

USAID/GHARP Report

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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 December the organization received funds as was prepared on the cash flow register to implement the planned activities as stated on the work-plan tool. The situation with the training of 10 hotline counselors remains the same and is even worse due to the recent fire at Help & Shelter.

Planned Activities

Planned activities included:

- 1. Behavioural Change Communication through One-on-One Community Outreach**
 - (1) Face to face counseling
 - (2) Client questionnaire analysis (feedback from clients using the client's questionnaire forms)
 - (3) Referrals
 - (4) Hotline counseling
 - (5) Court support and counseling (in school youth)
- 2. A & B prevention program**
 - (1) ISY-Prevention A – the conduct of abstinence messages to youths in 3 secondary schools in Region 4
 - (2) OSY – Prevention A & B – the conduct of abstinence and be faithful messages to out of school youths from groups in 3 communities
- 3. Distribution of BCC materials and condoms to walk-ins**
- 4. Project management**

1. Prevention

1.1 Community Outreach

Face to face counseling

This activity was conducted by two full time counselors, two part time counselors and one volunteer counselor at the Crisis Service Centre on Homestretch Avenue during the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday. The delivery of HIV prevention and appropriate BCC messages was done on a one-to-one basis with clients. The total numbers of persons newly reached with the following messages were:

- Messages that promote Abstinence only (A) - **6** females
- Messages that promote faithfulness only (B) - **4** males and **8** females
- Messages that promote both Abstinence and Faithfulness (A&B) - **2** females
- Messages that promote behavior change beyond Abstinence & faithfulness (partner reduction, condom use, HIV Testing) - **4** males and **17** females

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

- Messages that promote Abstinence only (A) - **5** females
- Messages that promote Faithfulness only (B) - **1** male and **5** females
- Messages that promote both A & B -
- Messages that promote behavior change beyond Abstinence and Faithfulness (partner reduction, condom use, HIV testing etc) - **3** males and **8** females

Our overall clientele data shows the numbers of clients who accessed the services of Help & Shelter in December 2008 under the following categories as follows:

- New clients – 27
- Repeat clients – 70
- Hotline – 32
- Court support - 31 attendances
- Client referrals – 19
- Non-client referrals - 4

Client’s questionnaire analysis – this was not done due to the unavailability of the relevant forms

Hotline counseling

During December 2008 the hotline service was activated during the evenings and weekends to one of the hotline counselors. Another hotline counselor worked at the Crisis Service Centre during the week from Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. The other counselors (full-time and part-time) while in office would accommodate hotline calls when they are not engaged with clients. 32 persons accessed this service seeking redress to their problems during the month.

Court Support and Counseling (in school youth)

There are two court support counselors who would attend the courts in Region 4 and these include Providence on the East Bank, Mahaica, Cove & John, Vigilance, Sparendam, on the East Coast and all the courts in Georgetown. For the month of December the counselors attended courts on 31 occasions with clients who are mostly children 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 has a legal consultant who would assist in the application of this process.

1.2 A & B Prevention Program

In-School Youth – Prevention A - the Prevention Coordinator and two Prevention officers worked with 7 boys and 11 girls at Kingston Community High School. This figure will increase as the plan is to involve more classes this term. Work was done with 27 girls and 21 boys at St. John’s College. Work will start with Cummings Lodge Secondary next term.

Out-of-School Youth – Prevention A & B – Grove Craft Centre – the Prevention Coordinator conducted sessions with 22 girls covering the topics:

- What Do I Really Want?
- Values and Behaviours and other A&B messages as per curriculum.

Activities under this technical area came to a temporary halt due to the closure of schools for the Christmas holiday

The project coordinator and prevention coordinator met with Louise from GHARP during the reporting period to discuss the program under this technical area. Coming out of this discussion the prevention coordinator was encouraged to use the module produced for this program and that if any other tool is used

with the students that it should be very clear so that students could understand and be able to discuss and share the topics among them.

