



# ZIBAGWE RURAL DISTRICT 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 Zibagwe Rural District 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 Zibagwe, the study covered 6 clinics; 130 respondents: 53% young women and 47% 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

- Over half (62%) percent of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic. Responses were varied ranging from 40% at Gomola clinic to 90% at Sherwood clinic had the least response. More young people in rural areas walk relatively longer distances than those in urban areas to access health services.
- Responses to whether the clinics open after school were above half at 54%. Mayoka (10%) and Sebakwe (6%) had the least responses. Probably because of the distance young people have to walk to access services from the clinics.
- A moderately high proportion of respondents (68%), said that clinics open during weekends. Only Gomola (48%) clinic had a response rate lower than half.
- Over three-quarters of all respondents (79%) said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting area. Only Zivagwe clinic had a high negative response rate.
- The average cost of ASRHR services in Zibagwe is USD\$7, a relatively high amount for young people of school-going age.

### Quality of care

- Most young people (88%) said they were treated with respect. These responses were varied from 77% at Zivagwe to 100% at Sherwood clinics.
- Less than three-quarters (71%) of young people indicated that there was privacy at the clinic.

Worryingly Sherwood clinic (14%) had the least positive response. This could point to the infrastructure. There is a need to create youth-friendly corners or units within the clinic.

- A high proportion (84%) of respondents said they were treated with confidentiality.
- Less than half (41%) of respondents said that clinics did not require their parents to be present. Only Sebakwe clinic treated all young people alone.
- Over half (60%) of young people indicated that health workers spent sufficient time with them. All clinics but Sherwood (48%) and Zivagwe (41%) had a response rate above half (50%).
- Over three-quarters, (76%) of young people said they received appropriate information. Availability of information is a key component that gives young people a #VoiceandChoice.

### Sexual and reproductive health services

- A very low proportion of young people (13%) requested contraceptives. Gomola clinic had the highest requests (24%), while there were no requests at Sherwood and Sebakwe clinics. Over three-quarters (76%) of those who requested contraceptives received them.
- A fifth (20%) of young women requested a pregnancy test. Less than half (47%) of those who requested, received the service. This could be due to the unavailability of test kits. At the time of the study, 1% of young women were pregnant.
- Over a tenth (13%) of young women requested sanitary pads. Most requests were made at Zivagwe (44%), while there were no requests at Sherwood and Sebakwe clinics. Less than two thirds (64%) of those who requested received them.
- Over a third (39%) of young men requested male circumcision. Male circumcision has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS. Over half of all requests (62%) for circumcision were met.
- Over a third of respondents (36%) requested an HIV test. These were varied from no request at Sherwood and Sebakwe clinics to 70% at Mayoka clinic. Almost all (83%) of those who requested the service received it. This is evidence of Zimbabwe's commitment to reducing HIV infections.
- Over a tenth (12%) of young people requested an STI test and 88% of those requests were met.
- Over a quarter of respondents (28% overall) said health workers asked about their mental health.

<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, Murewa RDC, Mutare City, Mvurwi Town, Umuza RDC, Zibagwe RDC and Zvimba RDC

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KEY DATA FROM THE RAPID ASSESSMENT OF ASRHR SERVICES IN ZIBAGWE RDC ZIMBABWE

Indicator	Zibagwe RDC	Gomola	Mayoka	Sesombi Nyoni	Sherwood	Zivagwe	Sebakwe
Total sample	136	25	20	30	21	22	17
% female	53%	56%	50%	47%	52%	41%	82%
% male	47%	44%	50%	53%	48%	59%	18%
<b>Logistic information on health facilities</b>							
Health facility within 10km from your home %	62%	40%	45%	57%	90%	86%	53%
The facility opens after school? %	54%	64%	10%	67%	100%	64%	6%
The facility opens on weekends? %	68%	48%	55%	63%	90%	64%	100%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	79%	84%	70%	87%	95%	45%	88%
Average fee in USD	\$7	\$7	\$8	\$15	\$2	\$4	\$1
<b>Quality of care</b>							
Peer counsellors available %	74%	56%	100%	87%	33%	73%	100%
Young people treated with respect %	88%	80%	90%	97%	100%	77%	82%
Young people are treated without parent or other adult present %	41%	36%	32%	57%	76%	32%	100%
Young people have privacy %	71%	92%	70%	87%	14%	55%	100%
Young people have confidentiality %	84%	84%	75%	87%	95%	64%	100%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	60%	60%	55%	73%	48%	41%	82%
Young people receive appropriate information %	76%	56%	80%	77%	86%	64%	100%
<b>Sexual and reproductive health services (%)</b>							
<b>Maternal health</b>							
% Young people who requested contraceptives	13%	24%	15%	10%	0%	18%	0%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	76%	83%	100%	67%		50%	
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	20%	21%	25%	13%	36%	44%	0%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	47%	33%	100%	33%	0%	75%	
% Young women who were pregnant	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	0%
<b>Menstrual health</b>							
% Young women who requested pads	13%	29%	0%	13%	0%	44%	0%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	64%	75%		33%		75%	
<b>HIV and AIDS and STI</b>							
% Young men who requested male circumcision	39%	55%	75%	29%	20%	31%	0%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	62%	83%	22%	100%	100%	50%	
% who requested HIV test	36%	60%	70%	17%	0%	55%	0%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	83%	80%	87%	86%		83%	50%
% who requested STI test	12%	20%	10%	7%	0%	32%	0%
% who requested who received STI test	88%	80%	100%	50%		100%	
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	6%	8%	0%	3%	0%	23%	0%
% who requested who received ARVs	100%	100%		100%		100%	
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	28%	36%	10%	47%	10%	45%	0%