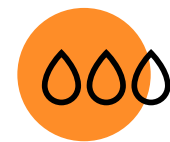
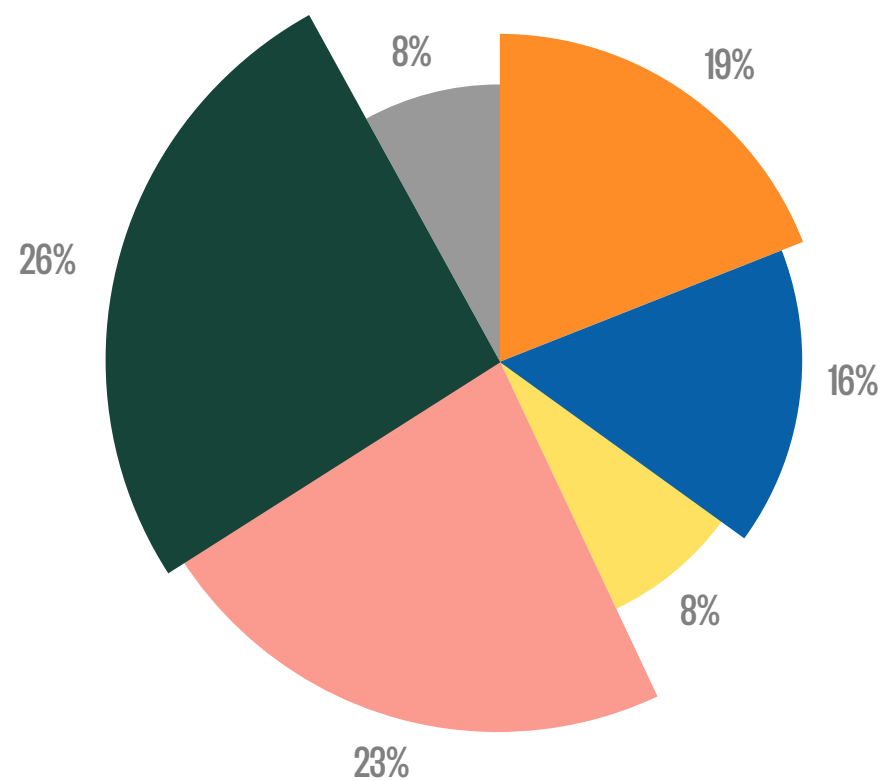


THE ACCESS PROJECT

ADVOCATING FOR YOUTH FRIENDLY HEALTH SERVICES

The Access Project is a community and youth-led intervention which focuses on advocating for young people's right to access stigma-free SRH services. Moving beyond the instrumentalist approach of the national ARSH programme which perceives adolescent girls' health concerns within the limited framework of "maternal health of future mothers", it also attempts to provide a more holistic approach to the same..



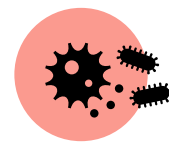
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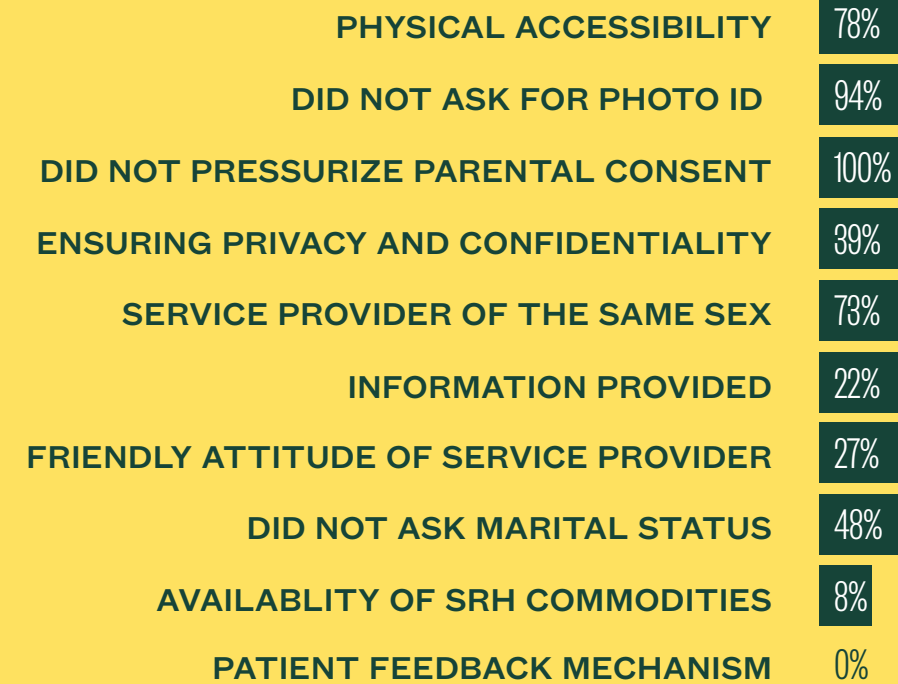
PREGNANCY & INFORMATION ON ABORTION



HAEMOGLOBIN TESTING

METHODS

1. Engaging 30 young people through perspective building on sexual rights to enable them in gathering information through audits of health facilities in various locations.
2. Conducting youth-led audits of SRH services based on the identified national and international parameters.
3. Conducting youth-led evidence based advocacy for stigma free and adolescent & youth friendly SRH services for public and policy change.



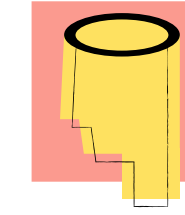
FINDINGS: YOUTH-LED AUDITS OF PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES FOR SRH SERVICES CONDUCTED IN DELHI AND VARANASI

KEY GAPS IDENTIFIED



RELATED TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT & FACILITY ADMINISTRATION

- Inadequate number of service providers in AFHCs
- Absence of feedback mechanism for patients in the facility
- Underutilization of the state level funds under National Adolescent Health Programme
- Overload of patients in government facilities resulting in lack of measures to ensure privacy within facilities



RELATED TO THE ATTITUDE AND PERSPECTIVE OF THE SERVICE PROVIDERS

- Service providers follow non-mandatory practices such as asking marital status and cross questioning young girls on the need for SRH services before marriage especially.
- Myths related to abortion were propagated
- Moralistic and judgmental perspective of the service providers on pre-marital sex which propagates ideas around practicing abstinence

ADVOCACY IMPACT

- Greater awareness and negotiation power amongst unmarried young people to seek SRH services for themselves and their peers.
- Recognition by key stakeholders of young people's voices and demands pertaining to their healthcare and wellbeing.