

## HELP SHELTER/UNIFEM GBV PROJECT

### WORKSHOP WITH 'C' DIVISION COMMUNITY POLICING GROUP

#### PARTICIPANTS' EVALUATION

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**Location, Venue and Date of Workshop-** The two day workshop was held Chelsea Park, Region 5, Mahaica, May 2008

**Participants:** 25 participants filled out evaluation forms. 19 (76%) were male and 6 (24%) female The age of participants ranged from 21-61 years with a breakdown into the following age ranges:

13-16 years- Nil

17-20 years - Nil

21-30 years - 3 person or 12%

31-40 years – 2 persons or 8%

41-50 years - 13 persons or 52%

51-60 years – 6 persons or 24%

61-70 years – 1 person or 4%

**Aim of the Workshop:** Participants expressed in their own word the aim of the workshop as follows:

- To gain knowledge about domestic violence & gender-based violence
- To educate participants & groups
- To educate persons about domestic violence
- To be a better police officer dealing with domestic violence & child abuse
- To bring changes for a better community
- To educate us on how to cope with these situations when we see them

#### **Topics Covered: Self, Gender, DV, DVA, Child Abuse, Child Sexual Abuse, New Sexual Offences Legislation**

Participants in their evaluation of the workshop indicated an overwhelming 100% success in increased understanding & knowledge about self & gender, domestic violence, the DVA, child abuse & child sexual abuse. Participants also said they were 100% satisfied in the way the workshop was facilitated and the way in which information was presented. All of the participants (i.e.100%) also said they had definitely learnt new ideas and skills as a result of attending the workshop. Twenty four (24) or 96% of participants indicated that the workshop aims were definitely achieved and group activities and role plays definitely helped them to develop new insights into topics discussed. Twenty three participants or 88% also said they learnt more about the new Sexual Offences Act and how it will be implemented. The one area of the workshop which was least favourably rated by participants was the venue 72% of participants rated the venue as very good and 28% rated it as somewhat good

#### **Analysis of Workshop Sessions by Participants**

	<b>Yes, Definitely</b>	<b>Somewhat</b>	<b>No, Not at All</b>	<b>No response</b>
Do you think the aim of the workshop was achieved?	<b>24/ 96%</b>	1/ 4%		
Was information presented in a way you could understand?	<b>25/ 100%</b>			
Did you learn new ideas or skills?	<b>25/ 100%</b>			

Did you gain new knowledge & understanding about Self & Gender?	<b>25/ 100%</b>			
Did you increase your understanding about Domestic Violence?	<b>25/ 100%</b>			
Did you gain new knowledge about the DVA?	<b>25/ 100%</b>			
Did the workshop increase your understanding & knowledge about child abuse & child sexual abuse?	<b>25/ 100%</b>			
Did you gain new insight into the new Sexual Offences Act and how it will be implemented?	<b>23/ 88%</b>			
Did you activities help you to think about topics in a different way?	<b>24/ 96%</b>	1/ 4%		
Did you like the way the workshop was facilitated?	<b>25/ 100%</b>			
Did you think the venue for the workshop was good?	<b>18/ 72%</b>	7/28%		

**Participants' favourite part of workshop:** twenty four percent (24%) of participants identified group discussions and activities including role play as the favourite part of the workshop, sixteen percent (16%) said the entire workshop was favourable to them and they had no particular favourite area, twenty four percent (24%) identified drama and acting as their favourite, the remaining thirty six percent (36%) of participants identified other topics as favourites such as, self, gender, domestic violence and sexual abuse including child sexual abuse..

**Participants' least favourite part of the workshop:** Sixty four percent (64%) of all participants said they enjoyed the entire workshop or did not respond indicating likewise and sixteen percent (16%) indicated that they would have liked the workshop to have been longer.

The other participants identified the following:

- New sexual offences legislation
- Child abuse
- Role play
- One person thought the workshop was too long

**Ways in which participants will use knowledge gained in this workshop:** The majority of participants said they would share this knowledge with others including persons from their community, family, friends, peers, other members of community policing groups and fellow workers. Other participants identified the following:

- Helping abused people
- Applying strategies I've learnt to identify various types of domestic violence, gender, child abuse etc in my community
- Setting up more workshops, so as to reach out to abused persons

**How to prevent domestic violence in your community:** The majority of participants identified training workshop and awareness sessions as a key aspect for reducing domestic violence in their community. Other ways identified to prevent domestic violence was as follows:

- Increased reporting to police by victims
- By listening to children or adults and then to do a proper investigation
- Educating the public through the mass media
- Police charging the abuser
- Informing persons about the DVA

**How to prevent child abuse & child sexual abuse in your community:** Participants identified education including the holding of workshops on child abuse and parenting as key area for the prevention of child abuse in their community. The following were also identified as ways to prevent child abuse in their community:

- Fellow members of community policing groups should bring up such topics for community groups and aid in making solutions
- Harsher penalties for offenders and taking prompt action to bring perpetrators to justice
- Workshop for parents & children on child abuse & child sexual abuse
- Visiting homes, churches, schools and other places
- Reporting child abuse cases to the police and bringing the offenders before the Courts
- Parents need to take more responsibility for their children, not leave children in the care of irresponsible persons
- Educate children and parents and work with them on these issues
- Community should be more vigilant in reporting incidents of rape etc to the police
- Parents need to listen to their children, take more care of their children, have more concern for their children
- Getting involved whenever or wherever these situations are prevalent & sensitizing the perpetrators of the dangers & penalties for committing such acts. Also take a firm stand against the perpetrators if they cannot be changed by education