

USAID/CSDS Report

Report for the period December 1st to December 31st 2009

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

Title

PREVENTION Other – Gender Focus Activities

Implementing Agency:

Help & Shelter

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PREVENTION – Gender Focus Activities

I. CURRENT STATUS and PROGRESS

Acquittal for the month of December is to be conducted on Wednesday 6th January 2010 and the organization would be required to submit its cash flow for the following month.

2. Planned Activities

Planned activities as stated on the Project Planning Tool are:

- **Prevention –Other**
 - a) Conduct training sessions with peer educators at each of the 2 clinical sites in Georgetown.
 - b) Conduct counseling sessions with mother to mother and other support groups at 2 clinical sites in Georgetown.
 - c) Referrals to face-to-face counseling at Help & Shelter, Help & Shelter hotline and legal services.
 - d) Collaborate with agencies that provide job training and employment services, such as VYC, MLHS&SS, AEA and other relevant institutions.
 - e) Facilitate group sessions and forums to allow discussion on male norms and behaviours.
 - f) Referrals to substance abuse rehab programmes, STI screening and VCT.

- **Project Management**

1. A. Prevention Other

Activities a, b, c, d and f will commence after the final review of the training manual by GHARP's Chief of Party and the Ministry of Health. From feed-back received the technical officers at GHARP II informed us that the training will be conducted during January and February 2010 at Help & Shelter.

For activity e, letters of invitation are to be sent to the identified participants for the launching of the male friendly group that is schedule for January 28th 2010.

See letter attached.

Finance

Please be advised of all positive or negative variances by activity as stated on the Expenditure Variance Report [EVS] as at December 31 2009.

ACTIVITY	VARIANCES +[-]	JUSTIFICATIONS	COORDINATOR'S COMMENT
Training Session with Peer Educators	\$40,376	Transportation, Lunch photocopies, Stationery	The delay for the project start is due to H & S doing new activities and
Counselling – 2 Clinical Sites	\$ 53,400	Photo. Forms, Transportation.	GHARP or CSDS were supposed to provide the necessary guidelines / manuals,
Referrals	\$ 22,000	Photo. Of forms, Leaflets, Stationery, Transportation	train peer educators, provide a contact list for the necessary referrals etc.
Collaborating Job Training & Employment Services	\$19,000	Photo. Forms, Leaflets, Transportation	Will get started in Jan 2010.
Addressing Male Norms & Behaviour	\$71,000	Transportation, Facilitator Fee, Refreshment , Training Materials	Making contact with the males to start the Male Friendly Club in Jan 2010.
Referral- Substance Abuse Rehab programmes	\$12,000	Transportation, Photo. Forms	.

Other

Institutional Capacity Building

Capacity building was conducted with FACT and Comforting Hearts, two NGO's working in the area of HIV/AIDS in Region 6. Information received was that the field staff from both organizations were meeting with people who are experiencing DV in the homes and the communities they work in.

One three days and one two days workshop were conducted with each of the organizations using presentations on topics including Self; Gender-Based Violence; Child Abuse/Child Sexual Abuse; Alcohol Drug Abuse, Anger Management; How to deal with the male Perpetrator; Trafficking in Persons etc. The methodology used was interactive with discussion and group work including skits on topic areas and power point presentations. The evaluation on the workshop showed that for the first time most participants were exposed to the topics presented. Certificates of participation are to be presented to the organization and to the participants who were in attendance. These activities were funded by the Canadian High Commission through the Caribbean Gender Equality Project.

1. B. Project Management:

Monthly meetings will be held with project staff to discuss the smooth implementation of project activities, while the regular fortnightly planning meeting will also be conducted for all staff working under other projects. Monthly reports both narrative and financial are prepared and sent to the members of board of directors for the purpose of their scheduled monthly meetings.

3. Other activity - General counseling

An overall clientele data shows the clients who had accessed the services of Help & Shelter during the month of December -2009 under the following categories were;

- New clients – 26
- Repeat clients – 47
- Hotline – 22
- Court support - 35 attendances
- Client referrals – 11
- Non-client referrals – 0

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

Nil

Help & Shelter brochures – 2425

Posters - 55