33%	50%	0%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	75%	67%	80%