



eTHEKWINI Ward 101 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 eThekweni Ward 101 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 eThekweni Ward 101, the study covered 2 clinics; 83 respondents: 49% young women and 51% 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

- Fifty-one percent of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- Less than half (48%) of the respondents said that clinics open after school.
- Only 12% of respondents said that clinics open during weekends.
- Almost all (99%) of respondents said that the clinic had a comfortable waiting area.
- None of the clinics charged fees for their services.

Quality of care

- All of the respondents said they were treated with respect.
- All of the young people indicated that there was privacy at the clinics.
- All of the respondents said they were treated with confidentiality.
- Over two-thirds (66%) of respondents said that clinics did not require their parents to be present.

- The majority (87%) of young people indicated that health workers spent sufficient time with them.
- Ninety 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

- Twenty-two percent of young people requested contraceptives. Seventy-eight percent of those who requested contraceptives received them. This relatively low percentage of young people requesting and receiving contraceptives is worrying as access to contraceptives is key to ensure that ASRH is prioritised.
- Only 7% of young women requested a pregnancy test and 67% of them received it. Seven percent of young women were pregnant at that time.
- At 12%, the overall demand for male circumcision, which has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS, is relatively low. It is encouraging that 80% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment.
- Only 4% of youth requested PREP while 2% requested post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP).
- More than two-thirds (69%) of respondents requested an HIV test. A significant proportion (67%) of those who asked for this test received it.
- A high percentage of respondents (72% overall) said health workers asked about their mental health. This is encouraging, as ASRHR and mental health are closely linked.
- Ninety-four percent of young people said that a follow-up appointment was set up whilst 61% 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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Indicator	eThekwini Ward 101	Cato Manor	Clare Estate
Total sample	83	42	41
% female	49%	48%	51%
% gender non-conforming	0%	0%	0%
% male	51%	52%	49%
Logistic information on health facilities			
Health facility within 10km from your home %	51%	57%	44%
The facility opens after school? %	48%	95%	0%
The facility opens on weekends? %	12%	24%	0%
The facility has a comfortable waiting and consultation area? %	99%	100%	98%
Does the facility charge a fee? %	0%	0%	0%
Average fee in USD	None	None	None
Quality of care			
Peer counsellors available %	86%	71%	100%
Young people treated with respect %	100%	100%	100%
Young people are treated without parent present %	66%	81%	51%
Young people have privacy %	100%	100%	100%
Young people have confidentiality %	100%	100%	100%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	87%	76%	98%
Young people receive appropriate information %	90%	81%	100%
Sexual and reproductive health services (%)			
Maternal health			
% Young people who requested contraceptives	22%	31%	12%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received contraceptives	78%	100%	20%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	7%	15%	0%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	67%	67%	
% Young women who were pregnant	7%	15%	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%	20%	0%
% Young women who requested post natal care who received post-natal care	25%	25%	
% Young women who requested help with breast feeding	0%	0%	0%
% Young women who requested that received help with breast feeding			
Menstrual health			
% Young women who requested pads	2%	5%	0%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	100%	100%	
HIV and AIDS and STI			
% Young men who requested male circumcision	12%	23%	0%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	80%	80%	
% youth who requested PREP	4%	5%	2%
% youth who received PREP	100%	100%	100%
% who requested post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)	2%	5%	0%
% of those who requested who received PEP	100%	100%	
% who requested HIV test	69%	38%	100%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	98%	94%	100%
% who requested STI test	5%	10%	0%
% who requested who received STI test	100%	100%	
% who requested anti-retrovirals (ARVs)	22%	40%	2%
% who requested who received ARVs	100%	100%	100%
% who said Health worker asked about mental health	72%	76%	68%