



# BULAWAYO CITY 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 Bulawayo City 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 Zimbabwe conducted the study in thirteen Centers of Excellence for Gender in Local Government.<sup>2</sup> In Bulawayo, the study covered 20 clinics; 401 respondents: 50% young women and 50% young men (see table overleaf). This fact sheet should be read together with the Zimbabwe, and the Southern Africa ASRHR Rapid Assessment research pamphlets. Key findings include:

### Accessibility

- Eighty-five percent of respondents reported being within 10 km of a clinic.
- Responses to whether the clinics open after school were on the high side, an indication of youths' knowledge of the operating hours of clinics.
- Over seventy percent of respondents (71%), said that clinics open during weekends. Magwegwe (40%), E.F Watson (43%) and Pelandaba (48%) clinics had a low response rate.
- The average service fee for ASRHR services in Bulawayo's clinics is USD\$4.

### Quality of care

- Most young people said they were treated with respect (85%).
- Seventy percent of young people indicated that there was privacy at the clinic. This, however, varied from 45% at Khami Road to 100% at Cowdray Park and Lobengula clinics.
- Less than half of respondents (49%) said that clinics did not require their parents to be present. Negative responses came from Cowdray Park and Tshabalala clinics at 30%.

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

<sup>2</sup> Bindura RDC, Bulawayo City, Gweru City, Harare City, Kadoma City, Makoni RDC, Masvingo City, Murehwa RDC, Mutare City, Mvurwi Town, Umguza RDC, Zibagwe RDC and Zvimba RDC

- Two thirds (66%) indicated that health workers spent sufficient time with them. This varied from 38% in Magwegwe to 100% in Lobengula.
- A moderately high percentage of respondents (61%) said they received appropriate information with the lowest response rate in Magwegwe (33%). Access to information is important to assist young people to make better ASRHR choices.

### Sexual and reproductive health services

- A low proportion of young people (32%) requested contraceptives. These requests ranged from 8% at Pelandaba clinic to 60% at Entumbane clinic. Over three quarters (79%) of those who requested contraceptives received them.
- 11% of young women requested a pregnancy test. No tests were requested at Khami Road, Lobengula, Njube, Nkulumane, Pelandaba and Princess Margaret Rose clinics. Above half (57%) of those who requested, received the service. At the time of the study, 14% of young women were pregnant.
- Only 27% of young women requested sanitary pads and 64% of those who requested received them.
- Demand for male circumcision which has been shown to reduce the spread of HIV and AIDS is relatively low in Bulawayo at 35%, overall. This varied from no requests in Cowdray Park, Emakhandeni and Mahatsula to 67% at Entumbane clinic.
- Less than a quarter (23%) of respondents requested an HIV test. 98% of those who requested the service received it. This is evidence of Zimbabwe's commitment to zero HIV infections.
- Six percent of respondents requested an STI test and 82% of those who requested STI tests received them.
- Over half of respondents (53% overall) said health workers asked about their mental health. This shows efforts towards raising awareness on the issue.

FOR MORE INFORMATION go to:

<https://genderlinks.org.za/what-we-do/governance/local-action-for-voice-and-choice/>

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Indicator	Bulawayo City Council	Cowdray Park	Dr Shennan	E. F. Watson / Mpopoma	Entumbane	Emakhandeni	Khami Road Clinic	Lobengula	Luveve	Magwegwe	Mahatshula	Mzilikazi	Njube	Nketa	Nkulumane	Northern Suburbs	Princess Margaret Rose	Pelandaba	Pumula	Pumula South	Tshabalala
Total sample	401	10	6	31	5	20	22	2	34	27	7	26	26	14	7	12	26	26	30	41	27
% female	50%	60%	67%	35%	40%	50%	59%	0%	41%	56%	71%	54%	69%	57%	29%	25%	42%	38%	60%	41%	59%
% male	50%	40%	33%	65%	60%	45%	41%	100%	59%	44%	29%	46%	31%	43%	71%	75%	58%	62%	40%	56%	41%
<b>Logistic information on health facilities</b>																					
Health facility within 10km from your home %	85%	90%	100%	100%	80%	84%	95%	100%	82%	89%	71%	96%	96%	64%	57%	58%	85%	85%	80%	85%	69%
The facility opens after school? %	87%	100%	100%	87%	100%	95%	95%	100%	82%	81%	100%	73%	85%	86%	86%	92%	100%	81%	73%	100%	78%
The facility opens on weekends? %	71%	100%	100%	43%	80%	95%	55%	100%	74%	40%	100%	62%	54%	93%	100%	92%	69%	48%	67%	100%	78%
<b>Quality of care</b>																					
Young people treated with respect %	85%	70%	100%	71%	80%	90%	77%	100%	91%	89%	86%	100%	85%	57%	57%	92%	85%	88%	87%	74%	93%
Young people are treated without parent present %	49%	30%	67%	52%	60%	50%	59%	50%	38%	59%	57%	54%	50%	50%	43%	42%	38%	62%	47%	54%	30%
Young people have privacy %	70%	100%	67%	74%	80%	85%	45%	100%	79%	56%	57%	58%	73%	79%	57%	58%	69%	72%	67%	73%	74%
Health workers spend sufficient time with young people %	66%	40%	67%	58%	40%	70%	82%	100%	71%	38%	57%	52%	88%	64%	57%	92%	77%	65%	55%	72%	74%
<b>Sexual and reproductive health services (%)</b>																					
<b>Maternal health</b>																					
% Young people who requested contraceptives	32%	30%	33%	45%	60%	42%	23%	0%	47%	15%	43%	35%	23%	43%	43%	33%	27%	8%	21%	47%	26%
% Young people who requested contraceptives that received	79%	100%	100%	79%	100%	100%	20%		75%	100%	100%	78%	67%	83%	100%	100%	71%	100%	67%	78%	86%
% Young women who requested a pregnancy test	11%	17%	25%	18%	0%	36%	0%	0%	8%	13%	20%	14%	0%	13%	0%	33%	0%	0%	13%	11%	13%
% Young women who received a pregnancy test	57%	100%	100%	50%		100%	0%		50%	0%	0%	0%		100%		100%		100%	0%	50%	50%
<b>Menstrual health</b>																					
% Young women who requested pads	27%	0%	25%	36%	50%	40%	8%	0%	50%	27%	20%	29%	33%	25%	50%	33%	0%	10%	12%	29%	38%
% of those who requested pads that received pads	64%	0%	100%	25%	100%	75%	100%	0%	71%	50%	100%	25%	50%	100%	100%	100%	50%	100%	50%	80%	50%
<b>HIV and AIDS and STI</b>																					
% Young men who requested male circumcision	35%	0%	50%	65%	67%	0%	22%	50%	58%	8%	0%	50%	13%	33%	40%	44%	40%	19%	33%	17%	64%
% of those who requested male circumcision received an appointment	100%	0%	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
% who requested HIV test	23%	0%	0%	48%		15%	21%	0%	35%	12%	0%	31%	27%	0%	14%	0%	17%	8%	27%	10%	63%
% of those who requested who received HIV test	98%			100%	0%	100%	100%		100%	100%		88%	100%		100%		100%	100%	100%	100%	94%