

HELP & SHELTER
WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER GERMAN COMMITTEE PROJECT
MONTHLY M&E REPORT- JANUARY 2010 - Submitted by Danuta Radzik

Community Educators' Monthly Reports

KANEVILE

Community Educator: Tessa Greene

Community Mobiliser: Juliet James

Community: Kaneville, East Bank Demerara

Activities: A total of 5 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 148 Females: 112 Males: 18

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 130 Females: 112 Males: 18

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 269

of H&S Posters Distributed: Nil

of Other Posters Distributed: Nil

Objectives of Visits:

- Follow up counselling session with residents
- Attendance and participation in Steering Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Peer Educators & Religious Leaders
- Attendance and participation at Community Meeting
- Conduct 2 awareness sessions at the Grove Health Centre

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Follow Up Counselling Sessions with Residents- 15th January

- Female client is being physically and verbally abused by her husband. Even though at first reluctant to seek counselling the client eventually visited H&S and spoke to a counsellor. Client is also attending counseling session with a Probation & Welfare officer from the Ministry of Human Services. Client was again assaulted by her husband this month and reported the incident to the police. The husband was arrested, charged taken to Court had a DVA restraining order placed on him and was released on 30,000 bail. During a second Court hearing the husband said he wanted to return home. The Magistrate sternly reprimanded him and reminded him that the restraining order was still in effect. The husband had also recently taken his boy child on the pretence of carrying him for a drive but never returned the child. The matter was taken up with the Probation Officer and the father was told to return the child to his mother's care to which he agreed. During the Court hearing the husband changed his mind about returning the child and the Magistrate ordered that the parents meet again with the Probation officer and have the matter of the child's custody sorted out before the next Court date.

Community Outreach and Distribution of Leaflets – 16th January

- A total of 38 persons were reached, 22 females and 16 males between the ages of 16-58 years. Persons reached were glad to know of the work being done in the community. One woman spoke about the abuse her daughter is suffering at the hands of her husband. Leaflets on DVA, Rape, Wife Abuse, DV Resource Brochure were distributed.

Follow up Counselling Session- 21st January

- CE and mobiliser visited the home of a blind resident who lives with her 22 yr old granddaughter and her 2 children, 7yrs and 3 months. The father of the 3 mts old child is insisting that he will take her to live with him when she is 1 yr old even though previously he had been abusive to the mother and only recently started to financially

maintain the child. Additionally the 7 yr old boy has witnessed intimate activities between his father and female partner when he visits the home. The mother wants to stop her son from visiting his father but is afraid of him. She was advised to report the matter to the Ministry of Human Services. The blind grandmother also has 2 other grandsons living with her who are 15 and 13 yrs old and are not attending school. The CE advised her to contact nearby Secondary Schools to get them enrolled there.

Steering Committee Meeting – 21st January

- A total of 6 members attended the meeting. Matters discussed were as follows:
 - Mobilizing for a community meeting
 - Holding of elections for a new steering committee meeting
 - Food sale was planned for February
 - Playground to be surveyed and a proposal submitted for assistance
 - The steering committee to make a donation to the Haiti Relief Fund
 - Religious Leaders to be notified of the upcoming Religious Leaders' Workshop and letter of invitation delivered
 - Planning of awareness sessions for the community

Peer Educators Meeting – 30th January

- The CE and CM met with peer educators at the IPE School to discuss plans for a statutory date for monthly meetings. Only 5 students and one teacher turned up so it was decided that the teacher along with the students will mobilize for another meeting on the 2nd Saturday of this month. Two of the teenagers indicated that they were given a hard time by their parents about attending the meeting and wanted the CE to hold a parent meeting to discuss this. This idea will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mobilizing for Religious Leaders Workshop- 30th January

- The CE and CM visited Muslim, Hindu and Christian contact persons to garner information about the responses to the letters of invitation. Participants invited were as follows: Muslims [2], Hindus [2], Christians [6]

Community Meeting – 31st January

- A total of 40 residents, 28 women and 12 men attended the meeting. The steering committee who chaired the meeting informed residents of the following:
 - Plans for preparing a community playground
 - Elections for new steering committee members
 - Naming of the streets in Kaneville

The elections are set for Saturday, 13th February at 16.30 hrs. Residents were in favour of the community plans discussed. Repairs to the main access road are going well as is the expansion of the potable water supply project.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Grove Health Centre, Pre-Natal Clinic – Child Neglect – 5th January

- A total of 41 persons, 36 women and 5 men were present at the session. The medex was very welcoming and allowed the CE the privilege of having a discussion on child neglect with pre natal mothers and a few men who were also present. At the end of the session 2 of the participants asked to speak privately with the CE. One of the participants disclosed that her daughter is being abused by her husband, she was not aware her daughter was pregnant and was informed of this by another daughter. She said that her abused daughter refuses to seek counselling or leave her husband. The CE will inform the CE of Covent Garden to visit the couple as they live in that community. A request was made by the Medex for the CE to do a session with the larger clinic which is held on Thursdays.

