



ANJOZOROBE 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 conducted in Anjozorobe 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 Madagascar conducted the study in ten Centers of Excellence for Gender in Local Government.² In Anjozorobe, the study covered just one clinic; 219 respondents: 53% young women and 47% young men (see table overleaf). This fact sheet should be read together with the Madagascar and the Southern Africa ASRHR Rapid Assessment research pamphlets. Key findings include:

Accessibility

- Over three quarters (77%) of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- Among the ten councils within the study in Madagascar, only Anjozorobe is in difficulty with the after-hours care services with a percentage of less than half (41% after school and 46% at weekends); the clinic primarily tracks office hours.
- The majority (85%) said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting area.
- Over a quarter (29%) of youth paid an average fee of \$1 for ASRHR services.

Quality of care

- Almost all young people were treated with respect (98%) and confidentiality (91%).
- A high proportion (85%) of respondents said both that they met with peer counsellors during their visits and that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- Eighty-four percent of youths received appropriate information, while 81% confirmed that they were received without a third-party presence.

- Over three quarters (76%) of youths reported having received services privately.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- Only 17%, a small minority sought for contraceptive services. Almost all of those who requested contraceptives (90%) received them. A slight effort still needs to be made to reach 100%, as the provision of contraceptives to young people is essential to ASRHR.
- A very low percentage of young women (15%) requested a pregnancy test and almost three quarter (73%) received it. Four percent of the young women were pregnant at the time of the survey: A high proportion that can be justified through the constraints of young people to contraceptives, owing to various barriers (lack of knowledge and full access to ASRHR included).
- Nineteen percent of the young women requested sanitary pads and two-thirds (67%) of them received: more needs to be done to ensure the provision of free menstrual ware, since it is a way to guarantee menstrual hygiene and health.
- At 16% (very low), overall demand for male circumcision, which has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS, all of them received an appointment for the circumcision.
- Over a quarter (27%) of youths requested an HIV test. More than two-thirds (71%) who asked for this test received it.
- Only 12% of respondents requested an STI test and they all received them.
- Six percent of the respondents requested anti-retroviral drugs for HIV and AIDS, of which none of them received. Possibly because ARVs are generally accessible in Madagascar at the referral district hospitals.
- Less than half (49% overall) said health workers asked about their mental health. A key concern as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.

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

² Andoharanomaitso, Anjozorobe, Antananarivana, Bongatsara, Fort-Dauphin, Foulpointe, Mahajanga, Manjakandriana, Moramanga and Toamasina.

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KEY DATA FROM THE RAPID ASSESSMENT OF ASRHR SERVICES IN ANJOZOROBÉ MADAGASCAR

Indicator	Anjozrobe	CSB II Anjozrobe
Total sample	219	219
% female	53%	53%
% male	47%	47%
Logistic information on health facilities		
Health facility within 10km from your home %	77%	77%
The facility opens after school? %	41%	41%
The facility opens on weekends? %	46%	46%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	85%	85%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	29%	29%
Average fee in USD	\$1	\$1
Quality of care		
Peer counsellors available %	85%	85%
Young people treated with respect %	98%	98%
Young people are treated without parent present %	81%	81%
Young people have privacy %	76%	76%
Young people have confidentiality %	91%	91%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	85%	85%
Young people receive appropriate information %	84%	84%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)		
Maternal health		
% Young people who requested contraceptives	17%	17%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	90%	90%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	15%	15%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	73%	73%
% Young women who were pregnant	4%	4%
Menstrual health		
% Young women who requested pads	19%	19%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	67%	67%
HIV and AIDS and STI		
% Young men who requested male circumcision	16%	16%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	100%	100%
% who requested HIV test	27%	27%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	71%	71%
% who requested STI test	12%	12%
% who requested who received STI test	100%	100%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	6%	6%
% who requested who received ARVs	0%	0%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	49%	49%