

**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 was scheduled to be done during this month, but due the unavailability of the number of applicants this activity is rescheduled to be done early in 2009.

#### **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) - **13** females
- Messages that promote faithfulness only (B) - **1** male and **25** 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) - **9** males and **25** 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) - **15** females
- Messages that promote Faithfulness only (B) - **3** males and **11** females
- Messages that promote both A & B – **1** female
- Messages that promote behavior change beyond Abstinence and Faithfulness (partner reduction, condom use, HIV testing etc) - **1** male and **11** 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 – 70
- Repeat clients – 85
- Hotline – 32
- Court support - 54 attendances
- Client referrals – 52
- Non-client referrals - 27

### **Client's questionnaire analysis**

1. 46 forms were filled and returned after receiving face-to-face counseling during the month of November. Thirty-four clients or seventy-four percent (34 or 74%) rated the counseling received as very good and twelve clients or twenty-six percent (12 or 26%) rated the counseling as good.
2. Interest in returning for follow up sessions – forty-five clients or ninety-eight percent (45 or 98%) said they would return for follow-up sessions. one client or two percent (1 or 2%) said they would not return for follow up sessions.
3. Through what means did clients hear about services of Help & Shelter
  - Radio- 1 (2%)
  - TV – 12 (26%)
  - Leaflet-1 (2%)
  - Newspaper- 0
  - Probation Services- 1 (2%)
  - Other – 29 (63%)
  - No Response-2 (4%)
4. HIV Information Received
  - 31 clients or 67% said they had received HIV information
  - 15 clients or 33% said they had not received any HIV information

### **Referrals**

6 referrals were made.

Places of referral:

- West Demerara Regional Hospital
- Kitty Health Centre
- Family Planning & Reproductive Health Clinic
- GUM Clinic

### **Hotline counseling**

During November 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 November the counselors attended courts on 54 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 - the Prevention Coordinator and two Prevention officers conducted 4 sessions with 7 boys and 11 girls on Fridays from 11am to midday. The topics covered were as listed below from the ISY manual:

- Building Healthy Relationships
- Three C's to Good Decision Making
- Looking at My Life, Past and Present
- Force, Fear and Resistance (DVD)

**In-School Youth – Prevention A** - St. John's College - the Prevention Coordinator and two Prevention officers conducted 3 sessions with 9 boys and 24 girls The topics covered were as listed below from the ISY manual:

- Building Healthy Relationships
- Three C's to Good Decision Making
- Looking at My Life, Past and Present

**Out-of-School Youth – Prevention A & B** – Grove Craft Centre – the Prevention Coordinator conducted 6 sessions with 20 girls covering the topics listed below;

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

### **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 - 113

Number of female condoms – 8

Number of BCC materials on HIV/AIDS- 25

### **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 November 30 2008.

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>VARIANCES +[-]</b>	<b>JUSTIFICATIONS</b>	<b>COORDINATOR'S COMMENT</b>
<b>Hotline Counseling</b>	\$152,675		Due to the inadequate number of participants we were unable to conduct our training.
<b>Face – To – Face Counselling</b>	\$ 107,630	\$35,000 printer. \$50,000 photo. Of M & E Forms, Brochures etc. \$14,880 counselor travel	At the time of purchase there was no suitable printer available. Photo. In process.

<b>In- School Counselling</b>	\$5,360	Photo. Of forms.	Photo. in process
<b>ISY - Cummings lodge</b>	\$86,308	\$40,000 stipend for Vol. 25,000 photos. Of M & E Forms, Brochures etc , \$ 22,240 travel	40,000 stipends for Vol. paid in Dec 08. Photo. In process. We were awaiting permission from Min. of Ed to begin work in the school.
<b>ISY – ST. John’s College</b>	\$11,540	Transportation	As a result of the late start of the Prev. Officers work in the schools travel cost was not fully utilize
<b>ISY – Kingston Community High</b>	\$13,140	Transportation	As a result of the late start of the Prev. Officers work in the schools travel cost was not fully utilize.
<b>OSY- Grove Craft Centre</b>	\$24,329	\$10,960 transportation, \$14,000 photo. Of forms , brochures etc	M & E Forms, brochures etc will be copied. As a result of the Prev. Coord. Working alone without any volunteers travel cost was not fully utilize.
<b>OSY- West Ruimveldt</b>	\$13,760	Transportation	Completing negotiation process with Min. of Youth & Sports to begin work in Jan 09.
<b>OSY- Meadow Brook</b>	\$13,760	Transportation	Due to the unavailability of Meadow brook Youth group we are force to change to Youth Vision (Sophia). Work will Commence on Dec 11, 2008.
<b>Office Expense</b>	\$158,640	Bulk amount: Electricity, cartridge, water charges	Electricity bill came late Nov and paid in Dec. All other exp will be utilizing fully next mth.

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 December 2008 by a CSDS officer).

## II. CONSTRAINTS

The ISY program with Cummings Lodge Secondary school was not done for this term since the Head master informed Help & Shelter that he did not received permission from the Ministry of Education to do

the program. We are now in possession of a faxed copy of the letter that was sent to the ministry for the purpose of delivering same to the headmaster of the school.

Help & Shelter is experiencing some challenges as to the out of school youth program with the West Ruimveldt group that is managed through the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports. We are informed after the negotiation process that work with the group will commence in January 2009. There was a change with the Meadow Brook group to the Youth Vision group in Sophia and work with this group is to commence on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

As mentioned before the hotline training is rescheduled for sometime in January 2009 due to a few participants who had shown an interest in this area. At the moment there are only two hotline volunteers available to conduct this activity –one who works from the office and the other who work during the evenings and weekends. With this limited resource Help & Shelter try to maintain a 24 hours hotline service to the general populace.

### III. SUBSEQUENT PERIOD WORK PLAN

Activities for December 2008	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 has produced 16 brochures on domestic violence, child abuse, TIP and gender-based violence. These brochures are riso-printed every month 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)