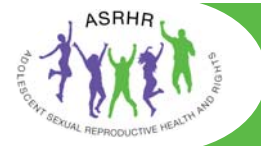


BLOUBERG COUNCIL RAPID ASSESSMENT OF ADOLESCENT SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH (ASRHR)

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FACT SHEET

This fact sheet is a summary of the findings of the ASRHR Rapid Assessment undertaken in Blouberg Council 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 South Africa conducted the study in 29 Centers of Excellence for Gender in Local Government.² In Blouberg, the study covered 4 clinics; 173 respondents: 49% young women, 1% gender non-conforming, and 50% young men (see table overleaf). This fact sheet should be read together with the South Africa and the Southern Africa ASRHR Rapid Assessment research pamphlets. Key findings include:

Accessibility

- Forty-six percent of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- Responses to whether the clinics open after school were high at 89%.
- Over a third (69%) of respondents, said that clinics open during weekends. Indermark Clinic (2%) had the least responses.
- The majority (95%) of respondents said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting area.
- None of the clinics charged fees for their services.

Quality of care

- Almost all (99%) of respondents said they were treated with respect.
- Eighty-seven percent of young people indicated that there was privacy at the clinics.
- Ninety-seven percent of respondents said they were treated with confidentiality.

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

² Blouberg, Brandwag, D'Almeida, Dana Bay, Emfuleni, Friemersheim, Great Brak, Hartenbos, Herbertsdale, Joburg City-Orange Farm-Region G, Joburg City-Soweto-Region D, Joe Slovo, Kwanonqaba, Lepelle Nkumpi, Midvaal, Mogale City, Molemole, Mossel Bay, Polokwane, Sonskyn Valley, eThekweni Ward 101, eThekweni Ward 11, eThekweni Ward 26, eThekweni Ward 31, eThekweni Ward 34, eThekweni Ward 68, eThekweni Ward 98 (Umkomaas), eThekweni Ward 98 (Umnini).

- A third (30%) of respondents said that clinics did not require their parents to be present. The responses were varied, ranging from 5% at Indermark Clinic to 61% at Avon Clinic.
- The majority (87%) of young people indicated that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- Ninety-five percent of young people said they received appropriate information. Availability of information is a key component of ASRHR that gives young people a #VoiceandChoice.

Sexual and reproductive health services

- Most young people (80%) requested contraceptives. The majority (95%) of those who requested contraceptives received them. This high percentage of young people requesting and receiving contraceptives is encouraging as access to contraceptives is key to ensure that ASRH is prioritised.
- The majority (90%) of young women requested a pregnancy test and 96% of them received it. Twenty-nine percent of young women were pregnant at that time.
- At 86%, the overall demand for male circumcision, which has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS, is high. It is encouraging that 99% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment.
- The majority 85% of youth requested PREP while 86% requested post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).
- Ninety-eight percent of respondents requested an HIV test. The majority (85%) of those who asked for this test received it.
- A significant proportion (92%) of respondents said health workers asked about their mental health. This is encouraging, as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.
- Ninety-two percent of young people said that a follow-up appointment was set up whilst 93% of young people were referred to a relevant facility.

FOR MORE INFORMATION go to:

<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 ASRHR SERVICES IN BLOUBERG COUNCIL SOUTH AFRICA

Indicator	Blouberg	Avon Clinic	Buffelshoek Clinic	Indermark Clinic	Lesfontein Clinic
Total sample	173	47	45	41	40
% female	49%	51%	47%	49%	50%
% gender non-conforming	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%
% male	50%	49%	53%	49%	50%
Logistic information on health facilities					
Health facility within 10km from your home %	46%	32%	38%	71%	48%
The facility opens after school? %	89%	100%	100%	85%	68%
The facility opens on weekends? %	69%	100%	100%	2%	65%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	95%	87%	100%	93%	100%
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 %	99%	100%	100%	98%	100%
Young people treated with respect %	99%	100%	100%	100%	98%
Young people are treated without parent present %	30%	61%	18%	5%	35%
Young people have privacy %	87%	98%	100%	88%	58%
Young people have confidentiality %	97%	98%	100%	98%	90%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	87%	98%	100%	85%	63%
Young people receive appropriate information %	95%	96%	100%	93%	90%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)					
Maternal health					
% Young people who requested contraceptives	80%	98%	47%	93%	83%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	95%	98%	100%	97%	85%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	90%	67%	95%	100%	100%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	96%	100%	95%	90%	100%
% Young women who were pregnant	29%	13%	0%	52%	55%
% pregnant young women who requested ante-natal check-up	100%	100%		100%	100%
% pregnant young women who received ante-natal check-up	100%	100%		100%	100%
% pregnant women who requested prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)	100%	100%		100%	100%
% pregnant women who requested PMTCT that received PMTCT	84%	100%		91%	73%
% Young women who requested post-natal care	71%	52%	52%	81%	100%
% Young women who requested post natal care who received post-natal care	98%	100%	91%	100%	100%
% Young women who requested help with breast feeding	71%	48%	52%	86%	100%
% Young women who requested that received help with breast feeding	98%	100%	100%	94%	100%
Menstrual health					
% Young women who requested pads	78%	58%	71%	90%	95%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
HIV and AIDS and STI					
% Young men who requested male circumcision	86%	91%	100%	100%	47%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	99%	100%	100%	95%	100%
% youth who requested PREP	85%	100%	96%	68%	75%
% youth who received PREP	90%	100%	100%	79%	70%
% who requested post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)	86%	100%	93%	78%	70%
% of those who requested who received PEP	95%	100%	100%	97%	75%
% who requested HIV test	98%	100%	100%	98%	93%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	85%	98%	91%	80%	68%
% who requested STI test	94%	100%	91%	98%	85%
% who requested who received STI test	89%	100%	80%	83%	91%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	42%	45%	4%	51%	70%
% who requested who received ARVs	81%	100%	0%	81%	71%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	92%	89%	100%	88%	90%