



TOAMASINA 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 Toamasina 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 Toamasina, the study covered two clinics; 163 respondents: 49% young women and 51% 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 half (52%) of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- More than three-quarters (78%) of respondents said that the clinics open after school.
- Sixty-one percent of youth indicated that the clinics open at weekends. It varies from 51% in Ankirihiry to 70% in Tanambao V.
- Overall, 88% of young people reported that the clinics possess a comfortable waiting area.
- 39% overall of youth confirmed that clinics are paid, with \$2 average. Young people indicated that it costs \$3 in Ankirihiry.

Quality of care

- Almost all respondents said they spent sufficient time with health workers (93%) and were treated with respect (92%).
- A high number of respondents said they received appropriate information (89%).
- The majority (85%) of young people reported that they were treated with confidentiality.
- A high proportion (81%) of youth confirmed they met with peer counsellors during their visits.

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

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

- Two-thirds (67%) of youth were treated without their parents' presence.
- Only 54% of respondents reported they were treated in privacy.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- Less than half (40%) of respondents requested contraceptives and more than two-thirds (70%) of those who requested contraceptives received them. An effort still needs to be made to reach 100%, as provision of contraceptives to young people is key to ASRHR.
- Similarly, less than half (45%) of young women requested a pregnancy test and the majority (83%) received it. Five percent of the young women were pregnant at the time of the survey: efforts still needed on access to contraceptives.
- Nineteen percent of the young women requested sanitary pads. More than half (58%) of those who requested sanitary pads in received them. This ranged a bit high in Ankirihiry (72%) while a bit low (43%) in Tanambao V. This is another major concern, as providing free pads through clinics would be another route to ending period poverty and would be crucial for effective menstrual health management.
- At 29% of, overall demand for male circumcision, which has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS, 72% of them received an appointment for the circumcision.
- One-third (33%) of the young people requested an HIV test. A high proportion (88%) of those who asked for this test received it.
- Forty-three percent of respondents requested an STI test and 81% of those who requested STI tests received them.
- Overall, 22% of the respondents requested anti-retroviral drugs for HIV and AIDS, of whose 81% received. ARVs are generally accessible in Madagascar at the referral district hospitals.
- Less than half (44%) of respondents said health workers asked about their mental health. A key concern as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.

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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 TOAMASINA MADAGASCAR

Indicator	Toamasina	CSB II Ankirihiry	CSB II Tanambao V
Total sample	163	84	79
% female	49%	47%	52%
% male	51%	53%	48%
Logistic information on health facilities			
Health facility within 10km from your home %	52%	52%	52%
The facility opens after school? %	78%	77%	78%
The facility opens on weekends? %	61%	51%	70%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	88%	85%	90%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	39%	38%	40%
Average fee in USD	\$2	\$3	\$2
Quality of care			
Peer counsellors available %	81%	74%	87%
Young people treated with respect %	92%	93%	90%
Young people are treated without parent present %	67%	65%	68%
Young people have privacy %	54%	53%	55%
Young people have confidentiality %	85%	81%	87%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	93%	93%	93%
Young people receive appropriate information %	89%	85%	92%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)			
Maternal health			
% Young people who requested contraceptives	40%	37%	43%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	70%	70%	70%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	45%	48%	42%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	83%	77%	88%
% Young women who were pregnant	5%	6%	5%
Menstrual health			
% Young women who requested pads	19%	24%	14%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	58%	72%	43%
HIV and AIDS and STI			
% Young men who requested male circumcision	29%	25%	33%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	72%	76%	67%
% who requested HIV test	32%	25%	40%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	88%	83%	92%
% who requested STI test	43%	36%	50%
% who requested who received STI test	81%	83%	79%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	22%	15%	29%
% who requested who received ARVs	81%	91%	74%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	44%	38%	50%