

USAID/GHARP Report

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Implementing Agency:

Help & Shelter

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NARRATIVE REPORT

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I. CURRENT STATUS AND PROGRESS

During the month 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 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 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 our office situated on Homestretch Avenue, Durban Park, Georgetown.

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) – **0** males and **15** females; total **15**
- Messages that promote faithfulness only (B) - **4** males and **36** females; total **40**
- Messages that promote both Abstinence and Faithfulness (A&B) - **0** males and **1** female; total **1**
- Messages that promote behavior change beyond Abstinence & faithfulness (partner reduction, condom use, HIV Testing) - **6** males and **32** females; total **38**

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

- Messages that promote Abstinence only (A) - **0** males and **6** females; total **6**
- Messages that promote Faithfulness only (B) - **2** males and **8** females; total **10**
- Messages that promote behavior change beyond Abstinence and Faithfulness (partner reduction, condom use, HIV testing etc) - **2** males and **13** females; total **15**

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 – **54**
- Repeat clients – **69**
- Hotline – **62**
- Court support - **46** attendances
- Client referrals – **44**
- Non-client referrals - **7**

Client questionnaire analysis

A total of **40** forms were returned

Assessment of counseling sessions by clients:	Very Good - 37 (93%)
	Good - 3 (7%)

of clients who would return for follow up session: 40 clients or 100%

How clients heard about H&S counseling services

Radio	- 7 (18%)
TV	- 14 (35%)
Leaflet	- 3 (8%)
Newspaper	- 1 (3%)
Other	- 9 (23%)
Multiple source – (Radio, TV, Newspaper, Leaflet)	- 6 (24%)

of clients receiving HIV information – 38 (95%)

of clients not receiving HIV information – 2 (5%)

Referrals

5 clients were referred: all for HIV/C&T

1 to GRPA for HIV/C&T

2 to GPHC (Gum Clinic) for HIV/C&T

1 to the Mahaica Cottage Hospital for HIV/C&T

1 to the Turkeyen Health Centre for HIV/C & T

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 Sprendam on the East Coast and all the courts in Georgetown. The counselors attended courts on **46** 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 assists in the application of this process.

1.2 A & B Prevention Program
In-School Youth – Prevention A
Kingston Community High School

16 sessions have been completed with pupils.

The prevention coordinator made contact with the school's administration in an effort to finalise arrangements for the parents' session.

St. Johns College

14 sessions have been completed with pupils.

The parents' session is scheduled for 10th June.

Cummings Lodge Secondary School

5 sessions have been completed with pupils.

25 boys and 30 girls participated – total 55

The school has been involved in various extra curricula activities including, cricket and Avon products advertisements. Exams have also begun, including the national third form exam.

Stewartville Secondary School

6 sessions have been completed to date.

11 boys and 29 girls participated – total 40

Students have been voicing concerns about adults' negative behaviors in their communities. They are concerned with the challenges they face daily with abusive behaviors from parents at home and some teachers at school. These and other issues are raised each time prevention work is done at the school.

Soesdyke Community High School

Help & Shelter's Prevention Team met with school's administration and it was agreed that the prevention program would be beneficial for the students.

The school is an examination centre with a student population of about five hundred. Some students are accommodated at the primary school some distance away. The school is willing to make all arrangements for students to attend the sessions despite the shift system with which they are working.

3 sessions completed to date with 46 participants attending.

The students are very excited about the program which is evident by their participation.

Out-of-School Youth – Prevention A & B

Kuru Kururu

The program started on May 30th

Two sessions have been completed to date.

In attendance were 12 participants; 3 males and 9 females

The group needs a lot of prodding to become involved in the sessions. They seem accustomed to sitting and listening. From questions asked, the community's challenges are:

1. Teenage pregnancy
2. Peer pressure
3. School drop outs by age 14 (early school leavers)

The prevention personnel have spoken with several adults in the community of Kuru Kururu about these challenges. Some persons who work in various capacities in the community have indicated an interest in speaking to us.

Soesdyke Craft Centre

The prevention program at the Soesdyke Craft Centre is moving forward. 4 participants attended the last session.

Periodic absenteeism is a part of the challenge of the institution. A number of the participants are young mothers and their responsibilities may at times keep them away. The centre instructor has explained that some of the girls seem not to want to take up the challenges that they are facing in the program. As a result we will seek to inspire the students with words of encouragement.

Conclusion

The Grove Centre prevention program saw students coming forward for counseling. One particular past student is at present attending counseling sessions at Help & Shelter and through encouragement has begun attending CXC math and English classes at Benschop Foundation. The young lady has becoming more and more self confident every day. This kind of improvement would not have been possible except with the cooperation of craft centre administrator and Help and Shelter.

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
- 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.

Positive/negative variances by activity at the end of the month were as follows:

ACTIVITY	VARIANCES +[-]	JUSTIFICATIONS	COORDINATOR'S COMMENT
Hotline Counseling	\$(134,675)		Training to commence sometime in 2009 due to the inadequate number of participants and H & S fire. Money to be reimburse
Face – To – Face Counseling	\$ (1,954)	Transportation	Transportation for client. Spending within budget
In- School Counselling			
ISY - Cummings lodge	\$(20,550)	photo. Leaflets , Stationery & transportation	Additional sessions completed as a result of the needs of the school which require additional travel, stationery & photocopies.
ISY – ST. John's College	(\$7,800)	Transportation	Due to the impact of the sessions on the students it became necessary for some students to be

			counsel & tested.
ISY – Kingston Community High	\$(6,800)	Transportation	Due to the impact of the sessions on the students it became necessary for some students to be counsel & tested
OSY- Grove Craft Centre	\$(8,345)	Photo. Leaflets , Stationery & transportation	Additional sessions of intervention and referrals were done with participants.
OSY- West Ruimveldt Change to Kuru- Kuru	(2,000)	Transportation	As a result of the logistics transportation cost increased in addition to mobilization for sessions.
OSY- Meadow Brook change to Soesdyke	\$(12,700)	Transportation	As a result of the logistics transportation cost increased in addition to counseling intervention.
Office Expense	\$26,334	Bulk amounts:	Spending favorably.

Planning meetings are normally held every fortnight on Tuesdays, director's meetings on the third Thursday of each month, Volunteers meeting on the second Saturday of each month and supervisory counselors meetings on the first Wednesday of each month.

Repairs to the coordinator's room were completed and all activities returned to normal.

Contract fees were paid to staff with all other accounting activities conducted.

II. CONSTRAINTS

CEMCO had done a bill of quantities for the repairs to the coordinator's office, for contractors to be guided on preparing quotation for the repairs. Several contractors were contacted and were given the bill of quantities to work with but a reluctance of preparing quotations have been shown by all except for one contractor, Mr Siebs, who was recommended by CEMCO and who had submitted his estimate/quotation and who is now doing rehab works to the coordinators office which is expected to be completed by the 15th May 2009.

III. SUBSEQUENT PERIOD WORK PLAN

Activities for June 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.

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. **2030** brochures were given out during the month.

- 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)

4. Posters

- Child Abuse -17
- GHARP - 17
- H & S - 24
- Fathers are parents too – 17
- Trafficking in Persons (TIP) - 17