1.3 Distribution of BCC materials and Condoms to walk-ins

The distribution of materials through Prevention Outreach activities was as follows:

- Number of male condoms - 35
- Number of female condoms – 9
- Number of BCC materials on HIV/AIDS-

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.

The overhead expenses are reported on the variances report by activity as at December 31, 2008.

ACTIVITY	VARIANCES +[-]	JUSTIFICATIONS	COORDINATOR'S COMMENT
Hotline Counseling	\$116,675		Training to commence sometime in 2009 due to the inadequate number of participants.
Face – To – Face Counselling	\$ 43,674	\$35,000 printer.	At the time of purchase there was no suitable printer available. Photo. In process.
In- School Counselling			
ISY - Cummings lodge	\$15,795	Transportation	We were awaiting permission from Min. of Ed to begin work in the school and as a result travel cost was not fully utilized.
ISY – ST. John's College	\$12,140	Transportation	As a result of exams and school closed for the holidays travel cost was not fully utilize
ISY – Kingston Community High	\$11,340	Transportation	As a result of exams and school closed for the holidays travel cost was not fully utilize .
OSY- Grove Craft Centre	\$8,115	Transportation	Prev. Coord. Working alone travel cost was not fully utilized.
OSY- West Ruimveldt	\$13,760	Transportation	Completing negotiation process with Min.of Youth & Sports to begin work in Jan 09.
OSY- Meadow Brook	\$13,760	Transportation	Due to the unavailability of

			Meadow brook Youth group we are force to change to Youth Vision (Sophia). Work will Commence In Jan 09.
Office Expense	\$51,99	Bulk amounts: Internet & Cleaning Supplies	Internet& cleaning supplies bill paid in Jan 09. All other exp is within budgeted amount on spending.

Planning meetings every Tuesday fortnight, directors' meeting on the third Thursday of the month and supervisory counselors' meeting on the first Wednesday of the month were conducted as planned.

Contract fees were paid to staff with all other accounting activities conducted including acquittals (done in January 2009 by a CSDS officer).

II. CONSTRAINTS

The ISY program with Cummings Lodge Secondary school was to have commenced but the prevention coordinator was unable to conduct the session due to a funeral of one of the teachers from the school.

Due to the festive season activities were in abeyance with the identified target group, but work is to commence this month

As mentioned before, the hotline training is rescheduled for some time in January 2009 due to a few participants who had shown an interest in this area. The hotline service continues to be managed by the 2 volunteers we have on board and with the limited human resources the organization try to maintain its 24 hours hotline service to the general public.

III. SUBSEQUENT PERIOD WORK PLAN

Activities for January 2009	Projected Date	Projected Time
1. Prevention - Other Counseling (face-to-face& hotline)	Every month	Working hours
2. Prevention – A&B Court support counseling	Every month	Working hours
3. Prevention – A- ISY program	Every month	Working hours
4. Prevention - Other OSY Program	Every month	Working hours
5. Project Management/Overhead	Every month	Working hours/some weekends

All activities will be executed as per the above schedule for the month of January 2009.

IV. MATERIALS/PRODUCTS

1. Help & Shelter materials

Help & Shelter continued to re-print 17 brochures on domestic violence, child abuse, TIP and gender-based violence for the purpose of dissemination to clients, workshop participants, NGOs, the government ministries based on request and other agencies, secondary and UG students and other individuals.

- 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 Relationship

2. Materials received from GHARP continued to be distributed including:

- Making a Difference with care
- Sex –are you ready
- Protect your pleasure
- PMTCT of HIV
- Super Gang and the player booklets;
- Tooth bags with Super Gang and the player booklets; Teen Riddim booklets and a CD on Welcome to the Kool Zone
- A bag with My Body My Rules badges.

3. Other materials continued to be distributed including:

- People who are HIV positive (NAPS)
- Get tested (NAPS)
- Everything you need to know about condoms (UNFPA)
- Female condoms (UNFPA)
- Male condoms (NAPS)