



# MAHAJANGA 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 Mahajanga 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 Madagascar conducted the study in ten Centers of Excellence for Gender in Local Government.<sup>2</sup> In Mahajanga, the study covered four clinics; 216 respondents: 58% young women and 42% 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

- A high proportion (90%) of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- Almost all the youths (99%) confirmed that the clinics open after school.
- Similarly, 98% of respondents said that the clinics open at weekends.
- A third (33%) of young people reported that the clinics charge an average amount of \$1. Among the four clinics in the study, CSBII Amborovy is the one that charges \$2.

### Quality of care

- Almost all the young people (92%) said they met with peer counsellors during their visits.
- The majority (90%) of respondents were treated with confidentiality.
- A high percentage (88%) of youth responded to being treated with respect. This ranged from 76% in CSBII scolaire Mahabibo to 100% in CSBII Amborovy.
- 85% of respondents indicated that health workers spend sufficient time with them, responses vary between 97% in CSBII Antanimasaja to 55% in CSBII Mahavoky.

- Eighty-four percent of youth confirmed that they were both treated with privacy and given appropriate information.
- Two-thirds (67%) of respondents were treated without their parents' presence.

### Sexual and reproductive health services

- Less than two-thirds (61%) of respondents requested contraceptives and almost all of those who requested (97%) received. This is a very encouraging finding, as the provision of contraceptives to young people is key to ASRHR.
- Over half (59%) of young women requested a pregnancy test and almost all (98%) received it. Three percent of the young women were pregnant at the time of the survey.
- Only 19% of young women requested sanitary pads and a large number of them (93%) received it.
- At 36%, overall demand for male circumcision, which has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS, 96% of them received an appointment for the circumcision.
- Less than half (43%) of youth requested an HIV test. The two lowest rates of youth requiring an HIV test were at the CSBII Antanimasaja (9%) and at the CSBII Scolaire Mahabibo (21%). However, almost all of those who requested contraceptives (99%) received them.
- Only 37% of respondents requested an STI screening test. The statistics has obviously dropped as no young people in CSBII Antanimasaja requested it. Encouragingly, almost all (95%) of those who asked for STI test obtained it.
- Thirty percent of respondents requested anti-retroviral drugs for HIV and AIDS, of whose 62% received. ARVs are generally accessible in Madagascar at the referral district hospitals.
- Over two-thirds (68%) said health workers asked about their mental health. A key progress as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.

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

<sup>2</sup> Andoharanomaitso, Anjozorobe, Antanamarana, Bongatsara, Fort-Dauphin, Foulpointe, Mahajanga, Manjakandriana, Moramanga and Toamasina.

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KEY DATA FROM THE RAPID ASSESSMENT OF ASRRH SERVICES IN MAHAJANGA MADAGASCAR

| Indicator  | Mahajanga - Boeny | CSB II Amborovy | CSB II Antanimasaja | CSB II Mahavoky | CSB II Scolaire Mahabibo |
|--|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Total sample   | 216               | 42              | 78                  | 41              | 55                       |
| % female   | 58%               | 69%             | 48%                 | 59%             | 55%                      |
| % male   | 42%               | 31%             | 52%                 | 41%             | 45%                      |
| <b>Logistic information on health facilities</b>                         |                   |                 |                     |                 |                          |
| Health facility within 10km from your home %                             | 90%               | 88%             | 97%                 | 93%             | 91%                      |
| The facility opens after school? %                                       | 99%               | 98%             | 100%                | 100%            | 96%                      |
| The facility opens on weekends? %  | 98%               | 100%            | 97%                 | 90%             | 100%                     |
| The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %          | 86%               | 88%             | 94%                 | 78%             | 82%                      |
| Does the facility charge a fee? %  | 33%               | 17%             | 35%                 | 15%             | 43%                      |
| Average fee in USD   | \$1               | \$2             | \$1                 | \$1             | \$1                      |
| <b>Quality of care</b>   |                   |                 |                     |                 |                          |
| Peer counsellors available %   | 92%               | 95%             | 90%                 | 90%             | 89%                      |
| Young people treated with respect %                                      | 88%               | 100%            | 90%                 | 83%             | 76%                      |
| Young people are treated without parent present %                        | 67%               | 68%             | 63%                 | 66%             | 80%                      |
| Young people have privacy %  | 84%               | 80%             | 77%                 | 92%             | 85%                      |
| Young people have confidentiality %                                      | 90%               | 93%             | 81%                 | 90%             | 93%                      |
| Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %                 | 85%               | 95%             | 97%                 | 55%             | 80%                      |
| Young people receive appropriate information %                           | 84%               | 88%             | 65%                 | 87%             | 83%                      |
| <b>Sexual and reproductive health services (%)</b>                       |                   |                 |                     |                 |                          |
| <b>Maternal health</b>   |                   |                 |                     |                 |                          |
| % Young people who requested contraceptives                              | 61%               | 74%             | 43%                 | 47%             | 64%                      |
| % Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives | 97%               | 93%             | 100%                | 94%             | 100%                     |
| % Young women who requested a pregnancy test                             | 59%               | 77%             | 43%                 | 43%             | 60%                      |
| % Young women who received a pregnancy test                              | 98%               | 100%            | 100%                | 100%            | 93%                      |
| % Young women who were pregnant  | 3%                | 4%              | 0%                  | 0%              | 3%                       |
| <b>Menstrual health</b>  |                   |                 |                     |                 |                          |
| % Young women who requested pads   | 19%               | 19%             | 0%                  | 0%              | 27%                      |
| % of those who requested pads that received pads                         | 93%               | 67%             |                     |                 | 100%                     |
| <b>HIV and AIDS and STI</b>  |                   |                 |                     |                 |                          |
| % Young men who requested male circumcision                              | 36%               | 83%             | 8%                  | 50%             | 22%                      |
| % of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment       | 96%               | 100%            | 100%                | 88%             | 100%                     |
| % who requested HIV test   | 43%               | 75%             | 9%                  | 65%             | 21%                      |
| % of those who requested who received HIV test                           | 99%               | 100%            | 100%                | 95%             | 100%                     |
| % who requested STI test   | 37%               | 59%             | 0%                  | 27%             | 32%                      |
| % who requested who received STI test                                    | 95%               | 100%            |                     | 89%             | 93%                      |
| % who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)                                  | 30%               | 63%             | 13%                 | 6%              | 19%                      |
| % who requested who received ARVs  | 62%               | 90%             | 100%                | 100%            | 40%                      |
| % who said Health worker asked about mental health                       | 68%               | 92%             | 75%                 | 53%             | 57%                      |