

**HELP SHELTER
UNIFEM GBV PROJECT**

**REGION 2 WORKSHOP – AIRY HALL, ESSEQUIBO COAST
10 & 11 SEPTEMBER 2009**

PARTICIPANTS' EVALUATION

Participants: A total of 25 participants filled out evaluation forms; 24 females representing 96% and 1 male representing 4%. The age of participants ranged from 16-58 years with a breakdown into the following age ranges:

- 16-20 years – 4 persons or 16% of all participants
- 21-30 years - 5 person or 20% of all participants
- 31-40 years – 1 person or 4% of all participants
- 41-50 years - 8 persons or 32% of all participants
- 51-60 years – 7 persons or 28% of all participants
- 61-70 years - Nil
- 71-80+ years- Nil

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

- To create more awareness on DV, child abuse and substance abuse
- To reach out to those who are being abused
- To facilitate, educate and build our self esteem
- To help people to understand themselves and their responsibilities
- To better understand what is going on in the outside world

Topics covered at this Workshop: Self, Gender, Domestic Violence, Domestic Violence Act, Child Abuse, Child Sexual Abuse, Trafficking in Persons and Substance Abuse.

Analysis of Workshop Sessions by Participants

Participants in their evaluation of the workshop indicated an overwhelming 100% success in understanding information presented and learning of new ideas and skills. 92-96% of all participants said they gained new knowledge and understanding of self, gender, and domestic violence and said that the workshop achieved its aim. 80-88% of participants also increased their knowledge and understanding of child abuse, child sexual abuse, and felt that the workshop activities helped them to think about topics in a new way. All of the participants 100% also were satisfied with the venue for the workshop. The topic area which rated the lowest approval rating was the Domestic Violence Act (DVA) only 32% of participants felt that they had definitely benefited from information presented.

| | Yes, Definitely | Somewhat | No, Not at All | No Response |
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| Do you think the aim of the workshop was achieved? | 96% | | | 4% |
| Was information presented in a way you could understand? | 100% | | | |
| Did you learn new ideas or skills? | 100% | | | |
| Did you gain new knowledge & understanding about Self & Gender? | 92% | | | 8% |
| Did you increase your understanding about Domestic Violence? | 96% | | | 4% |
| Did you gain new knowledge about the DVA? | 32% | | 8% | 60% |

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| Did the workshop increase your understanding & knowledge about child abuse & child sexual abuse? | 80% | 12% | 4% | 4% |
| Did you activities help you to think about topics in a different way? | 88% | 4% | | 8% |
| Did you like the way the workshop was facilitated? | 92% | 4% | | 4% |
| Did you think the venue for the workshop was good? | 100% | | | |

Participants' favourite part of workshop:

- Sessions on DV, substance abuse and child abuse
- Violence against women & alcohol
- Self and dender
- How to put things right in my home and how to share with others so we can make things right
- Drama presentations and explanations by facilitators Karen and Kevin
- Trafficking
- Participating with other at the workshop

Participants' least favourite part of the workshop:

- Video presentation could not be seen properly by participants

Ways in which participants will use knowledge gained in this workshop: Participants said they would share this knowledge with others including family, friends, community residents and community groups and at home. Other participants identified the following:

- To promote a better home environment, society and community
- Put what I have learnt into practice
- Counsel persons

How to prevent domestic violence in your community:

- Report matters when they first happen to the police
- More self awareness for women or those being abused and taking quick action to stop the abuse
- Stronger penalties under the law
- By speaking out against violence and abuse
- Counselling for families living in the community and more community workshops
- By reaching out to abusers and sharing what we have learnt
- Stop the sale and drinking of alcohol

How to prevent child abuse & child sexual abuse in your community:

- Put knowledge gained from the workshop into action
- Be on the look out for perpetrators and use care when sending your children to other persons houses etc
- Call in welfare officers or police
- Enforce severe punishment for people who commit such abuse
- Educate parents about the disadvantages and effects of child abuse
- Better protection for children, improved parental responsibilities and more educational programmes
- Teaching your children from a young age about prevention of child abuse
- Counselling
- Forming groups to prevent child abuse