

USAID/CSDS Report

Report for the period February 1st to February 28th 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

It must be noted that Help & Shelter is now being asked to work in the technical area of Prevention Other—focusing on Gender.

During the month of February 2010 the organization received funds the sum of Three Hundred & Eighty-five Thousand Two Hundred & Thirty-six Guyana dollars being disbursed into Help & Shelter's account # 654-815-0 on 4th February 2010 by CSDS.

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 counselling 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 have not commenced due to the preparation of the curriculum for the training to commence. Information received on the position was that the manual was put on hold to facilitate the assessment that is to be done targeting the males at the selected PMTCT sites. Activity e with the male friendly group started on the 28th January 2010 and will now continue twice per month.

The monthly meeting with the male friendly group was conducted on Thursday 25th February 2010 with 6 men in attendance. Mr. Julian Haynes continued the discussion on the topic Self. The feedback received was that meeting once per month was too long so the men decided that sessions be conducted every 2 weeks. The next session is scheduled for Thursday 11th March 2010.

1. B. Project Management:

The project coordinator met with officials from the MoH, GHARP, UNICEF, and CDC on Thursday 11th February 2010 at the GHARP II office to discuss the assessment to be conducted through the Ministry of Health targeting the male population at the PMTCT sites. A training session was done with Nurse Bailey, the PMTCT/VCT Coordinator on the morning of Tuesday 16th February 2010, who did a presentation on the introduction to PMTCT with project and other members of staff. The information received was new to most of the participants and so a lively discussion with questions after the presentation.. A follow-up meeting to the one on the 11th February was conducted on the afternoon of 16th February 2010 with the CoP, Nurse Bailey, Nurse Hinds, Nicole –the Peace Corps volunteer, Karen Gomes, Julian Haynes (H&S counselors) and the project coordinator. We were briefed as to the conduct of the assessment at various PMTCT sites in 3 regions to engage male and female at the selected PMTCT sites and to establish support groups at these sites. The coordinator was advised to send an email to Mr. Dey and the CoP as to the outcomes and decisions taken at the meeting.

Finance

Please be advised of all positive or negative variances by activity as stated on the Expenditure Variance Report [EVS] as at February 28th 2010.

ACTIVITY	VARIANCES +/-	JUSTIFICATIONS	COORDINATOR'S COMMENT
Training Session with Peer Educators		Transportation, Lunch photocopies, Stationery	The delay for the project start is due to H & S doing new activities and
Counselling – 2 Clinical Sites	\$ 67,800	Photo. Forms, Transportation.	GHARP or CSDS were supposed to provide the necessary guidelines / manuals,
Referrals	\$ 27,000	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	\$79,000	Transportation, Facilitator Fee, Refreshment , Training Materials	Session started on 28 th January 2010- 2 nd session was conducted on 25 th February 2010
Referral- Substance Abuse Rehab programmes	\$17,000	Transportation, Photo. Forms	.

3. Other activity - General counselling

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

- New clients – 56
- Repeat clients – 34
- Hotline – 15
- Court support - 35 attendances
- Client referrals – 16
- Non-client referrals – 5

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

Male condoms - 0

Female condoms – 0

Posters

UNFPA -Child Abuse – 8

Help & Shelter (counselling) – 8

Fathers are parents too -1

Trafficking in Persons – 8

Help & Shelter brochures – 1500