

JOBURG CITY-ORANGE FARM-REGION G 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 Joburg City-Orange Farm-Region G 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 Joburg City-Orange Farm-Region G, the study covered 3 clinics; 128 respondents: 53% young women, 1% gender non-conforming, and 46% 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

- Over three quarters (79%) of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- The majority (98%) of respondents, said that the clinics open after school.
- Only a third (30%) of respondents, said that clinics open during weekends.
- Eight percent of respondents said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting area.
- None of the clinics charged fees for their services.

Quality of care

- Eighty-nine percent of respondents said they were treated with respect.
- Eight-eight percent of young people indicated that there was privacy at the clinics.
- The majority (87%) of respondents said they were treated with confidentiality. The responses

were varied, ranging from 85% at Stretford ext 7 Clinic to 95% at Mbalentle Clinic.

- Over half (52%) of respondents said that clinics did not require their parents to be present.
- Eight-three percent of young people indicated that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- Eight-seven 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

- A third (30%) of young people requested for contraceptives. The majority (94%) of those who requested contraceptives received them. This relatively low percentage of young people requesting contraceptives is worrying as access to contraceptives is key to ensure that ASRH is prioritised.
- Fifty-two of young women requested a pregnancy test and all of them received it. Over Twenty-three percent of young women were pregnant at that time.
- At 50%, the overall demand for male circumcision, which has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS, is relatively high compared to other clinics in South Africa. It is encouraging that 73% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment.
- Only 7% of youth requested PREP while 75% requested post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).
- Over half (51%) of respondents requested an HIV test. A significant proportion (92%) of those who asked for this test received it.
- A relatively low percentage of respondents (14% overall) said health workers asked about their mental health. This is a concern, as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.
- Sixty-six percent of young people said that a follow-up appointment was set up whilst 68% of young people were referred to a relevant facility.

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).

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KEY DATA FROM THE RAPID ASSESSMENT OF ASRRH SERVICES IN JOBURG CITY-ORANGE FARM-REGION G COUNCIL SOUTH AFRICA

Indicator	Joburg City-Orange Farm-Region G	Mbalente Clinic	Stretford Clinic	Stretford Ext 7
Total sample	128	41	41	46
% female	53%	56%	51%	52%
% gender non-conforming	1%	0%	0%	2%
% male	46%	44%	49%	46%
Logistic information on health facilities				
Health facility within 10km from your home %	79%	63%	71%	100%
The facility opens after school? %	98%	100%	98%	98%
The facility opens on weekends? %	30%	0%	95%	0%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	80%	90%	76%	74%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	0%	0%	0%	0%
Average fee in USD	None	None	None	None
Quality of care				
Peer counsellors available %	78%	85%	75%	73%
Young people treated with respect %	89%	90%	93%	85%
Young people are treated without parent present %	52%	54%	58%	46%
Young people have privacy %	88%	93%	88%	85%
Young people have confidentiality %	87%	95%	85%	82%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	83%	93%	80%	76%
Young people receive appropriate information %	87%	93%	83%	85%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)				
Maternal health				
% Young people who requested contraceptives	30%	32%	22%	39%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	94%	92%	100%	91%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	52%	59%	43%	52%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	100%	100%	100%	100%
% Young women who were pregnant	23%	19%	14%	33%
% 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)	93%	100%	100%	86%
% pregnant women who requested PMTCT that received PMTCT	100%	100%	100%	100%
% Young women who requested post-natal care	22%	19%	14%	32%
% Young women who requested post natal care who received post-natal care	100%	100%	100%	100%
% Young women who requested help with breast feeding	19%	19%	14%	23%
% Young women who requested that received help with breast feeding	92%	100%	67%	100%
Menstrual health				
% Young women who requested pads	11%	0%	14%	17%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	43%		67%	25%
HIV and AIDS and STI				
% Young men who requested male circumcision	50%	44%	45%	59%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	73%	75%	89%	62%
% youth who requested PREP	7%	0%	12%	9%
% youth who received PREP	89%		100%	75%
% who requested post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)	6%	0%	12%	7%
% of those who requested who received PEP	75%		80%	67%
% who requested HIV test	51%	38%	56%	58%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	92%	87%	91%	96%
% who requested STI test	39%	33%	44%	40%
% who requested who received STI test	94%	92%	94%	94%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	19%	10%	22%	24%
% who requested who received ARVs	88%	100%	89%	82%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	14%	10%	20%	14%