HELP & SHELTER WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER GERMAN COMMITTEE PROJECT MONTHLY M&E REPORT- JANUARY 2011 - 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 8 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 132 Females: 81 Males: 51 # Persons Newly Reached: Total: 47 Females: 20 Males: 27

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 30 # of H&S Posters Distributed: Nil # of Other Posters Distributed: Nil

Objectives of Visits

- Attendance & participation in steering committee meeting
- House to house visits in Kaneville
- Follow up meeting with peer educators
- Meeting with NDC visits to Grove Health Centre & Grove Craft Centre
- Distribution of Certificates to peer educators
- Distribution of certificates to residents
- Distribution of clothing & one on one discussions with residents
- Visit by resource person from the Guyana Blind Association to community

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits: Steering Committee Meeting -6^{th} January

• A total of 10 members, 8 females and 2 males attended this meeting. The meeting discussed surveying the community to see the amount of persons who are in need and what can be done to assist. This information will be used to apply to funding agencies for assistance in erecting a building. Other matter discussed were the planning of a football match and take away lunch on the 19th March. The objective of these activities is to help youth in the community who are out of school. Every steering committee members agreed to distribute the survey forms house to house.

House to House Visits – 11th January

• A total of 27 residents were reached in the 15 homes visited in the southern half of 3rd Field, Kaneville. During this visit the CE and CM were able to chat with residents about domestic violence, stressing the seriousness of this crime. They were able to use the recent increase in violence across Guyana to show that DV can happen to anyone of any age and any location. In homes where men were present the CE and CM encouraged both females and males to communicate with each other if they encountered any problems and or to seek help at help & Shelter of the Ministry of Human Services. During the visits there were no reports of abuse but in 2 of the homes visited the feeling of abuse being perpetrated was felt as the women were cautious in talking to the H&S team in the presence of their male partners. Follow up visits will be done to these homes. A total of 30 H&S leaflets on DV and H&S Factsheet were distributed.

Meeting with Peer Educators – 14th January

• The CE visited the IPE School to discuss activities being carried out by peer educators to inform students about DV. According to one of the teachers, the sensitization process continued with sessions being done with students from different classes. This teacher was also interested in promoting a concert at the Cultural centre or Theatre guild for schools across the country. The focus will be on DV through song, poetry, skits etc. The CE also took the opportunity to discuss the upcoming Peer Ed. Certificate Distribution Programme as well as observe the students practicing their presentations for the programme.

Visits to NDC, Grove Health Centre, Grove Craft Centre – 19th January

• The CE and CM visited the NDC to deliver a letter requesting permission for the use of the Diamond Community Centre for the Peer Ed. Certificate Distribution exercise. Invitations were also delivered to the Medex at the Grove Health Centre and to the Head of the Grove Craft Centre

Peer Educator's Certificate Distribution Programme -22nd January

• A total of 47 persons, 30 females and 17 males attended the programme. Even though not all of the participants who were due to receive certificates attended the programme it was still deemed a success. Due to a clash with another activity being scheduled at the same time the start of the certificate distribution programme was delayed by 1 hr, nevertheless, there was much fun and enjoyment found in the peer educator's presentations and message about DV prevention.

Distribution of Certificates to Residents – 23rd January

• The CE and CM distributed the remaining certificates to residents who had participated in capacity building project workshops, including peer educator's workshops. A few of the residents who had participated in these workshops said they are still involved in sensitizing persons they meet or persons from Churches and relatives about DV. Some indicated surprise at finally receiving the certificates after all this time had lapsed. The CE and CM also took the opportunity to inform these residents about the planned Walk for International Women's Day, March 8th.

Distribution of Clothing – 29th January

• The CE and CM along with 2 volunteers sorted and distributed clothing and shoes to the Church as well as some residents. These were received from Bernice Mansfield via one of H&S volunteers.

In addition the team used the opportunity to walk the wrong turn area. An average of 20 persons were sensitized, 15 males and 5 females were reached. The team was invited into the homes of residents and also had one on one discussions with men and boys on the street corner gambling. Some of the residents interacted positively but there was one young man who just walked off when the team started talking to him.

Visit from a Representative of the Blind Association – 30th January

The CE and CM organized a resource person from the Guyana Blind Association to visit the community of Kaneville and interact with the blind resident they were in touch with. This activity was done with the aim of giving encouragement to the blind resident. The activity was a success as both persons were comfortable with each other and shared stories with each other. The CE hopes to have this outreach as an outgoing activity.

