

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

Community Educators' Monthly Reports

KANEVILLE

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: 251 Females: 155 Males: 96

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 172 Females: 113 Males: 59

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 300

of H&S Posters Distributed: Nil

of Other Posters Distributed: Nil

Objectives of Visits

- House to House and one on one meetings with residents
- Attendance at 1st Anniversary of KDG Steering Committee
- Visit to GBTI to open an account for steering committee (KDG)
- Distribution of hampers by KDG, SC to vulnerable residents
- Visit to Basic Needs Trust Fund for application forms for project to construct a Skills Training Centre in the Community
- Awareness session students from Diamond Secondary School
- Attendance at Men's Forum at the Diamond Community Centre
- Awareness session with Grade 6 students of Craig Primary School

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Grove Health Centre – 1st June

- The visit was originally to conduct an awareness session but since another facilitator from another programme was already conducting a session the CE and CM decided to distribute leaflets to those in attendance. A total of 78 H&S leaflets on Child Neglect, DVA and H&S Fact Sheet were distributed.

Visit to Methodus School – 1st June

- During the visit to this school the administrator was welcoming to the CE and CM but indicated that the older children who the project had worked with previously were no longer with the school as they had written their CXC examinations and would not be returning to school. She however welcomed the holding of similar awareness sessions with the new group of students in the new term. The CE and CM will follow up on this invitation.

Meeting with Basic Needs Trust Fund – 2nd June

- The CE and CM visited the Basic Needs Trust Fund (BNTF) to discuss funding for construction of a skills training centre in Kaneville. Project application forms and guidelines on how to fill these up were given. Personnel from the BNTF made it clear that the decision to fund any project was not made until after a full assessment was made of the community's ability to partake in the project.

One on One Counselling sessions with Diamond Secondary School Students- 5th June

- The CE and CM were asked to speak to 6 students, 4 males and 2 females students from various classes at the school who had been identified as 'problem' children and who needed some counselling and guidance. Individual problems varied from cursing in school, kissing under the stairwell, fighting in school etc. With probing it was found that each child had underlying issues at home eg the sister of one of the girls had committed suicide at age 15. The CE's observation was that the families of the students also needed some amount of guidance as issues in the home were affecting the behaviour of these students. She also noted that all of the students had received less than 50% in their exam subjects prior to this session. One positive aspect which was shared by all the students was that they each knew what they wanted to be or do when they left school so the CE used the opportunity to emphasize the importance of improving their grades as a sure way of achieving their career/job ambitions.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Awareness Session with Grade 6 Students at Grove Primary School – Child Abuse -6th June

- A total of 68 students, 31 males and 37 females between the ages of 10-12 yrs and 3 female teachers participated in this 1hr session on Child Abuse.
Feedback indicated that the session was very interactive as the facilitator encouraged the participants to talk about issues that were bothering them. Participants were asked if things people said or did to them years ago were still affecting them. Most of the children said that they still remember being hurt (beaten) by parents/guardians and being verbally abused. They particularly remembered those occasions when they were beaten for a so called offence which they were not guilty of.
Evaluation of the session indicated that participation and understanding of topics discussed were rated as good and facilitation and the session overall were rated as very good.
The head mistress told the CE and CM that there were some students who needed guidance and asked for their contact numbers so that they could lend assistance to students before they leave for their new school placements. She also requested that sessions be done with students in the new school year.
A total of 38 H&S leaflets- For Parents, Child Abuse, Rape, Anger Management- were distributed.

Students of Diamond Secondary School Students – Self –9th June

- A total of 11 students, 5 females and 6 males between the ages of 12-14 yrs included the 'problem' children the CE and CM had counselled on the 5th June participated in this session on Self.
It was noted that each child had been suspended at least once during the school year. The CE engaged the students in a group discussion on Self because it seemed as if most of them were acting out as a result of low self esteem and negative peer pressure. A check in exercise was done to record how students felt before and after the session. Descriptions given by students as to how they felt at the end included the following; good, much better, happy, can better control my temper, understand myself better, confident.
During the session the headmistress came in with a knife and enquired who had brought it to school, all the students denied it was theirs. The knife in fact belonged to one of the male students in the group whose mother also teaches at the same school.

