



OKAVANGO SUB 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 Okavango Sub District 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 Botswana conducted the study in 10 Centers of Excellence for Gender in Local Government.² In Okavango, the study covered 3 clinics; 92 respondents: 50% young women and 50% young men (see table overleaf). This fact sheet should be read together with the Botswana and the Southern Africa ASRHR Rapid Assessment research pamphlets. Key findings include:

Accessibility

- Less than half (42%) of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic. Only, Entsha 6 Clinic (19%), and Gumare Clinic (17%) had the least responses.
- Twenty-four percent of respondents said that clinics open after school.
- Fifteen percent of respondents, said that clinics open during weekends.
- Almost a quarter (24%) of respondents said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting and consulting area. Entsha 6 and Gumare clinics had the least responses.
- None of the clinics in Okavango charges fees for ASRHR services.

Quality of care

- Over half of the young people (54%) said they were treated with respect. At 48% the response rate at Nokaneng clinic.
- Seventy-two percent of young people indicated that there was privacy at the clinic.

- A high proportion (98%) of respondents said they were treated with confidentiality.
- Only twenty-four percent of respondents said that clinics did not require their parents to be present.
- Eighty-two percent of young people indicated that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- Seventy-eight percent of young people said they received appropriate information. Availability of information is a key component of ASRHR that gives young people a #Voice andChoice.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- Over half of young people (55%) requested contraceptives. These requests were varied, ranging from 13% at Gumare clinic to Entsha 6, and Nokaneng Clinics. Over half of young people (55%) who requested contraceptives received them.
- Fifteen percent of young women requested a pregnancy test. Over half (57%) of those who requested, received the service. At the time of the study, 2% of young women were pregnant.
- Only 9% of young men requested male circumcision. Male circumcision has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS. Half (50%) of the requests for circumcision were met.
- Only 7% of respondents requested an HIV test. Almost all (83%) of those who requested the service received it. There were very few (3%) requests for HIV tests at Gumare clinic.
- Only 3% of young people requested an STI test and all (100%) of those requests were met.
- Forty-six percent of respondents said health workers asked about their mental health.

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

² Chobe, Francistown, Lobatse, Mabutsane, Maun, Moshupa, Okavango, Selibe Phikwe, South East District and Tonota.

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<https://genderlinks.org.za/what-we-do/governance/local-action-for-voice-and-choice/>

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KEY DATA FROM THE RAPID ASSESSMENT OF ASRRH SERVICES IN OKAVANGO SUB-DISTRICT COUNCIL BOTSWANA

Indicator	Okavango Sub District Council	Entsha 6 Clinic	Gumare Clinic	Nokaneng Clinic
Total sample	92	31	30	31
% female	50%	52%	50%	48%
% male	50%	48%	50%	52%
Logistic information on health facilities				
Health facility within 10 km from your home %	42%	19%	17%	90%
The facility opens after school? %	24%	0%	0%	71%
The facility opens on weekends? %	15%	0%	3%	42%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	24%	0%	17%	55%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	0%	0%	0%	6%
Quality of care				
Peer counsellors available %	54%	52%	63%	48%
Young people treated with respect %	98%	97%	97%	100%
Young people are treated without parent present %	24%	23%	20%	29%
Young people have privacy %	72%	71%	73%	71%
Young people have confidentiality %	98%	97%	97%	100%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	82%	84%	87%	74%
Young people receive appropriate information %	78%	84%	87%	65%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)				
Maternal health				
% Young people who requested contraceptives	22%	26%	13%	26%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	55%	75%	25%	50%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	15%	19%	13%	13%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	57%	67%	50%	50%
% Young women who were pregnant	2%	0%	7%	0%
Menstrual health				
% Young women who requested pads	15%	19%	13%	13%
HIV and AIDS and STI				
% Young male who requested male circumcision	9%	13%	13%	0%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	50%	0%	100%	
% who requested HIV test	7%	10%	3%	6%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	83%	67%	100%	100%
% who requested STI test	3%	0%	3%	6%
% who requested who received STI test	100%		100%	100%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	0%	0%	0%	0%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	46%	16%	57%	65%