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KANEVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN - February 2011

Date	Activity	Time
4/2/2011	Awareness Session-Kaneville Pool Shop	
5/2/2011	Community Walk – 1 st Field	
10/2/2011	Awareness Session- Grove Health Centre	
11/2/2011	Awareness Session – Craig Health Centre	
12/2/2011	Community Walk – 2 nd Field	
13/2/2011	Visit to Residents –Diamond Housing Scheme	
24/2/2011	Awareness Session –Diamond Secondary School Students	
25/2/2011	Awareness Session –Grove Craft Centre	
28/2/2011	Talk with Kaneville Football Team	
	Awareness Session – IPE Secondary School	

DEN AMSTEL

Community Educator: Ebeth McIntosh Christie

Community Mobiliser: Gaitree Bacchus

Community: Den Amstel, West Coast Demerara

Activities: A total of 7 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 130 Females: 103 Males: 27

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 43 Females: 33 Males: 10

H&S leaflets Distributed: Nil

Leadership Skills Leaflets Distributed: Nil

MLHSSS 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:

- Attendance and participation at Steering Committee meeting
- To conduct 3 awareness sessions on Problem Solving, Early Childhood Experiences & Why Children get Licks & with Den Amstel Pre Natal Clinic
- To conduct awareness sessions on Sex and Early Sexual Initiation with Kingdom Connection Youth Group
- To conduct an awareness sessions on Domestic Violence with Grade 6 students from the Den Amstel Primary School
- To conduct an awareness session on Problem Solving with Den Amstel Nursery Teachers
- To conduct an awareness session with Nursery Teachers Cluster Workshop on Early Childhood Experiences

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Steering Committee Meeting – 18th January

- A total of 4 female steering committee members attended this meeting. Matters discussed were:
 - -Movie Night- The date was changed and put for the 6th February at 6.30 pm. The venue was also changed to the Kingdom Connection Youth Group Meeting Place

-Health Day – Date was postponed to 10th March at 4pm at Den Amstel Primary School, topics will be "Your Health & You", services offered will include dental & other check ups.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Den Amstel Nursery School Teachers –Problem Solving – 12th January

• A total of 6 female teachers between the ages of 25-53 participated in this 2 hr session on Problem Solving.

Feedback from teachers indicated that they all faced their own individual problems. Two of the teachers spoke of their financial problems disclosing that by the end of the month after paying off for all of the essential expenses such as travel, food etc there was little money left to take them to the end of the month and this caused stress. Another 2 teachers disclosed that they had problems with their spouses. The teachers said that at times these problems overwhelm them and they don't know who to talk to and where to go to for help. The facilitator and teachers discussed places they can go to for help for different situations and some simple methods they can try at home. The six steps identified toward problem solving shared with teacher were:

- -Step 1 With God's help, identify & describe the problem
- -Step 2 Become aware of the cause(s) and effects of the problem
- -Step 3 Brain storm (possibly with the help of others) possible solutions
- -Step 4 Identify positive 7 negative outcomes of each possible solution
- -Step 5 Choose a solution
- -Step 6- Implement the solution

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

Den Amsteel Health Centre, Pre Natal Clinic – Problem Solving – 13th January

• A total of 23 parents, 19 females and 3 males participated in this 1 hr session on Love. In discussing this topic most of the participants said they were in love, a few said they use to be in love. In describing love participants said love is a very good feeling and everyone needs to receive love or feel loved but some were not willing to give love. They agreed that humans cannot survive without love. An open discussion was held on signs to look for when in love. Some of the aspect of love discussed were; companionship, the need for self-realization, sharing sexuality, sharing parenthood. The 2 types of love identified were Eros- the primary form of love and seeks sensual satisfaction and is associated with passionate love

Agape- a highest representation of love, it occurs on principles and not on impulse, it is projected in the other even when the other person corresponds to a lesser degree. This is the love in a marriage relationship and the one which fosters other types of love.

Den Amstel Health Centre, Pre Natal Clinic – Early Childhood Experiences – 20th January

• A total of 14 persons, 13 females and 1 male participated in this 1 hr awareness session on Early Childhood Experiences. Participants spoke of their childhood experiences and how this affected them in the past and how it affects them to date. How to parent children especially during early childhood and through difficult periods were discussed with participants.

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

Den Amstel Health Centre, Pre Natal Clinic – Why Children Get Licks – 27th January

• A total of 12 persons, 11 females and 1 male between the ages of 19-33 participated in this 45 min. session. Feedback from the session indicated that some of the participants

were guarded and reluctant to take part in the discussion. Others shared some reasons why they got licks and what they would do when they received licks. Some of the participants said they would not hit their children because of how they felt when they were beaten as a child.

