



# MIDVAAL 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 Midvaal Council as part of an eight-country study<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup> In Midvaal, the study covered 3 clinics; 122 respondents: 50% young women 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

- The majority (96%) of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- Ninety-five percent of respondents, said that clinics open after school.
- Only 34% of respondents, said that clinics open during weekends.
- Seventy-eight percent of respondents said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting area.
- None of the respondents said the clinics charged fees for their services.

### Quality of care

- Seventy-four percent of respondents said they were treated with respect.
- The majority (87%) of young people indicated that there was privacy at the clinics.
- Eighty-seven percent of respondents said they were treated with confidentiality.
- Three-quarters (75%) of respondents said that clinics did not require their parents to be present.
- Over two-thirds (69%) of young people indicated that health workers spent sufficient time

with them. The responses were varied, ranging from 68% at Kookrus Clinic to 97% at Pontshong Clinic.

- Seventy-six 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

- Only 27% of young people requested 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.
- Just over a third (31%) of young women requested a pregnancy test and 95% of them received it. Three percent of young women were pregnant at that time.
- At 52%, the overall demand for male circumcision, which has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS, is relatively high. It is encouraging that 90% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment.
- Only 18% of youth requested PREP while 19% requested post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).
- Forty percent of respondents requested an HIV test. A significant proportion (96%) of those who asked for this test received it.
- Over half of respondents (58% overall) said health workers asked about their mental health. This is a concern, as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.
- Ninety percent of young people said that a follow-up appointment was set up whilst 95% of young people were referred to a relevant facility.

<sup>1</sup> Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mauritius, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

<sup>2</sup> 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, Kwanongaba, 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 ASRHR SERVICES IN MIDVAAL COUNCIL SOUTH AFRICA

Indicator	Midvaal	Kookrus Clinic	Meyerton Clinic	Pontshong Clinic
Total sample	122	42	40	40
% female	50%	50%	50%	50%
% gender non-conforming	0%	0%	0%	0%
% male	50%	50%	50%	50%
<b>Logistic information on health facilities</b>				
Health facility within 10km from your home %	96%	98%	100%	90%
The facility opens after school? %	95%	100%	94%	89%
The facility opens on weekends? %	34%	100%	0%	0%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	78%	52%	90%	93%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	0%	0%	0%	0%
Average fee in USD	None	None	None	None
<b>Quality of care</b>				
Peer counsellors available %	55%	2%	85%	80%
Young people treated with respect %	74%	37%	95%	93%
Young people are treated without parent present %	75%	81%	53%	90%
Young people have privacy %	87%	81%	90%	90%
Young people have confidentiality %	87%	79%	85%	98%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	69%	29%	85%	95%
Young people receive appropriate information %	76%	48%	85%	98%
<b>Sexual and reproductive health services (%)</b>				
<b>Maternal health</b>				
% Young people who requested contraceptives	27%	35%	25%	20%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	94%	87%	100%	100%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	31%	62%	25%	5%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	95%	92%	100%	100%
% Young women who were pregnant	17%	10%	20%	20%
% 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)	20%	100%	0%	0%
% pregnant women who requested PMTCT that received PMTCT	100%	100%		
% Young women who requested post-natal care	14%	10%	33%	20%
% Young women who requested post natal care who received post-natal care	33%	50%	0%	0%
% Young women who requested help with breast feeding	6%	10%	0%	0%
% Young women who requested that received help with breast feeding	100%	100%		
<b>Menstrual health</b>				
% Young women who requested pads	16%	42%	0%	5%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	78%	75%		100%
<b>HIV and AIDS and STI</b>				
% Young men who requested male circumcision	52%	100%	35%	20%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	90%	100%	86%	0%
% youth who requested PREP	18%	47%	0%	0%
% youth who received PREP	100%	100%		
% who requested post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)	19%	49%	0%	0%
% of those who requested who received PEP	100%	100%		
% who requested HIV test	40%	67%	24%	28%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	96%	96%	89%	100%
% who requested STI test	25%	67%	3%	3%
% who requested who received STI test	97%	96%	100%	100%
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	4%	5%	5%	3%
% who requested who received ARVs	100%	100%	100%	100%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	58%	78%	68%	28%