Craig Health Centre –Post Natal Clinic – 9th June

- A total of 27 persons, 26 females and 1 male between the ages of 19-39 yrs attended the 1 ½ hr session on Child Abuse.

The CE in addition to sensitizing the parents about child abuse also shared an eco-menu from the Carnegie School of Home Economics on how to prepare healthy and nutritious meals for their children. The menus were economical and easy to prepare while utilizing a combination of the 6 food groups. The mothers were very appreciative of the information especially that which related to snacks for their school age children.

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

A total of 84 H&S leaflets on Child Abuse, For Parents and H&S Fact Sheet were distributed.

House to House and One on One Meetings with Residents –DV and Effects on the Family- 5th June

- A total of 45 persons, 29 females and 16 males between the ages of 17-70 were reached during this activity.

Discussions were held one on one about DV and its effects on the family. Some of the men reached asked if they can also seek assistance for such matters. One man said that his wife normally leaves the home for days and when she returns and he asks her where she has been, she becomes very abusive to him and the children. He was informed that he can access the services of H&S but said he's afraid and ashamed.

A total of 100 H&S leaflets on Rape, Wife Abuse, Child Abuse and H&S Fact Sheet were distributed.

House to House and One on One Meetings with Residents –DV and Effects on the Family- 27th June

- During this activity to remind residents that they can get help if experiencing abuse, a total of 40 persons, 25 females and 15 males were reached. The majority of persons listened to the messages given by the CM but one man became very abusive when he hears about H&S.

A total of 67 H&S leaflets on Rape, Child Abuse, For Parents and H&S Fact Sheets were distributed.

1st Anniversary Church Service of KDG, Steering Committee- - 6th June

- Eight members of the KDG, SC, 6 females and 2 males attended the Church Service which was held at the Full Gospel Church. Also in attendance were 2 members of the Women with Vision, Diamond Group and approximately 40 other congregation members including 27 women and 13 men. The pastor encouraged the group to work as one and to give support to H&S in order to see a change in the community. He also advised them to lead by example as members of the community will be looking at them to set an example. The CE was asked to address the congregation about the work being carried out in the community. The congregation was also informed the Men's Forum and the upcoming 'Walk Against Violence' being organized by the Women with Vision, Diamond Group. The Pastor's wife also made a request for awareness sessions to restart with the Women's Group.

Activities of KDG SC – 11th June & 12th June

- Members deposited a total of \$52,360 into their bank account at GBTI bank which are funds raised through fundraising efforts.
- Hampers were also distributed by members of the Steering Committee to a visually impaired female residents and a breast cancer survivor. The members of both of the families visited showered praises on the group for the help and assistance being provided.

- Visit was made to the Basic Needs Trust Fund (BNTF) re applying for funding for the building of a Training Centre in the community of Kaneville. The CE and CM spoke to Mr. Rambarran and received an application form and information on how to fill it up.

Men's Forum – Diamond Community Centre 19th June

- A total of 20 persons, 14 males and 6 females between the ages of 17-54 participated in the Men's Forum which was held at the Diamond Community Centre. The CE and CM decorated the centre with balloons etc. to create a welcoming atmosphere for the participants. The objective of the session was to get men to talk about their issues of concern. The men were very outspoken as they discussed strategies which worked for them and how they coped with their challenges. A series of questions were asked, while waited for the main facilitator to arrive and responses were given as follows:
 - How do you deal with your anger about issues in the home? –Responses were- walk away, leave home, break/destroy items in the home, abuse family members, stay quiet.

Views were also shared about how women should behave. Most of the older men felt that women should obey their husbands as men were the heads of the households. However some of the younger males were more open to the changing roles of women in the home.

