

**HELP SHELTER  
UNIFEM GBV PROJECT**

**REGION 2 WORKSHOP – LAKE MAINSTAY, ESSEQUIBO COAST  
20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2009**

**PARTICIPANTS' EVALUATION**

**Participants:** A total of 26 participants filled out evaluation forms. Twenty two (85%) were female participants 4 (15%) males. The age of participants ranged from 14-62 years with a breakdown into the following age ranges:

- 14-20 years – 3 persons or 12% of all participants
- 21-30 years -8 person or 32% of all participants
- 31-40 years – 7 persons or 28% of all participants
- 41-50 years - Nil
- 51-60 years – 3 persons or 12% of all participants
- 61-70 years -3 person or 12% of all participants
- 71-80+ years - Nil

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

- To bring about an awareness of various societal ills and their prevalency
- To educate participants to become ambassadors for their community and society
- To gain more knowledge on domestic violence and child abuse
- To empower persons attending workshop on topics presented
- To make better people in our community
- To stop domestic violence and child abuse
- To educate residents and create awareness on different types of abuse and GBV

**Topics covered at this Workshop:** Domestic Violence, Domestic Violence Act, Child Abuse, Child Sexual Abuse and Alcohol Abuse.

**Participants' Evaluation**

Participants in their evaluation of the workshop indicated an overwhelming 100% success in the facilitation and venue of the workshop. The majority of participants, 96% indicated that they definitely understood the information presented. A further 88% of all participants also said that they definitely increased their understanding of domestic violence, child abuse, child sexual abuse and agreed that the aim of the workshop was achieved. Activities which helped participants to think about topics in new ways was given a 68% definite approval and only 44% of all participants indicated that they had definitely gained new knowledge about the DVA.

**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>88%</b>	<b>4%</b>		<b>8%</b>
Was information presented in a way you could understand?	<b>96%</b>			<b>4%</b>
Did you increase your understanding about Domestic Violence?	<b>88%</b>	<b>4%</b>		<b>8%</b>
Did you gain new knowledge about the DVA?	<b>44%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>32%</b>
Did the workshop increase your understanding & knowledge about child abuse & child sexual abuse?	<b>88%</b>	<b>8%</b>		<b>4%</b>

Did activities help you to think about topics in a different way?	68%	12%		20%
Did you like the way the workshop was facilitated?	100%			
Did you think the venue for the workshop was good?	100%			

**Participants' favourite part of workshop:**

- The majority of participants identified the topics domestic abuse and child abuse
- One participants said that the child abuse session would aid them as a classroom teacher to use new skills to discipline students
- Other participants identified understanding alcoholism and its effects and group work

**Participants' least favourite part of the workshop:** The majority of participants said they enjoyed the entire workshop or did not respond indicating likewise.

The other participants identified the following:

- DVA, discussions on substance abuse, web of abuse, child abuse and working in groups

**Ways in which participants will use knowledge gained in this workshop:** Participants said they would share this knowledge with others including family, friends, church and community groups, young people, children and individuals in their community. Other participants identified the following:

- I will now be better able to counsel persons
- Put what I have learnt into practice
- Start with educating my family members who consume alcohol and then other members of the community.

**How to prevent domestic violence in your community:**

- Educating community persons about domestic violence and letting them know there is help available.
- Holding more awareness sessions about domestic violence and providing support for victims
- Controlling the consumption of alcohol
- Preventing the selling of alcohol in my community
- Community education on the DVA
- Counselling
- Visiting homes and talking to people
- Workshops for youth and parents
- Males should be empowered/made aware of domestic violence and alcohol abuse

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

- Awareness sessions should be done for children regularly so that they understand what is child abuse and child sexual abuse
- Education for youth and parents. The law must be explained to persons involved in such acts
- Prevent children from mixing with persons who use alcohol
- Educating parents so that they can teach their children about child abuse and child sexual abuse
- By reporting the matter and letting justice prevail
- Report cases of abuse to the Village Captain
- Invite the police to have a community meeting and let every citizen be a child protector
- Penalties for child abuse to be enforced
- Teaching persons how to prevent child abuse
- Providing support for victims of child abuse