Kingdom Connection Youth Group – Sex & Early Sexual Initiation – 16th January

• A total of 26 youth, 16 females and 10 males between the ages of 13-24 participated in this 3 hr awareness session.

Participants were very open about discussing this issue. Many of them are sexually active, males as well as females. Many were also of the opinion that they were knowledgeable about sex but when put to the test it was obvious that there were gaps in their knowledge and practice. A Quiz was done with participants to determine understanding about gender roles and sex, safety of oral sex, knowledge about HIV, STIs and condoms and age at which a girl can get pregnant. In discussing reasons for early sexual initiation participants identified fear of breaking off relationships, proving manhood or womanhood, curiosity, love, think everyone else is doing it, sexual abuse, intimidation and pressure.

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

Nursery Teacher Cluster Workshop – Early Childhood Experiences – 18th January

• A total of 33 female Nursery School teachers attended this statutory workshop. Only 3 participants shared their childhood experiences. The other participants found sharing their childhood experiences difficult but they shared stories about experiences persons they knew had. One of the facilitators shared his childhood experiences and participants were comfortable because they got an understanding of things that shaped him. It was noted that the participants needed more sessions to deal with their childhood so that they can really understand the children they are taking care of.

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

Covent Garden Primary School, Grade 6 - Domestic Violence - 19th January

A total of 20 young people, 7 females and 13 males between the ages 11-13 participated in this 2 hr session on Domestic Violence.

The students were aware of the forms of domestic violence etc. However, most of them admitted to living in abusive homes where their fathers beats their mothers. Students disclosed that they try to help by getting in the middle of the abuse but as a result they also get 'licks'. One girl became very emotional, she cried from the start of the session to the end because she witnesses her father beating her mother very often. Other students shared their experiences on the occurrence of physical violence in their homes and how often it happens. Emotional violence is also big in their home and the students are affected by this violence. The facilitator asked participants to demonstrate by doing dramatic presentations to depict the violence and they did. This gave a clear picture of what is going on in their homes and lives.

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

DEN AMSTEL COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN – February 2011

Date	Activity	Time
6/2/2011	Movie Night	6.30pm
10/2/2011	Awareness Session-Pre-Natal Clinic	8am
13/2/2011	Awareness Session-Kingdom Connection Youth	6.30pm
16/2/2011	Awareness Session-Primary Students-Den Amstel Primary School	1.pm
17/2/2011	Steering Committee Meeting	5pm
20/2/2011	Awareness Session-Congregational Youth Group	
22/2/2011	Awareness Session-Den Amstel Nursery Teachers	1pm
24/2/2011	Awareness Session-Pre Natal Clinic	8am
25/2/2011	Awareness Session-Den Amstel Primary School Students	1pm

GOOD HOPE

Community Educator: Suzanne Chung Community Mobiliser: Olivia Simon

Community: Good Hope, East Coast Demerara

Activities: A total of 9 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 121 Females: 86 Males: 35

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 39 Females: 33 Males: 6

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 69 # of H&S Posters Distributed: # of Other Posters Distributed: Nil

Objectives of Visits:

- House to house & counselling visit
- Community Walkabout
- Follow Up on Peer Educators' Workshop Action Plan
- Awareness Session at Lusignan AOG Church, Women's Ministry
- Awareness Session at Learning Centre
- Focus Group Discussion at Good Hope Masjid
- Steering Committee Meeting

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits: Home/Counselling Visit – 7th & 24th January

• This case involves a single mother of 4 children, 3 daughters and 1 son. The youngest child is 17 years old and has recently started working. Her mother suspects that the teenager is sexually active and has more than on partner. The mother also has reason to believe that her daughter may have contracted an STI and may be pregnant. The mother confided that she has tried several times to get her daughter to confide in her but with no success. The CE listened and promised to talk with the 17 yr old teen if she is agreeable.

On the 24th of January the 17 yr old agreed to meet with the CE at the request of her mother. At first the teenager was hesitant but after the CE introduced her self and assured her of confidentiality, she shared her side of the story, details of the case were documented. In the end it was agreed that both the teenager and mother needed to have further counselling and they were referred to H&S.

House to House Visit & Community Walk About – 9th January

• A total of 11 residents were reached, 9 female and 2 male. The CE and CM only got to

cover 1 street as all of the time was taken up by residents complaining bitterly about vagrancy of school aged children in the area, gambling on the street or children playing cricket during school hours. Residents also complained of alcohol abuse by parents and very young children left to fend for themselves and even having to support their parents addiction. The residents were advised to call the police or the Childcare & Protection Agency, CPA for assistance but on hearing this residents became even more upset as they claimed that all of that had been tried before with no result.

