

USAID/CSDS Report

Report for the period August 1st 2009 to August 31st 2009

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Title

Training and Counseling on HIV/AIDS and Domestic Violence Project

Implementing Agency:

Help & Shelter

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Narrative Report

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I. CURRENT STATUS and PROGRESS

During the month of August the organization received funds as was prepared on the cash flow register to implement the planned activities as stated on the work-plan tool.

Planned Activities

Planned activities continue to included:

- **Behaviour Change Communication through one on one community outreach**
 - Face to face counseling
 - Client Questionnaire Analysis (Feedback from clients using the client's questionnaire forms)
 - Referrals
 - Hotline counseling
 - Court support and counseling (in school youth)

- **A & B prevention program**
 - ISY-Prevention A – the conduct of abstinence messages to youths in 3 secondary schools in Region 4

 - OSY – Prevention A & B – the conduct of abstinence and be faithful messages to out of school youths from groups in the communities.

- **Distribution of BCC materials and Condoms to walk-ins.**

- **Project Management**

1 Prevention

1.1 Community Outreach

Face to face counseling

This activity was conducted by two full time counselors and two part time counselors at our office situated on Homestretch Avenue, Durban Park, Georgetown.

The delivery of HIV prevention and appropriate BCC messages were done on a one-to-one basis with clients. The total numbers of persons newly reached through one-off outreach intervention with the following messages were;

- Messages that promote Abstinence only (A) was **3** male and **12** female- **clients**
- Messages that promote faithfulness only (B) was **0** male and **22** female- a total of **22** clients

- Messages that promote both Abstinence and Faithfulness (A&B) was 5 male 9 **female**
- Messages that promote behavior change beyond abstinence & faithfulness (partner reduction, condom use, HIV Testing) was 3 male and 21 female- a total of 24 clients

The number of persons previously reached through community outreach one-off outreach intervention using appropriate prevention messages was as follows;

- Messages that promote Abstinence only (A) was 3 female
- Messages that promote faithfulness only (B) was 1 male and 5 female- a total of 6 clients
- Messages that promote behavior change beyond Abstinence and Faithfulness (partner reduction, condom use, HIV testing etc) were 0 male and 3 female a total of 3 clients

Please note

An overall clientele data shows the clients who had accessed the services of Help & Shelter during the month of August 2009 under the following categories were;

- New clients – 54
- Repeat clients – 60
- Hotline – 33
- Court support - 46 attendances
- Client referrals – 29
- Non-client referrals - 2

CLIENT QUESTIONNAIRE ANALYSIS

A total of 12 Client Questionnaires were completed and returned for the month of August

Rating of Counseling Sessions

- 11 clients or 92% rated counseling sessions as Very Good
- 1 client or 8% rated counseling sessions as Good

Interest in Returning for Follow up Sessions

- 12 clients or 100% said they would return for follow up sessions

Through What Means Did Clients Hear About Services of H&S

- Radio- 4 (33%)
- TV – 6 (50%)
- Leaflet-2 (17%)
- Newspaper- Nil
- Probation Services- Nil
- Other – Nil
- Radio & TV- Nil

HIV Information Received

- 11 clients or 92% said they had received HIV information
- 1 client or 8% did not respond

REFERRALS

A total of 3 referrals were done for the month of August 2009

Date	Location	Service	Gender	
			M	F
5 th August	Dorothy Bailey Health Centre	C&T		1
7 th August	Sophia Health Centre	C&T		1
31 st August	Davis Memorial Hospital	C&T		1
TOTAL				3

Hotline counseling

For the month of August 2009 the hotline service was activated during the evenings and weekends to the 2 hotline counselors responsibly for this activity. 50 hotline forms were submitted during the period.

Court Support and Counseling (in school youth)

The two court support counselors have attended the courts in Region 4 and these include Providence on the East Bank, Mahaica, Cove & John, Vigilance, Sparaandam, on the East Coast and courts 1, 2, 5 and 6 in Georgetown. For the month of August 2009 the counselors attended courts on forty-eight (48) occasions with clients who are mostly children and who have been sexually molested, rape or other-wise abused. Moral support is also given to women who have applied for protection orders under the Domestic Violence Act. Help & Shelter continue to have in place a legal consultant who would assist in the application of this activity and also referrals were made to the Georgetown Legal Aid Clinic.

1.2 A & B Prevention Program

ISY Program

Soesdyke Community High School

Prevention team visited Soesdyke Community High school. As a result an agreement has been made to complete the prevention sessions. The day agreed upon is Friday 11th September, after which the parenting session is slated for Wednesday 16th September 2009 at 3:30 pm

The Head Teacher said that the student population has grown with the new school term. This adds to an already over-crowded school.

Cummings Lodge Secondary School

A school visit would be made this week in an effort to make arrangements to complete session including Parenting module.

OSY Program

Kuru Kururu Youth Group

Six Sessions have been completed to date.

The number of participants is sixteen (16) youths.

As was reflected in past reports it became necessary to capture the additional number of participants in an effort to meet the target.

After consultations and a review of the financial status, work began with the additional participants who are a part of the newly formed Kuru Kururu Craft centre.

CHALLENGES:

The teacher for the Centre has been volunteering her time and skills. She has to walk some distance daily to get to the centre in the heat of the day. If she desires to travel this has to be done through her own little available funds.