The main facilitator did a very good job in highlighting the way men should approach their roles as fathers and husbands. After the session tokens were presented to the participants and blood pressure testing was also done by the Medex from Friendship. Snacks were also prepared for the participants. Even though the Forum did not meet the target number set it was still a very useful and successful activity.

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

KANEVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN - July 2010

Date	Activity	Time
1/7/2010	Steering Committee Meeting	
5/7/2010	Walk Against DV	
11/7/2010	Kaneville Community Walk	
	Awareness Session-Grove Health Centre	
	Awareness Session-Craig Health Centre	
	Awareness Session-Full Gospel Church	
	Awareness Session-Vacation Bible School	
	Awareness Session-Football Team (Kaneville)	
	Tokens to Children of Residents	
	Meeting Diamond Group	

DEN AMSTEL

Community Educator: Ebeth McIntosh

Community Mobiliser: Shawndelle Luckie

Community: Den Amstel, West Coast Demerara

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

Persons Reached: Total: 196 Females: 165 Males: 31

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 71 Females: 71 Males: Nil

H&S leaflets Distributed: 135

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:

- Attendance and participation in Steering Committee Meeting
- House to house visit to raise awareness about the project to reduce GBV and to invite women to participate in the Women's Pampering Day
- To conduct an awareness session on Personal Health with Congregational Youth Group on Personal Health
- To conduct an awareness session with Grade 6 students of Den Amstel Primary School on Alcohol Abuse
- To conduct an awareness session on the Importance of Skin and Body Care with female residents of Den Amstel
- To conduct an awareness session at Nursery Teachers Cluster Workshop on Parenting Skills
- To conduct an awareness session on the Importance of Skin and Body Care with members of the Willing Workers Women's Group

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

House to House Visit – 10th June

- During this activity a total of 36 female residents were reached. Invitations cards to the Pampering Session and H&S leaflets were shared to residents. CE, CM and steering committee members spoke to the residents about the project aims and activities. Personal care products for the pampering session were also uplifted from a hairdresser who had promised to donate these items.
A total of 90 H&S leaflets on DV, Wife Abuse and Child Abuse were also distributed.

Steering Committee – 24th June

- A total of 4 members and H&S UN volunteer attended the meeting. The members discussed the Pampering Sessions and it was agreed that these were very successful and well attended. However members enjoyed the session at the Willing Workers's Women's Group more than the others due to the fact that facilities were better and the women really appreciated the services and felt good at the end of the pampering sessions. At the Primary School there was a power failure for almost the entire day which results in a cut off of water. As such the group had to fetch water from a neighbour's yard and had to resort to using a kerosene stove and pot to heat water for the facials etc. Even with these challenges the activity was successful and well attended. A suggestion was made that a Fun Day/Social Day would be held to target youth. Indoor and outdoor games would be organized and snacks would be on sale which will help to raise funds for other activities. As school would be closed it was decided that the Den Amstel Primary School be the venue.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Congregational Youth Group –Personal Health – 6th June

- A total of 43 young people, 25 females and 18 males between the ages of 12-25 participated in this 2 ½ hr session on Personal Health.

Feedback from participants indicated that few of the girls take care of their hair adequately and both boys and girls engage in little skin and nail care. Dental care was also not adequate and the importance of this was stressed to the participants.

Information shared to participants included tips on how to maintain healthy teeth and gums, skin and hair. Participants at the end of the session were thankful for all the useful information presented as they recognized that this would be helpful in boosting self-esteem.

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

Grade 6 Students, Den Amstel Primary School – Alcohol Abuse- 9th June

- A total of 23 students, 10 females and 13 males between the ages of 11-12 participated in this 2 ½ hour session on Alcohol Abuse.

The objective of the session was to share knowledge on alcohol abuse and make the children aware of the causes and effects of consumption and abuse of alcohol.

