

**HELP SHELTER
UNIFEM GBV PROJECT**

**REGION 6 WORKSHOP – CHAPEL MISSION LIFE CENTRE, NEW AMSTERDAM
11TH & 12TH JUNE 2009**

PARTICIPANTS' EVALUATION

Participants: A total of 25 participants filled out evaluation forms. Eighteen of these (72%) were female participants and seven (28%) males. The age of participants ranged from 21-62 years with a breakdown as follows:

- 14-20 years – Nil
- 21-30 years -7 person or 29% of all participants
- 31-40 years – 10 persons or 42% of all participants
- 41-50 years -6 persons or 25% of all participants
- 51-60 years – 3 persons or 13% of all participants
- 61-70 years -1 person or 4% 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 educate on how to deal with child abuse, sexual abuse, domestic violence, and most of all alcohol and drug abuse
- To improve knowledge of domestic violence and child abuse
- To sensitize persons to be aware of the different forms of child abuse and domestic violence
- To stop domestic violence
- To bring awareness
- To enable one to deal with domestic violence properly
- To let persons know about the DVA

Topics covered at this Workshop: Domestic Violence, Domestic Violence Act, Child Abuse, Child Sexual Abuse and Alcohol & Drug Abuse, TIPS

Participants' Evaluation

Participants in their evaluation of the workshop indicated an overwhelming 100% success in understanding information presented and increased knowledge and understanding of child abuse including child sexual abuse. A further 96% of all participants also definitely agreed that they learnt new ideas and skills and rated the facilitation of the workshop as definitely good. On the topic of domestic violence 92% of participants definitely agreed that the workshop increased their understanding of this issue. A total of 84% of all participants also felt that they gained new knowledge about the DVA and rated the venue of the workshop as good. Workshop activities which helped participants to think about topics in a new way rated the lowest approval rating of 72%.

Analysis of Workshop Sessions by Participants

	Yes, Definitely	Somewhat	No, Not at All	No Response
Do you think the aim of the workshop was achieved?	80%	8%		12%
Was information presented in a way you could understand?	100%			
Did you learn new ideas or skills?	96%	4%		
Did you gain new knowledge & understanding				

about Self & Gender?				
Did you increase your understanding about Domestic Violence?	92%	4%		4%
Did you gain new knowledge about the DVA?	84%	4%		12%
Did the workshop increase your understanding & knowledge about child abuse & child sexual abuse?	100%			
Did you gain new insight into the new Sexual Offences Act and how it will be implemented?				
Did you activities help you to think about topics in a different way?	72%	20%		8%
Did you like the way the workshop was facilitated?	96%	4%		
Did you think the venue for the workshop was good?	84%	16%		

Participants' favourite part of workshop:

- Child abuse and domestic violence
- Alcohol abuse and drug abuse
- Role plays
- Interaction among participants, skits and discussions

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:

- Alcohol abuse because it is such a major problem
- Workshops should be longer, more days
- The movie
- Acting the skit

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, other organizations, young people, co-workers, children and individuals in their community. Other participants identified the following:

- In building a family of my own and making changes around me
- Put what I have learnt into practice
- Educating others especially victims of abuse
- Being a juvenile officer, I would be better able to deal with children I come into contact with

How to prevent domestic violence in your community:

- Educate people about domestic violence
- Counselling for victims of abuse
- By advertising for both victims and abusers to seek counselling
- More workshops in places such as Prisons etc
- Airing programmes such as these on TV
- Couples need to have conflict resolution skills and to have respect for each other
- Report matters to Police and Welfare Office
- Persons who are being abuse should speak out
- Do more work in rural areas
- Victims of abuse should find themselves a work or start a small business so that they could reduce their stress
- Have workshops at schools, commercial sites, workplaces
- Let religion be taught in school and let domestic violence be everyone's business
- Educate all community groups

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

- Educate all community groups about child abuse and child sexual abuse
- Educate persons about child abuse offences and teach them what is child abuse & child sexual abuse. Let children know it is OK to tell someone if they are being abused
- Educate children about their rights and the dangers and consequences of abuse
- Educate children about their various body parts and those that should not be touched by adults
- Encourage children to speak out when they feel they are being violated in any way
- Community members, families, parents need to speak out against child abuse
- More workshops in every Region
- Parents should talk to their child about child abuse as often as possible
- Educate teachers in schools about the effects of child abuse
- Police should act fast and perpetrators should be sentenced to death as a deterrent
- By reporting incidents of abuse

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