

USAID/CSDS Report

Report for the period April 1st to April 30th 2010

Subproject FCO Number 504-C-00-07-00100-002:

Title

PREVENTION Other – Gender Focus Activities

Implementing Agency:

Help & Shelter

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I. CURRENT STATUS and PROGRESS

The amendment to the work planning tool has been accepted and a response from Mr. Dey was noted and acted on. It must be noted that the budget remain the same since the previous activities were not conducted as such no additional fund is needed. As mentioned in the email to Mr. Dey H & S could work with the current budget.

Planned Activities

Planned activity analysis as stated on the Project Planning Tool are:

- Prevention –Other
 - a) With the assistance of GHARP II, conduct assessment on male involvement in PMTCT services in selected sites in Regions 2, 3, 4 and 10
 - b) Facilitate group sessions and forums at PMTCT sites to allow discussion on HIV prevention and male norms and behaviours.
 - c) To inform MCH/PMTCT clients to alternatives to reduce sexual and gender-based violence.
 - d) To refer women accessing services at Help & Shelter to VCT and STI testing sites
 - e) To promote Help & Shelter’s services at all MCH/PMTCT sites in Region 4 through sensitization sessions for health care providers.
 - f) Establish a tracking referrals system to identify number of persons referred verses number of persons accessing services.

- Project Management

1. A. Prevention Other

Meeting with the male friendly group was conducted on Thursday 8th and Thursday 22nd of April 2010 with 3 and 6 men respectively in attendance. Ms. Margaret Kertzious, the project coordinator conducted the sessions on HIV/AIDS.

The first activity with the SDA male friendly group was conducted on Monday 19th April 2010 at the Grove SDA church with 9 men in attendance. The Project Coordinator made the introductory remarks and gave a brief synopsis to the purpose of the activity and Mr. Julian Haynes conducted the session on Male Norms (Inequality and Violence)

Activity b was conducted at the Dorothy Bailey Youth Friendly Centre on Wednesday 14th and 28th April 2010 with 7 female and 1 male and 16 female and 2 male respectively, between the ages of 15 to 40. Counselor, Julian Haynes conducted both sessions on the topic Entrapment. At the Campbellville Health Centre, Ms. Karen Gomes conducted a session with 8 female and 1 male between the ages of 15 to 33 in attendance and the topics presented were Making Decisions, PMTCT guidance and support.

1. B. Project Management:

The project coordinator attended the capacity building workshop hosted by CSDS on the 27th and 28th of April 2010 at the Tower Hotel.

The regular monthly counselor's supervisory meeting for the period was held on Tuesday 6th April 2010 with the project coordinator, members of the counseling committee and counselors in attendance.

The regular volunteer's meeting was held on Saturday 10th April 2010 and planning meeting was held on the 13th and 27th April 2010 with the projects staff and directors in attendance. Directors meeting were held on the 15th April 2010.

2. Finance

The Acquittal for disbursement for the month of April was conducted on the 4th May 2010. The variance

3. Other activity - General counseling

An overall clientele data shows the clients who had accessed the services of Help & Shelter during the month of April 2010 under the following categories were;

- New clients – 31
- Repeat clients – 45
- Hotline – 32
- Court support - 35 attendances
- Client referrals – 25
- Non-client referrals – 3

4. Distribution of BCC materials and Condoms to walk – ins.

Male condoms – nil

Female condoms – nil

Posters

UNFPA -Child Abuse – 14

Help & Shelter (counseling) – 18

Trafficking in Persons – 8

Help & Shelter brochures – 2,345 were distributed to several persons and govt. ministries.

