

**GHARP Report**

*Report for the period of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008 to 31st October 2008*

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

*Training Advocacy on HIV/AIDS and Domestic Violence*

*Implementing Agency:*

*Help & Shelter*

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## Monthly Narrative Report Format

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### **I. Current Status and Progress**

#### **1. Behavioural Change Communication through One on One Community Outreach**

Activities that were planned and implemented for the period 1<sup>st</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> October, 2008 were delivery of HIV prevention messages through our community outreach programme. Appropriate BCC messages were delivered through face to face counseling and hotline counselling at Help & Shelter's Crisis Centre (8 am to 4.30 pm on weekdays) and after hours and weekends through transfer calls to the homes of hotline counsellors. For this period a total of one hundred and thirty one (131) persons were counselled and received other services including HIV behavioural change communication messages. Out of this total sixty nine (69) persons were newly reached and sixty two (62) persons were previously reached with HIV behavioural change messages. Of those persons who had been newly reached nine (9) received messages of abstinence, twenty seven (27) received faithfulness messages, four (4) persons received abstinence & faithfulness message and twenty nine (29) persons received beyond abstinence & faithfulness messages. Of those persons who had been previously reached nineteen (19) received abstinence messages, thirteen (13) received faithfulness messages, two (2) received abstinence & faithfulness messages and twenty eight (28) received messages of beyond abstinence & faithfulness. Categories of persons who received counselling on a one on one basis or through our hotline service were adult women, children and adult men.

#### **Referrals**

Seven referrals were made to VCT sites.

#### **Help & Shelter's Client Questionnaire Forms**

Twenty clients who received face to face counselling filled out our client questionnaire form. Out of these 70% rated the service as very good, 30% as good. 95% of the clients said they would return for follow up counselling sessions and 5% said they would not. 40% of clients said they had heard of Help & Shelter through TV, 10% through radio, 35% said they had heard through other means, 5% heard through newspapers and a further 10% heard through more than one media source. 85% of the clients who filled out forms said they had received HIV information and 15% said they had not.

#### **Distribution of BCC Materials & Condoms**

25 BCC materials including posters were distributed by Help & Shelter. We also distributed a total of 175 male condoms and 6 female condoms. Help & Shelter has received through UNFPA 1000 female condoms. Distribution of these has started through our face-to-face counselors, volunteers and through H&S public education programmes. UNFPA will be monitoring our distribution and acceptance of female condoms by our clients.

#### **Court Support Attendances**

Help & Shelter's court support counsellors attended Magistrate Courts on 54 occasions with their clients, who are mostly young children who have been sexually assaulted or women who have Domestic Violence Act cases before the Courts

### **Hotline Counselling**

The number of hotline calls received by our stipend volunteer in which HIV messages were given for this month was 21.

## **2. A&B Prevention Programme**

### **In School Youth-Prevention A- Kingston Community High School**

During this month sessions were held on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October with students at this school. The first sessions focused on informing participants about the abstinence programme. The various topics of the programme were shared with participants and they in turn were asked to share what they knew about HIV/AIDS. During these sessions the impact of popular music on youth was discussed with one boy giving the example of after listening to a certain singer he felt like being violent to someone. Students agreed that in order to stop the spread of HIV behaviour change was necessary.

### **St John's College**

One session with a total of forty seven students was held at this school on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October. During this session brief remarks were made by one of the teachers and one of the facilitators followed by an overview of the abstinence programme by the prevention coordinator. The topic for this first session was Introduction to Health which focused on exploring health and unhealthy behaviours. Participatory methodologies were used in order to allow every person the opportunity to speak and be heard.

### **Cummings Lodge Secondary School**

The Abstinence Prevention programme has not started at this school as the letter from GHARP to the MOE then from the MOE granting permission has not been received by Help & Shelter's prevention coordinator.

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

This programme is slated to conduct a total of six (6) sessions with each youth group. Each session will last from one to two hours. Two of the groups have been identified and work has started with one of the groups.

### **Grove Craft Centre**

Two sessions on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October were held with this group. Topics discussed were Self. Most of the youth in this group are early school leavers with literacy being a bit of a challenge for some of them. However, working with this group was found to be rewarding due to their maturity in discussing issues relating to sex and behaviour change.

### **West Ruimveldt OSY Youth Group**

Work has not started with this group as the go ahead from the relevant persons has not been received as yet.

### **Graduate Networking Meeting**

Help & Shelter's prevention coordinator attended a one day meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> October with this group. Objectives of this meeting was to strengthen networking among graduates of the programme and to equip core group members as facilitators and mentors.

## **3 Project Management**

### **Salaries & Benefits**

Salaries and benefits, contract fees and utilities and recurrent office costs were paid. Procurement and financial activities were also conducted as scheduled for this month. The execution of project

activities continues to be well coordinated with emphasis on team building by the project coordinator.

**Help & Shelter’s Project Proposal 08/09**

The activity work plan was submitted to USAID/GHARP & CSDS. Agreement was signed and contract letters are in draft process. Cash flow for October and November 2008 were prepared and submitted to CSDS.

**Project Planning Meetings**

Our scheduled bi monthly planning and monitoring meetings were held during this month. Meetings were also held with counsellors and other staff members.

**Training**

Help & Shelter’s project coordinator and prevention coordinator attended a training workshop at GHARP on the 29<sup>th</sup> September on Stigma and Discrimination.

**Group Counselling Manual**

The manual for group counselling with a focus on substance abuse has been completed and has been circulated for feedback to relevant persons.

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<b>Workplan for November 2008</b>
Face to Face Counselling & delivery of HIV Prevention BCC messages Hotline Counselling & delivery of HIV Prevention BCC messages Implementation of the A&B Prevention Programme for In-School-Youth Implementation of the A&B Prevention Programme for Out-Of-School-Youth Court Support Counselling Activities Project Management