Evaluation of the session indicated that participation and understanding of topics discussed were rated as good while facilitation and the session overall were rated as very good.

A total of 85 H&S leaflets- For Parents, Sexual Assault, DVA and H&S Fact Sheet were distributed to participants at the clinic.

Grove Health Clinic – Post Natal Clinic – Self – 21st January

- A total of 49 persons, 48 women and 1 man participated in this 1 ½ hr session on Self. Feedback indicated that the session went well. Mothers spoke of neglecting themselves in order that their families have the necessary things they needed. The CE encouraged them to take care of themselves (without being selfish) so that they can cope and be there for the families when they needed them. When asked how they felt about themselves, most of the women said they felt good while others said they felt great. Evaluation of the session indicated that participation and understanding of topics discussed were rated as good while facilitation and the session overall were rated as very good. A total of 184 H&S leaflets on Child Neglect, For Parents, Anger Management and H&S Fact Sheet were distributed to participants and staff at the Health Centre.

DEN AMSTEL

Community Educator: Ebeth McIntosh

Community Mobiliser: Shawndelle Luckie

Community: Den Amstel, West Coast Demerara

Activities: A total of 6 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 75 Females: 65 Males: 10

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 34 Females: 31 Males: 3

H&S leaflets Distributed: Nil

MLHSS DV Posters: Nil

GHARP Booklets (Super Gang & The Player): Nil

GHARP Posters: Nil

Empowering Women Booklet: Nil

HIV Leaflets & Booklets: Nil

H&S Posters: Nil

of Condoms Distributed: Nil

Objectives of Visits:

- To conduct an awareness session on Suicide' with Nursery School teachers
- To conduct an awareness session on 'Self' with children from the Cornelia Ida Orphanage
- To conduct an awareness session on Child Sexual Abuse with members of the Restoration AOG Women's Group
- To conduct an awareness session on Alcohol Abuse with members of the Kingdom Connection Youth Group
- To conduct an awareness session on Suicide with mothers attending the Pre Natal Clinic at the Den Amstel Health Centre
- Attendance and participation at the Steering Committee Meeting

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Steering Committee Meeting- 14th January

- A total of 5 female members attended the 1 hr Steering Committee Meeting together with 2 members of the project management team. Matters discussed were the CE's work plan for the month of January. Peer educators who are also steering committee members were encouraged to give their full support to the project by helping to facilitate/ participate in awareness sessions with community based groups. The peer Educators pledged to give their full support.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Den Amstel Pre-Natal Clinic –Suicide - 7th January

- A total of 20 mothers between the ages of 16-30 participated in this session on Suicide. During the session participants shared experiences they had or knew about in relation to suicide. Some participants disclosed that they had contemplated suicide other attempted suicide but were luckily saved by someone. Participants were open in discussing this topic and were pleased to receive information on this topic as they said this will help them in preventing suicide among themselves, friends, family and other people they may come into contact with.

Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as very good.

Kingdom Connection Youth Group – Alcohol Abuse – 10th January

- A total of 21 young people, 14 females and 7 males between the ages of 13-35 participated in this 3hr hour session on Alcohol Abuse.

Two (2) peer educators also attended and participated in the session. The long term and short term effects of alcohol on different organs of the body such as the brain, liver, heart, stomach and blood vessels were discussed. The peer educators did three dramatic presentations on alcohol abuse and the effects this has on the body, family and society. The participants indicated that based on the information presented to them they would not promise to stop consuming alcohol immediately but would be more moderate in their consumption because of the dangers involved. The young people also said they would share this information with persons they come into contact with.

Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as very good.

Restoration AOG Women's Group – Child Sexual Abuse – 12th January

- A total of 8 women between the ages of 15-55 participated in this 3 hr session on child Sexual Abuse.

Participants shared information about child sexual abuse and gave their reasons as to why this occurs. Some participants were surprised to learn that babies are also sexually abused while others were not previously aware of the different types of child sexual abuse. At the end of the session participants said they would do everything in their power to protect their children and grandchildren from sexual abuse.

Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as very good.

Cornelia Ida Orphanage – Understanding Self – 19th January

- A total of 14 children, 11 girls and 3 boys between the ages of 14-16 participated in this awareness session.