• A total of 35 H&S leaflets on Child Abuse, Child Neglect, For Parents, Sexual Assault, Rape, Wife Abuse, DVA and GBV were distributed.

Follow up on Peer Educator's Workshop Action Plan – 17th January

A skit performed by student peer educators, on different forms of abuse presented at the
recent peer educator's workshop, including DV and child abuse was performed in front of
a total of 45 persons, 25 females and 20 males including students, teachers and
Headteacher. The skit was well performed, the actors spoke clearly and portrayed the
various forms of abuse accurately and confidently.

Follow Up on Peer Educator's Action Plan – 24th January

• This skit was performed by the second peer educator's group. This time the skit was better presented as actors understood their roles better, were able to portray the different forms of abuse accurately and were less shy. It was apparent that a lot of effort and practice was put into the performance. The audience of students and teachers were asked to talk to one friend or family member about H&S and what they had learnt about reducing violence.

Steering Committee Meeting – 29th January

• A total of 7 members attended this meeting. The meeting was called to inform members of the departure of the previous CM, on community activities, plans new activities and introduction of the new CM. They were also told about the departure of Akilah, the former project coordinator who will be sorely missed by members. Concern was expressed that the project was focusing more on Lusignan than on Good Hope but the CE explained that Good Hope was already covered through Walkabouts and sharing of flyers. Everyone agreed the turn out in Good Hope was poor but pledged to keep working to get the message out to persons in need of this about the prevention and reduction of DV and Child Abuse.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions Lusignana AOG Church, Women's Ministry – 18th January

• A total of 15 women participated in this session on Healthy & Unhealthy Relationships. During the session participants took turns saying what they thought was a good relationship and what they thought was a poor relationship. A quiz was also used to assess knowledge about the requirements of a good relationship. A few mothers said that their relationship with their teenage children were poor and requested some help in parent/child communication. This was promised for the following session. Suitable information on parenting skills were requested.

A total of 12 H&S leaflets on Wife Abuse and 12 booklets on HIV/AIDS were distributed.

Lusignan Learning Centre – 21^{st} January

A total of 20 students, 11 females and 9 males participated in this awareness session. The
topic discussed was how to resolve conflict in everyday life. Before the session started
the new CM was introduced and H&S United Nation Volunteer who facilitated the

session on conflict resolution. Before the new topic was introduced a short revision of topics already covered was done for the benefit of the new students and discussion on TIP was held. The UNV then did her presentation discussing types of conflict and how they can be resolved. Students were asked to do role plays on human trafficking and resolving conflict.

A total of 15 H&S leaflets on human trafficking were distributed.

Focus Group Discussion – Good Hope Masjid – 28th January

• A total of 6 women participated in this focus group discussion. At first the women were wary but after general introductions and the reading of the poem "I got flowers today, they started to talk. A discussion followed on answering the question- why women stay in abusive relationships and the effects of abuse on women and children? Out of this discussion women spoke about incidents occurring in their neighbourhood. a few women said they had tried to call the Police anonymously but the Police claimed that they could only respond if the victim goes to the station in person. The participants were advised to call the Police headquarters for the area at Cove & John next time there is no response from the nearby police station. At the close of the session the women requested that other sessions be held.

GOOD HOPE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN - February 2011

Date	Activity	Time
4/2/2011	Counselling Visits	9am
6/2/2011	Community Walkabout	4pm
10/2/2011	Awareness Session at Mandir	6pm
15/2/2011	Awareness Session –AOG, Women's Ministry	5pm
19/2/2011	Home Visits	4pm
24/2/2011	Awareness Session – Lusignan Learning Centre	12.30pm
26/2/2011	Steering Committee Meeting	4pm
28/2/2011	Community Walkabout	4pm

COVENT GARDEN

Community Educator(s): Ebeth McIntosh, Chabela Lord

Community Mobilizer: Carol Henry

Community: Covent Garden, East Bank Demerara

Activities: A total of 7 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 100 Females: 65 Males: 35 # Persons Newly Reached: Total: 9 Females: 5 Males: 4

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 48 # of H&S Posters Distributed: Nil # of Other Posters Distributed: Nil

Objectives of Visits:

- House to house visits/counselling & one on one discussions with residents
- Community walkabout & leaflet distribution
- Attendance and participation in Steering Committee meeting
- Awareness Session on Conflict Resolution with students from Covent Garden Primary School
- Group Discussion with youth on Healthy Relationships

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits: House to House Visits & Counselling – 11th January

• The CM received a report about a 13 year old child who had run away from home one evening. The 13 year old told the CM that she was beaten by her mother and was promised another beating by her uncle due to a report that she was seeing a young man. The 13 yr old spoke about the life of her mother and where she had planned taking them to live. The CM had a long conversation with the 13 yr old and took her to the police station explaining why she had to do that. However the police officer in charge was hostile towards the child, contacted her guardian who denied beating her and released her into their care. The child's guardians were told to report to the Station the following day with the child for a medical report but they did not show up.