Feedback from students indicated that some of them save their money and buy beer on weekends, some of their parents give them alcohol to drink and some of them steal alcohol from their family members. The students were unaware of how alcohol affects their bodies and by the end of the session due to the information some of the students promising to stop using alcohol and others said they would share this information with their parents. During the session the boys were far more vocal than the girls in answering questions and giving feedback.

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

Female Residents –Pampering & Importance of Body Care and Grooming – 13th June

A total of 35 women, between the ages of 20-38 participated in this session on Body Care & Grooming.

Feedback from the session indicated that most of the women who attended this activity do not spend time or money in taking care of themselves; so they were very pleased to be a part of this session. Many of the women disclosed that they could not remember the last time they had their hair done, had a pedicure, manicure, facial or dental check up. Some of the women also do not seem to have a healthy diet. However they promised to try to maintain their appearance after this treat and encourage other women to do the same. Due to a minor accident the dentist was unable to do the session on dental care and hygiene but promised to send the materials for distribution to the community and to do the talk another time.

The women asked the project team if they would continue this as an ongoing programme for the community. All the team members worked very hard to make this activity the success it was. A hairdresser in the community donated some hair products for this activity and another person gave a monetary donation. During the pampering session 5 women had shoulder massages, 10 women had their hair relaxed, 20 women got pedicures, 20 women got manicures and 17 women had facials done.

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

Den Amstel Nursery School Teachers Cluster Workshop – Parenting Skills – 15th June

- A total of 35 female teachers between the ages of 20-53 participated in this session on Parenting Skills.

Participants were divided up into 4 groups and each group was asked to discuss the one of the parenting styles and do an oral presentation of this. The groups were then asked to do a skit to demonstrate these parenting styles. The type of parenting styles presented

were neglectful, authoritarian, permissive, authoritative. The 2 big issues identified in parenting were love and discipline. Only 2 of the teachers were aware of the different parenting styles. There was a wonderful discussion according to the facilitator on parenting and the different parenting styles. Since most of the teachers were parents they found the session very informative and were willing to take the knowledge and work toward becoming better parents. They also indicated that they plan to share the information to parents at the PTA meetings and to use it in school with students.

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

Willing Workers Women's Group- Pampering & Importance of Body Care and Grooming-17th June

- A total of 20 women between the ages of 20-75 participated in this session. The women all said that they never had someone do pedicures, manicures, facials, body massages and hair care done all in one day and were very happy and grateful for this. During the session discussions were held on how to take care of our bodies as women and maintain an attractive and healthy outward appearance. The women at the end of the grooming session promised to maintain their appearance with the help of their children. There was also a request made that such sessions become an ongoing programme activity. Feedback from the session showed that participation, understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as excellent.

DEN AMSTEL COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN - July 2010

Date	Activity	Time
4/7/2010	Awareness Session- Congregational Youth Group	
6/7/2010	Social Day (Indoor & outdoor games))	
8/7/2010	Awareness session-Parenting Styles- Pre Natal Clinic	
11/7/2010	Awareness Session-Kingdom Connection Youth Group	
12/7/2010	Steering Committee Meeting	
13/7/2010	House to House Visit	

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: 130 Females: 70 Males: 60

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 84 Females: 38 Males: 46

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 156

of H&S Posters Distributed: Nil

of Other Posters Distributed: Nil

Objectives of Visits:

- Meeting with members of the Good Hope Masjid
- Community and house to house visits
- Meeting with director of The Learning Centre
- Putting up of project banner in Good Hope
- Planning & hosting of a Movie Night for Children
- Steering Committee Meeting

- Awareness session at Lusignan Learning Centre
- Counselling sessions

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Meeting with members of the Good Hope Masjid- 7th June

- A total of 25 members of the Muslim community were in attendance, 16 females and 9 males. The Imam and president of the Masjid were also present. The objective of the visit was to build a good relationship with members of the Muslim community and encourage their support for project activities including the holding of awareness session on GBV with members. The CE and 2 members of the project management committee attended the meeting.

