

USAID/CSDS Report

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Training and Counseling on HIV/AIDS and Domestic Violence Project

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Narrative Report

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I. CURRENT STATUS & PROGRESS

During the month of July 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 **1** male and **7** female- **clients**
- Messages that promote faithfulness only (B) was **7** male and **19** female- a total of **26** clients

- Messages that promote both Abstinence and Faithfulness (A&B) was **1 female**
- Messages that promote behavior change beyond abstinence & faithfulness (partner reduction, condom use, HIV Testing) was **8 male and 50 female**- a total of **58 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 **5 female**
- Messages that promote faithfulness only (B) was **4 male and 15 female**- a total of **19 clients**
- Messages that promote behavior change beyond Abstinence and Faithfulness (partner reduction, condom use, HIV testing etc) were **7 male and 9 female** a total of **16 clients**

Please note

- **Multi-session Outreach Intervention** – ISY New M 1 and new female 8. For the same category under the OSY activity was that 3 new males were reached and 7 new females were reached for the same period.

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

- New clients – **51**
 - Repeat clients – **88**
 - Hotline – **50**
 - Court support - **48 attendances**
 - Client referrals – **38**
 - Non-client referrals - **13**
- **Client’s questionnaire analysis** – A total of 37 client questionnaires were completed and returned for the month
 - Rating of counselling sessions – Very Good – 24 or (65%)
Good – 12 or (32%)
 - Interest in returning for follow up sessions
 - 37 clients
 - Through what means did clients hear about H&S
 - Radio - 3
 - TV - 18
 - Leaflet – nil
 - Newspaper - nil
 - Other - 13
 - Multiple source – (Radio, TV, Newspaper, Leaflet, other) – 3
 - HIV information received - 37

Referrals

- The total # of client referrals done for the month of July were – 7 all female for HIV/C&T
- 2 client was referred to Best /West Hospital West Coast Demerara for HIV/ C&T
- 1 client was referred to the Diamond Diagnostic Centre for HIV/C&T
- 1 client was referred to the Soesdyke Health Centre for HIV/C&T
- 1 client was referred to the Industry Health Centre for HIV –C&T

- 1 client was referred to the South Road Clinic for HIV/C&T
- 1 client was referred to the Herstelling Health Centre for HIV/C&T

Hotline counseling

For the month of July 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 July 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

The number of sessions completed at the school: (6)

The students stayed away from school after they would have written the end of term exams and as such no other session was conducted with them. The register has shown an irregular attendance by the students.

Cummings Lodge Secondary School

The last prevention message session was conducted during the month of June 2009. As a result of the end of term exams, students were permitted to stay away from school as teachers were engaged in the marking of papers.

Stewartville Secondary School

The number of sessions completed at the school: (11)

In attendance during the last session were (19)

Male participation: (4)

Female participation: (15)

Topic: Everything's Different, Noting Changed

Success

Parents and guardians attended the parental session. And together with the students they examined and discussed the topic area mentioned above. Persons expressed honesty in sharing their experiences with the group and several recommendations were made and these are; that parents should always listen to their child/children; that parents should monitor their children in terms of their behaviours and to guide them as to what is right from wrong; that parents should avoid buying expensive cell phones and designer or brand name items for their children. In general the group related that there is a need for adults/parents/guardians to show more love and attention to the child/children.

OSY Program

Kuru Kururu Youth Group

Six Sessions have been completed to date.

In attendance at the last session were twelve (12) participants.

Male participants: three (3)

Female participants: nine (9)

On completion of the required number of sessions with this group it must be noted that the attendance was not as was anticipated but the participants seemed to have learnt most of the topics that were presented due to the general responses from them. Here again the prevention officers were challenged with the issue of attendance that would reflect an inconsistency on the register.

Soesdyke Craft Centre:

Five sessions have been completed to date.

Number of participants who attended the last session was: (9)

Female Participants: (9)

The sixth and final session will be conducted during the month of August 2009.

Challenges:

The general view of the ISY and OSY program is that the sessions should be more attractive to the participants to motivate them in attending the sessions and even when doing so to continue to participate in all the required sessions.

On Wednesday July 15th at 10:00 Mr. Dale Brown of GHARP II met with the prevention coordinator at Help & Shelter to discuss a questioner that was prepared by GHARP II. Recommendations for the improvement of the ISY/OSY programs were also put forward. An electronic copy of a questionnaire was left for Mr. Cuffy to answer the relevant questions as pertaining to the program and is to be re-submitted to Mr. Brown for pertinent actions.

Please find attached the ISY and OSY Data on Project Activities.

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

The distribution of materials through Prevention Outreach activities are;

Number of male condoms - 0

Number of female condoms – 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.

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.

Internal repairs and painting is being carried out at the moment.

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 July 31 2009.

ACTIVITY	VARIANCES +[-]	JUSTIFICATIONS	COORDINATOR'S COMMENT
Hotline Counseling	\$180,475	Hotline Training	Training did not take place due to the inadequate number of participants and H & S fire.
Face – To – Face Counseling	\$ 47,060	Photo. Leaflets, forms etc.	Spending within budget.
In- School Counselling	\$ (2,500)	Photo. Of forms	Overspend on photo forms.
ISY - Cummings lodge	\$(32,660)	Stationery, transportation	Spending favorably within budget.
ISY – ST. John's College change to Stewartville	\$13,360	Transportation	continuing sessions with Stewartville Sec. sch.
ISY – Kingston Community High change to soesdyke C/H	\$7,790	Transportation	Continuing sessions with Soesdyke High school.
OSY- Grove Craft Centre	\$(64,105)	Photo. Leaflets , Stationery & transportation	Overspend on photo. Leaflets due to additional sessions conducted for OSYs.
OSY- West Ruimveldt Change to Kuru- Kuru	\$(12,860)	Transportation	Additional sessions held for the month. Spending within budget.
OSY- Meadow Brook change to Soesdyke Craft Centre	\$1,500	Transportation	Transportation cost increase.
Office Expense	\$73,726	Electricity , Telephone, Internet, etc	Utilities Expense was not fully utilize due to H & S Fire.

II. CONSTRAINTS

The constraint the project had experienced is under the ISY & OSY program in terms of the target number to be reached and this is due to the inconsistent attendance by the participants. Also the conduct of the hotline training which is still to be done before September 2009

III. SUBSEQUENT PERIOD WORKPLAN

Activities	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 per scheduled for the month of August 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- **of these 6415 brochures were given out during the month of July 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 Relationship

Posters distributed were;

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