



# GRAND PORT 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 Grand Port 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 Mauritius conducted the study in seven Centers of Excellence for Gender in Local Government.<sup>2</sup> In Grand Port, the study covered 7 community health centres; 232 respondents: 52% young women, and 48% 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

- Almost all respondents (99%) reported being within 10 km of a community health centre.
- Over two thirds (67%) of the facilities offered at the community health centres are open after school. The responses varied from low to high. This suggests either differences in the way community health centres operate or lack of knowledge concerning their hours.
- Three quarters (75%) of respondents said that the community health centres are open at weekends.
- The majority (84%) of respondents said that the Community Health Centres had a comfortable waiting and consultation area.
- None of the community health centres charged fees for their services.

### Quality of care

- Eighteen percent of young people claimed that peer counsellors were available at the community health centres.

- Eighty-eight percent of respondents said that they were treated with respect while almost most respondents (92%) said that confidentiality was maintained. 87% of young people said their privacy was respected.
- Overall, only 29% of youth were treated without a parent being present.
- Seventy-four percent of respondents said that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- Over two thirds (69%) of young people affirmed that they received appropriate information overall.

### Sexual and reproductive health services

- Only 3% of young people requested for contraceptives. This relatively low percentage of young people requesting for contraceptives is worrying as access to contraceptives is key to ensure that ASRH is prioritised.
- Only 2% of the young women requested sanitary pads and all of them who requested pads received them. This represents a positive point with regards to mitigating period poverty.
- Overall, 1% of respondents requested an HIV test. None of those who requested for an HIV test received it. Access to HIV tests remains a concern that needs to be tackled.
- Only 1% of the respondents said that health workers asked about their mental health; only health workers at the Plaine Magnien community health centre did so. This is a concern, as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.
- 39% of the young people said that a follow-up appointment was set up while 47% of young people were referred to a relevant facility.

<sup>1</sup> Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe  
<sup>2</sup> 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 GRAND PORT COUNCIL MAURITIUS

Indicator	Grand Port	Mare D'Albert Community Health Centre	New Grove Community Health Centre	Nouvelle France Community Health Centre	Old Grand Port Community Health Centre	Plaine Magnien Community Health Centre	Riv des Creoles Community Health Centre	Saint Hubert Community Health Centre
Total sample	232	28	30	32	30	31	31	30
% female	52%	43%	50%	53%	50%	48%	48%	53%
% gender non-conforming	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
% male	48%	57%	50%	47%	50%	52%	52%	47%
<b>Logistic information on health facilities</b>								
Health facility within 10km from your home %	99%	100%	100%	97%	100%	97%	100%	100%
The facility opens after school? %	67%	46%	77%	44%	90%	81%	52%	57%
The facility opens on weekends? %	75%	82%	83%	94%	83%	65%	58%	50%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	84%	86%	90%	84%	83%	97%	84%	53%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Average fee in USD	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
<b>Quality of care</b>								
Peer counsellors available %	18%	14%	7%	6%	33%	6%	0%	23%
Young people treated with respect %	88%	96%	70%	84%	90%	94%	84%	90%
Young people are treated without parent present %	29%	14%	17%	13%	30%	48%	48%	37%
Young people have privacy %	87%	96%	77%	78%	100%	84%	94%	73%
Young people have confidentiality %	92%	93%	77%	97%	100%	90%	97%	87%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	74%	71%	70%	66%	77%	87%	81%	52%
Young people receive appropriate information %	69%	79%	53%	56%	70%	71%	77%	63%
<b>Sexual and reproductive health services (%)</b>								
<b>Maternal health</b>								
% Young people who requested contraceptives	3%	0%	3%	3%	0%	6%	3%	3%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	14%	
<b>Menstrual health</b>								
% Young women who requested pads	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	13%	0%	0%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	100%					100%		
<b>HIV and AIDS and STI</b>								
% who requested HIV test	1%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	0%				0%			
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%
<b>Follow up and referral</b>								
% who said the Health worker set up a follow up appointment	39%	36%	27%	53%	27%	58%	55%	33%
% referred to a relevant facility	47%	32%	40%	47%	57%	65%	55%	50%