Results of the survey on GBV with emphasis on findings from the Good Hope community were shared. These showed clearly that levels of DV including physical, verbal, emotional and financial abuse were high among the 25 women interviewed as were their perceptions of

Counselling Case – 5th June

- This case involved a male who said he returned home from work to find his children a 6 yr old and 4 yr old alone at home. The children told their father then when they returned from school their mother was not there. The father had made a report to the police but they refused to help as similar incidents had occurred several times before and the mother would return when she was ready. The CE advised him to report the matter to the BV Welfare Office and to seek counselling at H&S. The mother had been a victim of child abuse becoming an unwed mother at the age of 14 and entering into an abusive relationship with her present partner. The mother is also reported as being very abusive towards her children.

A total of 4 H&S leaflets on Wife Abuse, DVA, GBV and Anger Management were given to the father.

Counselling Case -7th June

- A young mother of 3 small boys had her husband imprisoned due to continuous domestic abuse of her. This mother main problem was a lack of finances to support her family. The CE was able to get her a sewing job but this did not work out as hours of work were long and her children were left unattended at home. The CE also got her to apply for social welfare assistance and while waiting for her application to get processed she was given a small financial donation. The CE also arranged with permission from the Director of the Lusignan learning Centre to have her 3 boys enrolled there and remain at school until 5 pm which would allow the mother to work without worrying about the safety of her children. The learning Centre's classes are free and the children will benefit from free snacks while at school. The mother is also trying to get a protection order under the DVA for when her husband is released as he has been making threats against her while imprisoned.

Counselling Case – 8th June

- A report was received by the CE about 3 very small boys being left alone at home during the day and at night without meals while their mother went out and entertained herself. The CE investigated and found the report to be true. She spoke to the mother about this situation and referred the matter to H&S. This matter was reported to CC&PA and eventually they removed the children after a relative contacted the media to publicize the issue in the hope that appropriate action would be taken for the protection of the children. The children have been placed in a home for children.

Counselling Case – June

- A wife and mother is conflicted between her loyalty to her husband and her love for her 21 yr old son. The woman's son while attending the Government Technical Institute met and fell in love with a young woman who later became pregnant with his child. The son brought his girlfriend home to meet his parents and explain the situation. The father was furious at the situation as he felt that his son should have been studying and not courting and as a result put his son out of the house and told him to get a job and take care of his responsibilities. The mother tried to intervene but the father threatened to put her out of the house as well. The mother is having sleepless nights worrying where her son had gone and if he was OK. With advice from the CE the mother found out where he is living and working and was able to speak to her son and feel reassured that he is doing OK.

Counselling Case – June

- A mother with 4 sons between the ages of 4-16 said they were having problems with a young man who is their neighbour and is homosexual. The mother claims that the neighbour is harassing her boys and has made reports to the nearby police station. The neighbour on the other hand says that it is the mother's sons who are interfering with him and calling him names. The boys claim this is a lie and the mother has moved her eldest boy, 16 yrs old, to live with her parents. The woman claims that the neighbour keeps on taunting and interfering with her children and as a result she has become very stressed out. The CE spoke to the Sergeant at the police station and the mother has made another report and is considering taking him to Court for harassment.

Counselling Cases- 15th June

- This case involves the wife of a vegetable and greens vendor who is also a member of the Community Policing Group. She and her children suffer from physical and psychological abuse at the hands of her husband but are afraid to report this matter to the police station. She is also not allowed to go anywhere, have friends or visit with relatives and he asks persons to spy on her.
- This case involves a woman who suffers from physical, verbal, and financial abuse. Lack of money caused her to keep her children away from school. This woman has made several reports to the Vigilance Police Station with no response. When the CE tried to talk to someone at the station on behalf of the abused woman, she was told that they had no vehicle available and if the CE could go and bring her to the station.
- CE was approached on the road by a woman who told her of a situation which took place a few years ago. According to this woman she had been approached by a young woman who appeared distracted and who begged her to keep her baby for a few minutes as she had to go out urgently. The young woman never returned and this woman still has the child who is now 2 years old. The CE advised her to visit the welfare office urgently for assistance and guidance.

