



PORT LOUIS 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 Port Louis 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 Port Louis, the study covered 3 community health centres; 104 respondents: 42% young women and 58% 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

- Eighty-four percent of respondents reported being within 10 km of a community health centre.
- Only 29% of the respondents said that the community health centres are open after school.
- Over a quarter (28%) of the respondents said that the community health centres are open during weekends; 93% of the respondents said that Tranquebar community health centre is open during weekends.
- The majority (88%) of all respondents 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

- Only 4% of respondents said that peer counsellors were available.

- The majority (86%) of young people said that they were treated with respect and their privacy was respected while 85% of respondents said that confidentiality was maintained. These represent a rather good quality of care provided.
- Overall, only 15% of the youth were treated without a parent being present.
- Seventy-four percent of respondents said that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- Over half (57%) of young people affirmed that they received appropriate information overall.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- Only 1% 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 ensuring that ASRH is prioritised.
- Overall, 2% requested an HIV test. 50% of those who asked for an HIV test received it - there is room for improvement in this area.
- Similarly, 2% of the respondents requested an STI test. 50% of those who requested an STI test received it.
- A low percentage of respondents (29% overall) said health workers asked about their mental health. This is a concern, as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.
- 39% of young people affirmed that a follow-up appointment was set up while 59% 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 ASRRH SERVICES IN PORT LOUIS COUNCIL MAURITIUS

Indicator	Port Louis	La Tour Koeing Community Health Centre	Roche Bois Community Health Centre	Tranquebar Community Health Centre
Total sample	104	28	31	30
% female	42%	46%	52%	50%
% gender non-conforming	0%	0%	0%	0%
% male	58%	54%	48%	50%
Logistic information on health facilities				
Health facility within 10km from your home %	84%	86%	90%	77%
The facility opens after school? %	29%	0%	3%	97%
The facility opens on weekends? %	28%	0%	3%	93%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	88%	89%	94%	83%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	0%	0%	0%	0%
Average fee in USD	None	None	None	None
Quality of care				
Peer counsellors available %	4%	0%	0%	0%
Young people treated with respect %	86%	79%	94%	83%
Young people are treated without parent present %	15%	36%	10%	3%
Young people have privacy %	86%	86%	97%	83%
Young people have confidentiality %	85%	86%	97%	70%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	74%	86%	77%	60%
Young people receive appropriate information %	57%	71%	52%	47%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)				
Maternal health				
% Young people who requested contraceptives	1%	0%	3%	0%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	0%		0%	
HIV and AIDS and STI				
% who requested HIV test	2%	4%	3%	0%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	50%	100%	0%	
% who requested STI test	2%	4%	3%	0%
% who requested who received STI test	50%	100%	0%	
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	29%	29%	29%	23%
Follow up and referral				
% who said the HW set up a follow up appointment	39%	39%	32%	43%
% referred to a relevant facility	59%	43%	45%	80%

