

SAVANNE 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 Savanne 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 Savanne, the study covered 4 community health centres; 176 respondents: 53% young women, 1% gender non-conforming and 46% 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

- The majority of respondents (88%) reported living within 10 km of a community health centre.
- Eighty-three percent of the respondents said that the community health centres are open after school, with a 100% response received for Chamouny community health centre.
- Seventy-three percent of the respondents said that the facilities are closed during weekends.
- Seventy-seven percent of respondents claimed that the community health centre had a comfortable waiting area.
- None of the community health centres charged fees for their services.

Quality of care

- Almost a quarter (24%) of young people affirmed that peer counsellors were available throughout the four community health centres.
- A majority of the young people (84%) said that they were treated with respect and 87% of the respondents said they had that their privacy and confidentiality maintained.
- Only 15% of the youth were treated without a parent being present and low response rates were observed across all 4 community health centres.

- Over two thirds (66%) of respondents said that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- More than half (58%) of young people affirmed that they received appropriate information overall.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- Only 6% of the respondents requested contraceptives and half of them (50%) received contraceptives upon request. This relatively low percentage of young people requesting contraceptives is a cause for concern as access to contraceptives is key to ensure that ASRH is prioritised.
- Overall, 5% of the young women surveyed requested a pregnancy test. Two fifths (40%) of women received a pregnancy test. It is to be noted that 6% of the women were pregnant during that time period. Access to contraceptives should be improved.
- Forty-seven percent of pregnant young women requested an ante-natal check-up and 50% of the young women received an ante-natal check-up.
- Only 4% of young women YW requested post-natal care and 25% of them received post-natal care.
- Few (4%) of young women requested help with breastfeeding and 50% of them received help with breastfeeding.
- Only 6% of the young women requested for sanitary pads. Over two thirds (67%) of the young women who requested sanitary pads received them, with Grand Bois community health centre receiving a 100% positive response.
- Overall, 4% of the respondents requested an HIV test. Forty-three percent of those who requested an HIV test received it.
- Only 9% of the respondents said health workers asked about their mental health. This is a concern, as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.
- 46% of the young people said that a follow-up appointment was set up while 49% of young people were thereafter 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 SAVANNE COUNCIL MAURITIUS

Indicator	Savanne	Baie du Cap Community Health Centre	Camp Diable Community Health Centre	Chamouny Community Health Centre	Grand Bois Community Health Centre
Total sample	176	57	33	38	30
% female	53%	51%	52%	45%	53%
% gender non-conforming	1%	0%	3%	0%	0%
% male	46%	49%	45%	55%	47%
Logistic information on health facilities					
Health facility within 10km from your home %	88%	79%	94%	79%	100%
The facility opens after school? %	83%	88%	67%	100%	87%
The facility opens on weekends? %	73%	87%	67%	95%	33%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	77%	68%	88%	74%	73%
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 %	24%	14%	9%	26%	57%
Young people treated with respect %	84%	79%	82%	79%	97%
Young people are treated without parent present %	15%	5%	12%	13%	27%
Young people have privacy %	87%	84%	88%	82%	93%
Young people have confidentiality %	87%	85%	79%	87%	93%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	66%	63%	73%	50%	80%
Young people receive appropriate information %	58%	48%	58%	53%	77%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)					
Maternal health					
% Young people who requested contraceptives	6%	9%	3%	0%	10%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	50%	60%	0%		33%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	5%	10%	0%	0%	6%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	40%	33%			0%
% Young women who were pregnant	6%	14%	6%	0%	6%
% pregnant young women who requested ante-natal check-up	67%	75%	100%		0%
% pregnant young women who received ante-natal check-up	50%	67%	0%		
% Young women who requested post-natal care	4%	11%	0%	0%	6%
% Young women who requested post natal care who received post-natal care	25%	33%			0%
% Young women who requested help with breast feeding	4%	10%	0%	0%	6%
% Young women who requested that received help with breast feeding	50%	33%			100%
Menstrual health					
% Young women who requested pads	6%	7%	6%	0%	6%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	67%	50%	0%		100%
HIV and AIDS and STI					
% who requested HIV test	4%	9%	0%	5%	0%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	43%	20%		100%	
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	9%	18%	6%	0%	7%
Follow up and referral					
% who said the HW set up a follow up appointment	46%	52%	48%	26%	57%
% referred to a relevant facility	49%	53%	55%	24%	63%