Apparently over time there have been some challenges in her marriage as a result forcing her to leave the community. The students are now left to supervise themselves to a greater extent. Skilled personnel would visit the centre to teach the various types of craft on certain days; however students are still left to work on their own.

On another note the prevention team had a first-hand look at the distance some participants have to walk from to get to the Centre. In addition the lack of certain amenities at their homes was evident. Some parents do not have stable jobs and means of a sustainable income as a result the issue of meals has to be taken into consideration.

Soesdyke Craft Centre:

Five sessions have been completed to date.

Number of participants: (9)

Female Participants: (9)

Conclusion

The experience of facilitating Prevention Messages sessions for OSY's and ISY's has been challenging yet rewarding.

The prevention work in the communities, have proven to be more than passive involvement. This is especially true about Kuru-Kururu where exist so many challenges and few persons to assist in getting things on stream. The prevention team, have been approached to be a part of the developmental process of the community. This includes giving guidance on meetings and mobilizing persons in the community with skills etc.

The team has so far been able however to remain focus and maintain a facilitating posture.

When one can see that what is being done is actually making an impact upon the lives of people, institutions and Communities it really makes a difference in the lives of the Prevention Personnel.

1.3 Distribution of BCC materials and Condoms to walk – ins.

The distribution of materials through Prevention Outreach activities are;

Number of male condoms - 121

Number of female condoms – 10

1.4 Project Management

The objective of this activity is to provide quality leadership and management systems and provide resources to effectively implement proposed activities within Help & Shelter.

Planning meetings are normally held every fortnight on Tuesdays and director's meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, Volunteers meeting on the second Saturday of each month and supervisory counselors meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month. During the supervisors counselors meeting educational information are presented or discussions on a particular topic area are conducted for the benefit of the meetings. The project coordinator would also present up-dated information on the project during such time.

Dr. Faith Harding is now contracted to meet with counselors at the end of each month for therapy sessions

Internal repairs and painting are still being carried out.

Contract fees were paid to staff with all other accounting activities conducted including an acquittal is scheduled to be conducted by CSDS field officer on Wednesday 12th August 2009.

Please be advised of all positive or negative variances by activity as stated on the Expenditure Variance Report [EVS] as at August 31 2009:

ACTIVITY	VARIANCES +[-]	JUSTIFICATIONS	COORDINATOR'S COMMENT
Hotline Counseling	\$(107,275)	Hotline Training	Stipend for hotline counselor
Face – To – Face Counseling	\$ (62,941)	Photo. Leaflets, forms etc.	Spending within budget.
In- School Counselling	\$ 2,500	Photo. Of forms	Photo forms.
ISY - Cummings lodge	\$(14,852)	Stationery, photo, transportation	Spending favorably within budget.
ISY – ST. John's College change to Stewartville	\$(3,110)	Transportation	continuing sessions with Stewartville Sec. sch.
ISY – Kingston Community High change to soesdyke C/H	\$1,290	Transportation	Continuing sessions with Soesdyke High school.
OSY- Grove Craft Centre	\$(84,488)	Photo. Leaflets , Stationery & transportation	Overspend on photo. Leaflets due to additional sessions conducted for OSYs.
OSY- West Ruimveldt Change to Kuru- Kuru	\$1,060	Transportation	Additional sessions held for the month. Spending within budget.
OSY- Meadow Brook change to Soesdyke Craft Centre	\$24,960	Transportation	Transportation cost increase.
Office Expense	\$148,689	Electricity , Telephone, Internet, etc	Utilities Expense was not fully utilize due to H & S Fire.

II. CONSTRAINTS

Constraints were experienced under the ISY & OSY program in terms of the target number to be reached due to inconsistent attendance by the participants and the delay in conducting hotline training which is still to be done before September 2009.

III. SUBSEQUENT PERIOD WORKPLAN

Activities for month of July 2009	Projected Date	Projected Time
1. Prevention -Other Counseling (face-to-face & hotline)	Every month	Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Hotline at evenings, weekends and holidays
2. Prevention –A&B Court support counseling	Every month	Working hours Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
3. Prevention – A- ISY program	Every month	Working hours on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (Plan to do sessions with the parents and teachers during the summer vocation)
4. Prevention-Other OSY Program	Every month	Working hours on Wednesdays (plan to do sessions with the group during the summer vocation)
5. Project Management/Overhead	Every month	Working hours/some weekends and holidays

All activities as was planned will be executed as scheduled for the month of September 2009.

IV. Materials/Products

Help & Shelter will continue to re-produce 16 sets of brochures on Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, TIP's and Gender-Based Violence for the purpose of dissemination to clients, workshop participants, NGO's, the government ministries based on request and other agencies, secondary and UG students and other individuals- 6,415 brochures were given out during the month of August 2009.

Materials (brochures) intended for use outside of those produced by USAID/CSDS are;

- Wife Abuse
- Child Abuse
- Child Neglect
- Gender-Based Violence
- Understanding Spousal Abuse (3-in-1)
- Rape

- Sexual Assault
- Harassment Poisons the Work Place (3-in-1)
- Anger Management
- Human Trafficking
- Stop Trafficking in Women
- For Parents
- The Shelter
- Domestic Violence Act
- Domestic Violence Resource Brochure
- Help & Shelter Fact Sheet
- Handout on Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships

1. Posters distributed were;

- **Child Abuse -15**
- **GHARP - 30**
- **H & S - 75**
- **Fathers are parents too – 25**
- **Trafficking in Persons (TIP) – 15**