At first the children were shy but as the session progresses into an exploration of self they opened up and spoke about themselves and some of the things they are going through.

The children requested that the group return and do more sessions with them. The CE and 3 peer educators facilitated the session.

Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as very good.

Den Amstel Nursery Teachers – Suicide – 28th January

- Seven (7) female Nursery School teachers between the ages of 22-45 participated in the 2 ½ hr session on Suicide.

During the session one participant disclosed that she contemplated suicide many times because she does not know who to talk to or how to deal with the many hurts and anger she feels on issues that have affected her from childhood and continues into adulthood. This participant felt that if she talks about these issues she will be judged unfavourably. At the start of the session this participant was reluctant to talk openly however as the session progressed she started letting go of her hurt and anger bit by bit and was encouraged by other participants to share her experiences with someone she trusts or at these group sessions. By the end of the session she felt relieved. All the other participants said that the information given was vital and they will use it effectively to help themselves and others.

Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as very good.

DEN AMSTEL COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN – February 2010

Date	Activity	Time
4/2/10	Awareness Session-Alcohol Abuse – Pre Natal Clinic	
7/2/10	Awareness Session- Suicide- Congregational Youth Group	
9/2/10	Awareness Session-Child Neglect – AOG's Women's Group	
11/2/10	Steering Committee Meeting	
14/1/10	Awareness Session – Drug Abuse – Kingdom Connection Youth Group	
16/2/10	Awareness Session-Understanding Gender- Cornelia Ida Orphanage	
17/1/10	Awareness Session-Alcohol Abuse- Nursery School Teachers	
18/1/10	Awareness Session-Domestic Violence-Willing Workers Women's Group	
21/2/10	Awareness Session-Suicide-Christian Brethren Men's Group	
22/2/10	Awareness Session-Domestic Violence-Christian Brethren Women's Group	

GOOD HOPE

Community Educator: (To be appointed)

Community Mobiliser: Suzanne Chung

Community: Good Hope, East Coast Demerara

Activities: A total of 3 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 14 Females: 12 Males: 2

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 14 Females: 12 Males: 2

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 21

of H&S Posters Distributed: Nil

of Other Posters Distributed: Nil

Objectives of Visits:

- Visit to a mother and her 5 children who had been made homeless due to her husband physically abusing her and then burning down the house.

- Completion of the survey on gender based violence
- Mobilizing for the upcoming Religious Leaders Workshop

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Visit to Homeless, Abused Woman & her Children – 7th January

- The CM visited and counselled woman who had her house burned down by her husband. She recounted that her husband had been drinking with his friends at another location, had come home and wanted to have one of the chickens she reared for his friends. When she did not comply he started beating her and then left. Afraid of what he would do when he returned the woman and her children left the home and went by relatives. When the husband returned and did not see his wife and children he burnt down the house. The woman and her children were presently staying with her mother temporarily. Basic food items, clothing and footwear were given to the family and she was also counseled and informed of H&S Shelter for battered women where she could go with her children and stay for up to a period of 6 months or longer if needed. The CM reported that after speaking with her and handing over the food, clothing and footwear items the woman seemed much calmer and was glad to receive the basic items given to her. 3 H&S leaflets on the DVA, DV Resource Brochure and H&S Fact Sheet were given out.

Completion of Survey – 22nd January

- A total of 8 more women were interviewed over these two days which completed the targeted number of 25 women. The CM did a good job in mobilizing women in the community who were very willing to participate in this activity. 18 H&S leaflets on DVA, DV Resource Brochure and H&S Fact Sheet were distributed to respondents.

Mobilizing for Upcoming Religious Leaders Workshop – 26th January

- The CM collected and delivered letters of invitation for leaders of FBO and the Chairman of the NDC. The chairman of the NDC was very cooperative and accommodating about getting the use of the Lusignan Community Centre for the workshop for Religious Leaders.

COVENT GARDEN

Community Educator(s): Ebeth McIntosh, Chabela Lord

Community Mobilizer: Carol Henry

Community: Covent Garden, East Bank Demerara

Activities: A total of 4 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 153 Females: 116 Males: 37

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 87 Females: 61 Males: 26

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 160

of H&S Posters Distributed: Nil

of Other Posters Distributed: Nil

Objectives of Visits:

- Conduct an awareness session with Covent Garden Nursery School teachers
- Conduct an awareness session with Covent Garden Primary School students
- Conduct an awareness session with Covent Garden Secondary School students
- House to House Visits
- Conduct interviews for survey on DV with female residents of Covent Garden

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

House to House Visit to Squatting Area – 19th January

- During this activity a total of 12 women were reached from the squatting area. Eight (8) of these women were spoken to individually and 4 as a group. One of the women was a single parent. During the visit lively discussions were held on child abuse and child neglect. It was the first time that some of these residents had heard about H&S as they were new to the area.