Planning and Hosting of a Movie Night- 23rd & 27th June

- Meeting of SC members CE and CM was held to discuss plans for another Movie Night. Persons attending the meeting decided to make snacks to sell at the Movie Night so as to raise funds for vulnerable children in the community who often go hungry. As the long July August school holidays were upcoming it was decided to show a movie for youth. A total of 52 children, 16 girls and 36 boys viewed the movie and all the snacks prepared sold out. Some of the fund raising profits were used for the rental of chairs for the movie night. The activity was considered to be a success.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Lusignan Learning Centre – *Abuse and How it Relates to STI* – 24th June

- A total of 22 persons, 14 females and 8 males between the ages of 12-50 participated in this 4 hr session. Seventeen (17) of the participants, 10 girls and 7 boys were students between the ages of 12-17.
Activities included identifying the types of abuse which can lead to STIs and HIV/AIDS and protection methods for prevention. Feedback indicated that all the students felt they had learnt how to protect themselves and how to report incidents of abuse.
Evaluation of the session indicated that participation and the session overall was rated as excellent while understanding of topics and facilitation were rated as very good.

GOOD HOPE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN –July 2010

Date	Activity	Time
1/7/2010	Graduation-Learning Centre	1pm
6/7/2010	Women's Meeting at Lusignan AOG Church	5 pm
10/7/2010	House to House/Community Walk About	4pm
16/7/2010	Focus Group Discussion-Norma's Residence	4pm
18/7/2010	Awareness Session-Good Hope Mandir Youth	10am
23/7/2010	Awareness Session-Masjid	1pm
28/7/2010	Awareness Session –Learning Centre	1pm
30/7/2010	Steering Committee Meeting	4pm

COVENT GARDEN

Community Educator(s): Ebeth McIntosh, Chabela Lord

Community Mobilizer: Carol Henry

Community: Covent Garden, East Bank Demerara

Activities: A total of 12 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 113 Females: 71 Males: 42

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 27 Females: 13 Males: 14

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 21

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
- Conduct an awareness session on health and unhealthy parental relationships with students from Covent Garden Primary School
- Conduct an awareness session on parenting styles with Covent Garden Nursery School Teacher
- Attendance & participation in Steering Committee Meeting
- Hosting of a Father's Day Pampering Session for selected men

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Resident – 9th June

- The CM visited this home where a 75 year old mother is being physically and verbally abused by her adult son who lives with her. The son drinks and uses drugs. He seldom works and so brings in little money into the home so the mother washes and cooks for him out of the small pension she receives. He has threatened to kill his mother by dousing her and the house with alcohol and setting it and her ablaze. The mother also reported

that there were times when her son would pull her by her hair and showed the CM a handful of hair which had been pulled out by her son. Sometimes the mother has to run out of the house for her own safety. She was encouraged to report the matter to the police but responded by saying that the police does not do anything.

House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Resident – 9th & 30th June

- A follow up visit was made to the father who had his 2 children removed by CC&PA for their protection. The father shared that the children were placed with a foster family but problems developed and the foster family said they were unable to look after the children and the social worker observed that the children were found to be in the shop owned by this family in the presence of persons drinking alcohol. As a result another suitable and safe home has to be found for these children.

House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Resident – 11th June

- The CM and SC member visited this home and spoke to the male resident who lives there. He admitted that he uses alcohol but described this as occasionally even though it became evident that his wife had left him within 6 months of their marriage due to his alcoholic lifestyle. He expressed his thanks to the CM and SC member for the visit because he said he as contemplating harming his wife as he felt she was playing with his emotions. He was counselled and advised by the CM and SC member about the physical, and psychological dangers of alcohol, how it impairs judgement, destroys families and contributes to domestic and other forms of violent behaviours. The CM and SC member were thanked for visiting and listening to what he had to say. Three (3) H&S leaflets on DV, GBV and Anger Management were left with this man to read.

