

**USAID/GHARP Report**

***Report for the period: February 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 to February 28<sup>th</sup> 2009***

***Subproject FCO Number 07-00100-10-02:***

***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 February 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 as mentioned in previous reports.

#### **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 Guyana Citizen Initiative Building on 77 Light Street Alberttown Georgetown, a temporary location after the fire, during the hours of 9:00 am to 4 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) – **1** male and **4** females
- Messages that promote faithfulness only (B) - **6** males and **14** females
- Messages that promote both Abstinence and Faithfulness (A&B) - **1** male and **3** females

- Messages that promote behavior change beyond Abstinence & faithfulness (partner reduction, condom use, HIV Testing) - **8** males and **18** 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) - **8** females
- Messages that promote Faithfulness only (B) - **0** males and **0** females
- Messages that promote both A & B - **0** males and **0** females
- Messages that promote behavior change beyond Abstinence and Faithfulness (partner reduction, condom use, HIV testing etc) - **3** males and **9** females

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

- New clients – 35
- Repeat clients – 34
- Hotline – 34
- Court support - 41 attendances
- Client referrals – 22
- Non-client referrals - 2

### **Client’s questionnaire analysis**

A total of 22 forms were returned

16 clients or 73% assessed their counseling session as Very Good

6 clients or 27% assessed their counseling session as Good

All 22 or 100% of clients who filled up forms said they would return for a follow up session

1 client or 5% said they heard about H&S through the Radio

6 clients or 27% said they heard about H&S through TV

1 client or 5% said they heard of H&S through Probation Services

12 clients or 54% said they heard of H&S through Other means

2 clients or 9% said they heard of H&S through Radio & TV

19 clients or 86% said they received HIV information

3 clients or 14% said they had not received HIV information

### **Referrals**

A total of 2 referrals were made as follows:

1. 16<sup>th</sup> February –Lifeline Counselling for Counselling & Testing (C&T)
2. 25<sup>th</sup> February- Psychiatric Clinic GPHC, for Drug Addiction Counselling

### **Hotline counseling**

During the month the hotline service was activated during the evenings and weekends to the 2 hotline counselors.

### **Court Support and Counseling (in school youth)**

There are two court support counselors who attend courts in Region 4 including Providence on the East Bank, Mahaica, Cove & John, Vigilance and Sparendam on the East Coast and all the courts in Georgetown. The counselors attended courts on 41 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**  
Kingston Community High School

3 sessions were held during the month.

The number of boys in attendance: **7**  
The number of girls in attendance: **6**  
Total: **13**  
Sessions completed over the school year: **14**

Topics covered:           Abstinence  
                                  Refusal Skills

Children who are facing difficulties in their lives took the time to share with the prevention officers.

St. John's College

2 sessions were held during the month.

The number of boys in attendance: **10**  
The number of girls in attendance: **18**  
Total: **28**  
Sessions completed over the school year: **11**

Topics covered:           Abstinence  
                                  Refusal Skills

One of the participants shared confidential information with one of the prevention officers. As a result counseling and testing have been set up for her.

Two organizations involved are Help & Shelter and Lifeline Counselling Services.

The child's parent was contact and as a result had met with the prevention officers.

Counselling sessions are continuing.

Cummings Lodge Secondary

2 sessions were held during the month.

The number of boys in attendance: **7**  
The number of girls in attendance: **28**  
Total: **35**

Topics covered:           Three C's to Good Decision Making  
                                  Looking to My Life, Past and Future

The prevention sessions continued on a weekly basis. The two sessions held were due to the preparation for Mash celebrations.

The children received 'dog tags' with positive messages: "My Body My Rules" and "I Abstain". They also received Super Gang DVD and book-lets in beautifully coloured bags. The children were excited about the idea of wearing the tags on Mash day.

**Out-of-School Youth – Prevention A & B**  
Grove Craft Centre

2 sessions were completed during the month.

Topics: Alcohol: Telling it as it is.  
 High Risk, Low Risk and No Risk

Number of participants in attendance: **18**  
 Total sessions completed: **11**

Arrangements have been made for the conduct OSY activity with the Soesdyke Youth Committee Craft Centre that is to start during the month of March 2009.

**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 - 0
- Number of female condoms – 20
- Help & Shelter Posters – 40
- Child Abuse Posters - 35

**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. Meetings with staff members; the counselors’ supervisory meeting and meetings with the board of directors and with the planning team were conducted during the reporting period.

Please be advised of all positive or negative variances by activity as stated on the Expenditure Variance Report [EVS] as at February 28, 2009.

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>VARIANCES +/-</b>	<b>JUSTIFICATIONS</b>	<b>COORDINATOR’S COMMENT</b>
<b>Hotline Counseling</b>	\$(154,075)		Training to commence sometime in 2009 due to the inadequate number of participants and H & S fire. Money to be reimburse
<b>Face – To – Face Counselling</b>	\$ (114,970)		Printer purchase. Money deducted from activities that were not done to be reimburse for completion.
<b>In- School Counselling</b>			
<b>ISY - Cummings lodge</b>	\$(69,463)	Stipend, photo. Leaflets & Stationery	Money to be reimbursed for stipend that was not spent for the specific period and was deducted.
<b>ISY – ST. John’s College</b>	(\$4,920)	Transportation	A lot of sessions completed
<b>ISY – Kingston Community High</b>	\$(6,520)	Transportation	A lot of sessions completed

<b>OSY- Grove Craft Centre</b>	\$3,686	Stationery	Spending within budget.
<b>OSY- West Ruimveldt</b>			Still to complete negotiation process with Min.of Youth & Sports to begin work.
<b>OSY- Meadow Brook</b>	\$(3,000)	Transportation	Due to the unavailability of Meadow brook Youth group we are force to change to Youth Vision (Sophia). Work will Commence at a later date.
<b>Office Expense</b>	\$(87,671)	Bulk amounts:	Money to be reimbursed for exp. that was not spend for the specific period and was deducted

Contract fees were paid to staff with all other accounting activities conducted including acquittals that were done on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2009 with one of CSDS officers.

## II. CONSTRAINTS

The counselling part of our services is now being conducted at our temporary office situated on 77 Light Street, Georgetown in a room of the Guyana Citizen Initiative building. The other activities – OSY & ISY program were conducted by the prevention coordinator and officers. Administration work is being conducted between the temporary office and the office on Homestretch Avenue. The present situation of the organization is that quotations for the re-wiring and repairs have been submitted by several contractors and Mr. Lopes' quotation was selected for the rewiring of the building. The quote had been sent to various funding agent including the Government.

As mentioned before the hotline training is rescheduled for sometime in the future 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 continue to maintain its 24 hours hotline service to the general public.

## III. SUBSEQUENT PERIOD WORK PLAN

<b>Activities for March 2009</b>	<b>Projected Date</b>	<b>Projected Time</b>
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 February 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)