

BEAU BASSIN-ROSE HILL 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 Beau Bassin-Rose Hill 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 Mauritius conducted the study in seven Centers of Excellence for Gender in Local Government.² In Beau Bassin-Rose Hill, the study covered 4 community health centres; 121 respondents: 49% young women, 11% gender non-conforming and 40% young men (see table overleaf). This fact sheet should be read together with the Mauritius and the Southern Africa ASRHR Rapid Assessment research pamphlets. Key findings include:

Accessibility

- Ninety-five percent of respondents reported being within 10 km of a community health centre.
- All of the community health centres are open after school.
- Almost all respondents (98%), except in Trefles (94%), said that the Community Health Centre are open during weekends.
- Almost all respondents (95%) said that the Community Health Centres had a comfortable waiting area.
- None of the community health centres charged fees for their services.

Quality of care

- Twenty-six percent of respondents asserted that peer counsellors were available across the four community health centres.
- Overall, 83% of young people said that they were treated with respect while 93% of respondents said that confidentiality was maintained.
- Ninety-two percent of young people felt respected.

- Overall, only 49% of the youth were treated without a parent being present, but Rose Hill and Coromandel community health centres recorded more than a 50% score.
- The majority (92%) of respondents said that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- Overall 91% of young people affirmed that they received appropriate information overall.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- Only 3% of young people requested for contraceptives and none received any contraceptives upon request. This relatively low percentage of young people requesting and receiving contraceptives is worrying as access to contraceptives is key to ensure that ASRH is prioritised.
- Overall, only 1% of young women requested a pregnancy test and 100% received it. Yet, 7% of women were pregnant at that time.
- It is to be noted that 40% of pregnant women requested for prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT).
- At 3%, the overall demand for male circumcision, which has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS, is relatively low. Furthermore, none of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment.
- Only 3% of youth requested PREP while 1% requested post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).
- Overall, 9% requested an HIV test. None of those who asked for this test received it - this represents an issue that needs to be tackled.
- A very low percentage of respondents (18% overall) said health workers asked about their mental health. This is a concern, as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.
- Thirty-six percent of young people said that a follow-up appointment was set up whilst 37% of young people were referred to a relevant facility.

¹ Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe
² Beau Bassin-Rose Hill, Curepipe, Grand Port, Moka, Port Louis, Quatre Bornes and Savanne

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KEY DATA FROM THE RAPID ASSESSMENT OF ASRHR SERVICES IN BEAU BASSIN-ROSE HILL COUNCIL MAURITIUS

Indicator	Beau Bassin Rose Hill	Coromandel Community Health Centre	Mont Roches Community Health Centre	Rose Hill Community Health Centre	Trefles Community Health Centre
Total sample	121	31	27	36	27
% female	49%	52%	56%	39%	52%
% gender non-conforming	11%	10%	7%	19%	7%
% male	40%	39%	37%	42%	41%
Logistic information on health facilities					
Health facility within 10km from your home %	95%	100%	100%	89%	93%
The facility opens after school? %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
The facility opens on weekends? %	98%	100%	100%	100%	93%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	95%	100%	100%	86%	96%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Average fee in USD	None	None	None	None	None
Quality of care					
Peer counsellors available %	26%	10%	19%	50%	19%
Young people treated with respect %	83%	77%	100%	81%	74%
Young people are treated without parent present %	49%	58%	26%	69%	33%
Young people have privacy %	92%	94%	93%	92%	88%
Young people have confidentiality %	93%	97%	100%	86%	89%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	92%	100%	85%	94%	85%
Young people receive appropriate information %	91%	100%	100%	81%	85%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)					
Maternal health					
% Young people who requested contraceptives	3%	3%	0%	6%	4%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	1%	0%	0%	5%	0%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	100%	100%			
% Young women who were pregnant	7%	16%	0%	5%	6%
% pregnant women who requested prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)	40%	67%		0%	0%
HIV and AIDS and STI					
% Young men who requested male circumcision	3%	0%	8%	5%	0%
% youth who requested PREP	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%
% who requested post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)	1%	0%	0%	3%	0%
% who requested HIV test	9%	6%	4%	14%	12%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	18%	13%	4%	39%	11%
Follow up and referral					
% who said the HW set up a follow up appointment	36%	29%	33%	42%	37%
% referred to a relevant facility	37%	26%	30%	47%	44%