House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Resident – 11th June

- The CM and SC member on visiting this home were warmly welcomed by the husband and wife. Discussions were held on child abuse, child neglect, DV and rape with this couple as was the project activities taking place in the community. While discussing such matters the CM and SC member were informed about a neighbouring family who were planning to marry their 13 year old daughter in a few days. The youngest child is 11 year old, seldom goes to school and is verbally abused very often by her mother. Due to the constant cursing and verbal abuse this couple's 2 year old daughter has picked up this language and used it without knowing what it means. A total of 4 H&S leaflets on Child Abuse, Child Neglect, for Parents, and GBV were left with this couple.

House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Resident – 14th June

- A follow up visit was made to speak to the mother of the 12 year old child who walks around the community late at night and begs men for money with the encouragement of her mother. This matter has been reported to H&S for follow up.

Steering Committee Meeting – 14th June

A total of 9 members, 8 females and 1 male attended the steering committee meeting. The meeting was held to plan for the upcoming Father's Day Pampering Session including the snacks to be prepared and the number of volunteers for the services offered. Members living near to the Primary School promised to have the room cleaned in time for the activity while other volunteered to set up the room appropriately including decorating it with potted plants to make the atmosphere more relaxing.

House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Residents – 17th June

- A group session was done with 4 women who were all aware of H&S. One woman had more knowledge than the others about project work being done in the community and in

the schools than the others. All were aware of the upsurge in DV in Guyana and were very vocal about this matter. In the discussion it was observed that some of the different forms of DV were not considered as serious and dangerous as others and in some instances taken as a norm in a relationship. It was even admitted that some forms of abuse in their own homes e.g. verbal abuse and confrontations do escalate into physical abuse and violence. When asked to give their views on the lack of financial support from husbands; one woman said it was a serious matter, because it can lead to extra marital affairs on the part of the wife to supplement basic needs. The other women felt that there were alternatives such as seeking employment to supplement the lack of finances, or trying to make do the best one could. Spousal rape was not seen as something serious but when the word rape was defined their views changed. Concern was expressed by the 4 women about the prevalence of incest and sexual abuse in certain areas in the community.

House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Residents – 17th June

- The CM and SC member visited the home of a male who was shared information on DV and GBV of which he was not aware. During these discussions the man expressed his concern about the number of pregnant teenagers in the community and parental neglect. The man explained that he once sold alcohol and would see wives turning up at his business place to collect money from their husbands before it was all spent on alcohol. He also observed husbands consuming alcohol and neglecting the needs of the children. As a result of this he stopped selling alcohol as he found the situation too disturbing and painful to witness. During the visit available recreational facilities and efforts previously made to put in place such facilities were discussed. A total of 4 H&S leaflets on Anger Management, Child Abuse, Child Neglect were left at this home.

House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Residents – 17th June

- Follow up visit made to a wife who continues to be verbally abused by her husband who does not provide financially for her but expects her to cook and give him food whenever he wants it. After being abusive to his wife the husband would then leave and go to visit his mother who seems to be encouraging him in this type of behaviour.
- The CE counselled a 48yr old male on improving his relationship with his wife and children so they would be able to enjoy a peaceful and happy life together as a family. He was encouraged to be a role model for his family and not let his negative behaviour impact on his child and generations to come.

House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Residents – 22nd June

- Discussions were held with 3 residents, 2 females and 1 male on issues of GBV and child abuse and neglect. They were quite aware about DV, incest and rape. One woman spoke of situations of abuse affecting some young teenagers to the CE and SC member who were already aware of this situation. This woman explained that there were nights when she took in the teenagers and fed them and allowed them to spend the night as they were locked out of the house and chased by their stepfather. During this visit allegations were also made of incest by a father in the community which resulted in one of his daughters 13yrs old becoming pregnant.
- Follow up visit was made to the sea dam where it was observed that each of the two women had no less than 5 beer bottles that they had been each drinking near to them. One of the women said she is aware of the dangers of drinking alcohol and smoking but finds it hard to stop.