A total of 48 H&S brochures on Wife abuse, Child Abuse, Child Neglect, For Parents were distributed.

House to House Visit – 26th January

- Interaction was held with a family in which the husband drinks alcohol almost every day and in his drunken state abuses his wife. It was reported that sometimes the husband chases his wife around the yard with his cutlass. The wife was given H&S leaflets and advised to share them with her husband and her children. She was also advised to contact H&S where she can access counselling services.

House to House Visits - Squatting Area & Island. – 27th January

- CEs and CM visited the Squatting Area and Sea Dam talking to persons and distributing leaflets. The residents were friendly and accepted the leaflets distributed and promised to read them. One male resident asked the question as to who is addressing the issue of DV among men. In the squatting area a mother complained about her son who is living in the same house with her and his wife her daughter in law and is very abusive to his wife and son especially when he consumes alcohol. She asked the team to go to their home and speak to him. It was observed that there was a lot of DV taking place in the Sea Dam and some of the children living there are not attending school.

A total of 24 H&S leaflets on DVA, The Shelter, For Parents were distributed to residents.

A visit was also made to CG Island where residents were informed about the H&S/ WWDPGC project being conducted in the community. Discussions on DV were held with a mother and her 2 daughters. A total of 20 H&S leaflets were also distributed.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Covent Garden Nursery School Teachers – Child Neglect – 18th January

- A total of 6 female Nursery School teachers, between the ages of 25-45 participated in this 2hr session on Child Neglect.

Feedback from teacher indicated that they thought the session was very interesting, edifying, effective and widened knowledge of the different forms of abuse and in particular different types of neglect such as physical, educational and emotional neglect. Teachers also said that they learnt how to identify the signs or behaviours of a child or children who is/are experiencing abuse in the form of child neglect. Teachers were particularly pleased with they are now equipped with information and knowledge to better educate parents and guardians about child neglect, negative attitudes and behaviours. In so doing they felt that they would be able to effect change such as better schools, families and community. Teachers also appreciated the facilitation of the session were not only book knowledge was shared but personal experiences and requested that more sessions be done with them

Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as excellent.

Covent Garden Grade 6 Primary School Students – Child Physical Abuse – 20th January

- A total of 57 students, 37 girls and 20 boys between the ages of 11-12 participated in the 2hr session on Child Physical Abuse.
Students shared their experiences of physical abuse by parents, guardians which occurred repeatedly and which hurt them. They spoke of the types of objects used to inflict physical punishment and gave the reasons as to why they received licks. After hearing all of this the CEs asked the Headmaster to help arrange sessions with parents and guardians of the students so that they can discuss issues of child physical punishment.
Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as excellent.

Covent Garden Secondary School Students – Suicide – 21st January

- A total of 16 students, 10 girls and 6 boys between the ages of 14-16 participated in 2 hr session on Suicide.
Students were very open about discussing suicide, 8 of them admitted that suicide has crossed their mind, 5 contemplated suicide and some attempted suicide. Some of the students who attempted suicide gave reasons for this but some did not. Discussions centred on how suicidal people feel, what kind of behaviours they exhibit and the different ways people choose or attempt to use to commit suicide. The students came up with 3 dramatic presentations on suicide and how to help to prevent suicide. At the end of the session students said that they will use knowledge gained to help themselves and others to make the right choice and choose life.
Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as excellent.

Mobilizing for GBV Survey – 20th January

- The CE mobilized female residents for the survey in the front half of Covent Garden and distributed 40 H&S leaflets. Women from the Full Gospel Church were also invited to take part in the survey. 40 H&S leaflets were also distributed to residents.

Conducting of Survey on GBV – 21st January

- A total of 26 interviews were completed with female residents from Covent Garden. This activity lasted from 1.15 – 5 pm. A total of 5 interviewers were present.

COVENT GARDEN COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN – February 2009

Date	Activity	Time
8/2/10	Awareness Session-Child Sexual Abuse-Covent Garden Nursery Teachers	
9/2/10	Awareness Session-Teenage Pregnancy - Full Gospel Women's Group	
11/2/10	Awareness Session – Child Sexual Abuse-Covent Garden Primary School Students	
12/2/10	Awareness Session-Alcohol Abuse-Covent Garden Secondary Students	
15/2/10	Awareness Session-Healthy/Unhealthy Relationship-Full Gospel Men's Group	
18/2/10	House to House Visits	