



JOBURG CITY-SOWETO-REGION D 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-Soweto-Region D 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-Soweto-Region D, the study covered 2 clinics; 82 respondents: 52% young women and 48% 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

- All of the respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- Responses to whether the clinics open after school were high at 99%.
- All of the respondents, said that clinics open during weekends.
- The majority (90%) of respondents said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting area.
- None of the clinics charged fees for their services.

Quality of care

- The majority (84%) of respondents said they were treated with respect.
- Ninety-three percent of young people indicated that there was privacy at the clinics.
- Ninety-one percent of respondents said they were treated with confidentiality. The responses

were varied, ranging from 88% at Siqobile Clinic to 95% at Itereleng Clinic.

- Over a third (35%) of respondents said that clinics did not require their parents to be present.
- Seventy-three percent of young people indicated that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- The majority (83%) 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

- Only 10% of young people requested contraceptives. Three quarters (75%) 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.
- Twenty-eight percent of young women requested a pregnancy test and 83% of them received it. Two percent of young women were pregnant at that time.
- At 95%, the overall demand for male circumcision is high. It is also encouraging to note that 86% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment. Male circumcision has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS.
- Only 2% of youth requested PREP while none requested post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).
- Only 27% of respondents requested an HIV test. However, a significant proportion (86%) of those who asked for this test received it.
- Over a third (33%) said health workers asked about their mental health. This is a concern, as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.
- Seventy-nine percent of young people said that a follow-up appointment was set up whilst 77% of young people were referred to a relevant facility.

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

² Bloubaerg, 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, eThekwinini Ward 101, eThekwinini Ward 11, eThekwinini Ward 26, eThekwinini Ward 31, eThekwinini Ward 34, eThekwinini Ward 68, eThekwinini Ward 98 (Umkomaas), eThekwinini Ward 98 (Umnini).

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KEY DATA FROM THE RAPID ASSESSMENT OF ASRHR SERVICES IN JOBURG CITY-SOWETO-REGION D COUNCIL SOUTH AFRICA

Indicator	Joburg City-Soweto-Region D	Itereleng Clinic	Siqobile Clinic
Total sample	82	40	42
% female	52%	55%	50%
% gender non-conforming	0%	0%	0%
% male	48%	45%	50%
Logistic information on health facilities			
Health facility within 10km from your home %	100%	100%	100%
The facility opens after school? %	99%	98%	100%
The facility opens on weekends? %	100%	100%	100%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	90%	88%	93%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	0%	0%	0%
Average fee in USD	None	None	None
Quality of care			
Peer counsellors available %	11%	13%	10%
Young people treated with respect %	84%	85%	83%
Young people are treated without parent present %	35%	33%	38%
Young people have privacy %	93%	95%	90%
Young people have confidentiality %	91%	95%	88%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	73%	60%	86%
Young people receive appropriate information %	83%	83%	83%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)			
Maternal health			
% Young people who requested contraceptives	10%	8%	12%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	75%	100%	60%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	28%	32%	24%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	83%	86%	80%
% Young women who were pregnant	2%	5%	0%
% pregnant young women who requested ante-natal check-up	100%	100%	
% pregnant young women who received ante-natal check-up	100%	100%	
% pregnant women who requested prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT)	0%	0%	
% pregnant women who requested PMTCT that received PMTCT			
% Young women who requested post-natal care	10%	14%	5%
% Young women who requested post natal care who received post-natal care	75%	67%	100%
% Young women who requested help with breast feeding	7%	9%	5%
% Young women who requested that received help with breast feeding	100%	100%	100%
Menstrual health			
% Young women who requested pads	5%	9%	0%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	0%	0%	
HIV and AIDS and STI			
% Young men who requested male circumcision	95%	100%	90%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	86%	78%	95%
% youth who requested PREP	2%	0%	5%
% youth who received PREP	0%		0%
% who requested post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)	0%	0%	0%
% of those who requested who received PEP			
% who requested HIV test	27%	25%	29%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	86%	100%	75%
% who requested STI test	10%	13%	7%
% who requested who received STI test	88%	100%	67%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	0%	0%	0%
% who requested who received ARVs			
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	33%	30%	36%