House to House Visit/One on One Discussion – 13th January

• This is a follow up to a previously reported case involving a son who is allegedly physically and sexually abusing his elderly mother. Some weeks ago a report was received that the son was about to physically abuse his mother when she fell down and burst open her left eye. She was taken to the hospital but the nurses were not careful in dressing her wound and as a result she has lost her left eye. The mother told the CM that people are blaming her son but she denied he is responsible for the incident.

House to House Visit/One on One Discussion – 18th January

• This is a follow report on the case involving 2 teenage girls. The CM was informed that the mother who put out the 14 yr old daughter and her baby demanded that they return home for the Christmas holiday. The 14 yr old refused and the mother went to the Ministry of Human Services to report the matter. As a result a social worker visited the home where the 14 yr old and her baby is staying and spoke to her and the family she was staying at. As a result both families were invited to visit the Ministry of Human Services, this was the first time that a senior official of the Ministry became aware that the 14 yr old has a child. The social worker said she had previous complaints of the stepfather's behaviour to the 14 yr old. When the stepfather was invited to a meeting at the same Ministry to address the stepfather's behaviour towards his 14 yr old step daughter the child's mother covered for him saying that the repeated throwing of water into the food of the 14 yr old was an accident and not deliberate.

House to House Visit/One on One Discussion – 18th January

• At this house a wife and mother spoke of how fed up she is with the behaviour of her husband. He drinks a lot and makes her life miserable at home. The wife and mother disclosed that her husband curses her says demeaning things about to her in the presence of her children. According to the wife her husband would go outside of the home and disclose what he and his wife would have discussed privately at home to others in his drunken stupor. His wife believes that her relationship with her siblings is somewhat affecting her husband who by contrast is not on speaking terms with his father and siblings even though they live near to each other. The wife says that when her siblings visit her husband demonstrates resentment. When she tries to get a job he accuses her of having an affair. She said she is tired of this behaviour and so is speaking out about it. The wife and mother is to inform the CM when she can meet to further discuss the matter.

Community Walkabout – 24th January

• During the Walkabout in the community the CE and CM distributed flyers and re-visted clients who had issues and were previously counselled to check up on how things were

progressing. The reports were encouraging.

A total of 24 H&S flyers on Children & Drugs, Alcohol and Harmful Drugs were distributed to residents.

House to House Visit/One on One Discussion – 27th January

• This was a follow up visit to this family where the husband drinks and then issues threats to his wife even to the extent of threatening to kill her. During the holidays he chased his wife up the street with cutlass in hand making threatening remarks. Presently he is on a bond and his behaviour has received the attention of the Ministry of Human Services who has personnel working with him

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Covent Garden Primary School, Grade 6 - Conflict Resolution—25th November

A total of

During the session students spoke out about some of the conflicts occurring among classmates these included; name calling, stealing, copying school work and fighting. The students said that at times it is hard to resolve the conflict because the other party involved may not want to accept an apology at the said time or the other person may laugh at them or do something to make them feel hurt or discouraged and they don't want to apologize. The CE Marissa and Carol shared basic skills with students so they can resolve conflict in their everyday life.

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

Group Discussion – 27th January

• The CE held a group discussion with 6 young people, 3 females and 3 males between the ages of 16-18 from the AOG Church. Topics discussed included Healthy Relationships, GBV, Alcohol Abuse and dating Violence. The participants were honest enough to share their experiences and their struggles with some of these issues. Some were aware of the date rape drug while other were not. Some shared experiences of friends and what they learnt from these experiences.

A total of 24 H&S leaflets on DV, GBV and Alcohol were distributed to participants.

COVENT GARDEN COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN- February 2011

Date	Activity	Time
14/2/2011	Steering Committee	
17/2/2011	Awareness Session-Grade 6 Primary School	
21/02/2011	Awareness Session-Herstelling Health Centre	
25/2/2011	Awareness Session-Herstelling Health Centre	
28/2/2011	House to House Visit	