

**USAID/GHARP Report**

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***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 January 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 the December report.

#### **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 Citizens' Initiative Building on 77 Light Street Alberttown Georgetown, a temporary location after the fire, during the hours of 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, Monday to Friday for the month of January 2008. This time was to accommodate training sessions for the counselors.

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 **6** females
- Messages that promote faithfulness only (B) - **2** males and **11** females

- Messages that promote both Abstinence and Faithfulness (A&B) - **1** male and **2** females
- Messages that promote behavior change beyond Abstinence & faithfulness (partner reduction, condom use, HIV Testing) - **4** males and **9** 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) - **3** females
- Messages that promote Faithfulness only (B) - **1** male and **1** female
- Messages that promote both A & B -
- Messages that promote behavior change beyond Abstinence and Faithfulness (partner reduction, condom use, HIV testing etc) - **7** males and **8** 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 – 23
- Repeat clients –
- Hotline – 27
- Court support - 43 attendances
- Client referrals – 2
- Non-client referrals - 3

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

23 forms were received as feedback on the services delivered by Help & Shelter. The analysis of these forms will be done at a later date (they have been misplaced due to the recent fire at the office).

#### **Hotline counseling**

During January 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 43 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

For the month of January 2009 3 Prevention sessions were held at the school

The number of boys in attendance: **8**

The number of girls in attendance: **11**

Total: **19**

Sessions completed over the school year: **11**

Topics covered: Introduction to Sexuality

Introduction to Self-Esteem.

HIV/AIDS & STI Education

The children have been demonstrating the desire to learn more about the topics presented.

### St. John's College

3 sessions were completed at St. Johns College for the month of January 2009.

At the end of January the attendance record showed the following number of students in attendance:

The number of boys in attendance: **10**

The number of girls in attendance: **18**

Total: **28**

Sessions completed over the school year: **9**

Topics Covered: Introduction to Sexuality  
Introduction to Self-Esteem.  
HIV/AIDS & STI Education

The children have shown much interest in the topics and the boys have demonstrated greater confidence in speaking out in the sessions.

### Cummings Lodge Secondary

Three sessions were done at Cummings Lodge Secondary School in January 2009.

At the end of January the attendance record showed:

The number of boys in attendance: **7**

The number of girls in attendance: **28**

Total: **35**

Topics: Introduction to Health  
What Do I value?  
Building Healthy Relationships

The participants are really enjoying the program. This is evident from their participation and their voicing dissatisfaction over the time frame stating that forty five minutes is too short.

### **Out-of-School Youth – Prevention A & B**

#### Grove Craft Centre

3 sessions were completed during the month of January 2009.

Topics: Abstinence thinking and talking about it.  
My Boyfriend Drinks; or Does Drugs  
Myths & Facts: Drugs & Alcohol Use

Number of participants in attendance: **20**

Total sessions completed: **9**

### Other Out of School Groups

Contact was made with the point person from the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport in an effort to bring the negotiations to a successful completion for the commencement of the program.

Ms. Toney stated that at the moment she is engaged in ironing out the final arrangements for a start at Sophia Special School.

### Youth Vision/Inner Light Ministry

The Social Needs Program Coordinator, Mr. Noel, said that he is making arrangements for the first session to start during the month of February 2009.

All other plans are in place for the success of the prevention sessions.

### Challenges

It has been an up-hill task to get the targeted groups on board. The various agencies or organized groups may have had a packed scheduled.

Secondly, finding 45 participants in one place has proved to be difficult: most of the groups are much smaller in number.

### **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 – 0

Number of BCC materials on HIV/AIDS- 0

### **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 January 31, 2009.

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>VARIANCES +[-]</b>	<b>JUSTIFICATIONS</b>	<b>COORDINATOR'S COMMENT</b>
<b>Hotline Counseling</b>	\$(29,400)		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>	\$ (69,926)	\$35,000 printer.	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>	\$(47,038)	Stipend & Stationery	Money to be reimbursed for stipend that was not spend for the specific period and was deducted.
<b>ISY – ST. John's College</b>	\$2,700	Transportation	Favorable. Spending within budget.
<b>ISY – Kingston Community High</b>	\$300	Transportation	Spending within budget.
<b>OSY- Grove Craft Centre</b>	\$12,966	Stationery	To purchase stationery.

<b>OSY- West Ruimveldt</b>	\$6,880	Transportation	Still to complete negotiation process with Min.of Youth & Sports to begin work.
<b>OSY- Meadow Brook</b>	\$6,880	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>	\$(91,406)	Bulk amounts:	Outstanding bills paid in Jan 09 .

Planning meetings are normally held every fortnight on Tuesdays, director's meetings 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. Due to the recent fire we were unable to conduct these activities as scheduled.

Contract fees were paid to staff with all other accounting activities conducted including acquittals (done on 4 February 2009 by a CSDS officer).

## II. CONSTRAINTS

Due to the recent fire our office was re-located temporary on 77 Light Street to accommodate only the counseling activity. The other activities – OSY & ISY program were conducted by the prevention coordinator and officers. Administration work was conducted between the temporary office and the office on Homestretch Avenue that was corded off for 1 week after the fire to facilitate the process of the investigation of the fire. After this was done contractors were called in to give quotations for cleaning, rewiring and repairs to the building. To date, the cleaning is completed by Stain Masters. For the re-wiring of the electrical wires to the building, we have collected two quotes and awaiting another for submission to donors. For the repairs to the coordinator's office two quotes were submitted and another is due soon.

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 February 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)