



ANTANAMITARANA 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 Antanamaritana 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 Antanamaritana, the study covered just one clinic; 161 respondents: 54% young women and 46% 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 two-thirds (68%) of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- Almost all young people (95%) surveyed indicated that the clinic opens after school.
- A high proportion of respondents (82%), said that the clinic is open at weekends.
- The majority (93%) said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting area.
- Only 6% of the youth paid an average fee of \$2 during their visits.

Quality of care

- Almost all young people were treated with respect (97%), with confidentiality (95%) and given appropriate information (90%).
- Eighty-nine percent of respondents said that they met with peer counsellors during their visits.
- Overall, 84% of respondents declared that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- Three-quarters (75%) of respondents said clinics did not require their parents to be present,

while 73% of them reported that they received services in a private way.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- Less than half (49%) of respondents requested contraceptives and 93% of these requests were met. A slight effort still needs to be made to reach 100%, as provision of contraceptives to young people is key to ASRHR.
- Overall, 22% of young women requested a pregnancy test and 88% received it. Ten percent of the young women were pregnant at the time of the study: a fairly high statistic that can obviously be justified by the constraints of young people to contraceptives, owing to various barriers (lack of knowledge and fully access to ASRHR included).
- Only 6% of young women requested sanitary pads, 60% of them received the pads: more need to be done to ensure free provision of menstrual ware in clinics, since it is a way to guarantee menstrual hygiene and health.
- At 41%, overall demand for male circumcision, which has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS, 64% received an appointment for the circumcision.
- Only 21% of the young people requested an HIV test. Over three-quarters (76%) of those who asked for this test received it.
- More than a quarter (26%) of respondents requested an STI test and the majority (89%) of those who requested STI tests received them.
- 17% of the respondents requested anti-retroviral drugs for HIV and AIDS, of which 91% received. ARVs are generally accessible in Madagascar at the referral district hospitals.
- A very low proportion of respondents (27% overall) said health workers asked about their mental health. A key concern to resolve as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.

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

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

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

Indicator	Antanamitarana	CSB II Antanamitarana
Total sample	161	161
% female	54%	54%
% male	46%	46%
Logistic information on health facilities		
Health facility within 10km from your home %	68%	68%
The facility opens after school? %	95%	95%
The facility opens on weekends? %	82%	82%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	93%	93%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	6%	6%
Average fee in USD	\$2	\$2
Quality of care		
Peer counsellors available %	89%	89%
Young people treated with respect %	97%	97%
Young people are treated without parent present %	75%	75%
Young people have privacy %	73%	73%
Young people have confidentiality %	95%	95%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	84%	84%
Young people receive appropriate information %	90%	90%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)		
Maternal health		
% Young people who requested contraceptives	49%	49%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	93%	93%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	22%	22%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	88%	88%
% Young women who were pregnant	10%	10%
Menstrual health		
% Young women who requested pads	6%	6%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	60%	60%
HIV and AIDS and STI		
% Young men who requested male circumcision	41%	41%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	64%	64%
% who requested HIV test	21%	21%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	76%	76%
% who requested STI test	26%	26%
% who requested who received STI test	89%	89%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	17%	17%
% who requested who received ARVs	91%	91%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	27%	27%