House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Residents – 22nd June

- During a discussion with 2 males on DV, the idea of wives being given money by their husbands to spend as they liked and the husband also keeping some of their own money for their own use was suggested. In response to this one of the men shared his experience in which he had to give all of his money to his wife. He said he could not even break open the seal of his pay packet she was so controlling as a result of this he felt belittled by her. His wife also started cheating on him and finally moved out. Presently she is hoping they could reunite but he said he has refused this. He provides for his son who would visit him regularly and has a good relationship with him.

House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Residents – 24th June

- Follow up visit was made to the home where a baby had died a few months previously. Living conditions remain the same ie shocking and a serious health risk. The 52 year old grandmother is bedridden and is verbally abusive to her daughter who looks after her who in turn is neglectful and abusive to her children.
- Follow up visit was made to the home of the grandmother who is looking after her grandchildren as their mother is charged with larceny and is presently incarcerated. The situation is not good as the grandmother is clearly not able to look after the children as she is sickly. The CE asked an aunt of the children if the family would agree for the Government Human Services Agency be asked to assist with this situation. This was agreed to. The HS Agency is aware of this family as the mother of the children had been reported for being drunk and leaving her children unsupervised by her brother previously. However the day the agency visited the mother was sober and no action was taken.
- Follow up case involving a man whose wife had left him some time ago and he was hoping for reconciliation with his wife but she seems not to be interested. The man is very discouraged and depressed and said he sometimes feels like committing suicide. The CE explained that suicide is not a good option and suggested that counselling is available if he was willing to access this. He agreed to do this.

House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Residents – 25th June

- After sensitizing a 60yr old female resident about the project and its activities she expressed her distress over the situation of a family with children living on the sea dam. She said that the mother of these children would go to rum shops and drink. In order to help with this situation this woman had a school uniform made for one of the children and school supplies also bought for this child to attend school; however the mother of the child showed no interest and did not send the child to school.
A home where DV occurs was also identified to the CE.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Grade 6 Primary School Students – Healthy & Unhealthy Parental Relationships – 12th June

A total of 48 students, 28 girls and 18 boys between the ages of 10-12 participated in this 2 hr session on Healthy & Unhealthy Parental Relationships.

The students spoke about their relationships with their parents and some assessed their relationships as healthy while others were not sure if their relationship was healthy or unhealthy. The students were asked to identify signs of healthy and unhealthy relationships which they shared with their peers and these were compared with the standard signs and behaviours of healthy /unhealthy relationships. Generally the students were comfortable working in groups with each other and sharing experiences. At the end of the session, the students felt they had learnt and gained new information on healthy

and unhealthy relationships which they were willing to share with their parents so both of them can work to improve their parent child relationship.

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

Covent Garden Nursery Teachers – Parenting Styles – 26th June

- A total of 7 female teachers between the ages of 25-45 participated in this 1 hr session on Parenting Styles.

The type of parenting styles presented were neglectful, authoritarian, permissive, authoritative. The 2 big issues identified in parenting were love and discipline. Five of the teachers were parents and the other 2 were hoping to become parents in the near future. The teachers shared their experiences of some of their challenges and successes in parenting but all felt that being a parent was a rewarding task even though it is a 24 hr seven days a week job. Participants also discussed the divine philosophy of parenting and recognized that children are a gift from god and as such they must pray for their children. Feedback indicated that the teachers found the session to be informative and promised to share this information with parents at their PTA meetings and also apply what they have learnt with the children in their care and their own children.

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

COVENT GARDEN COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN –July 2010

Date	Activity	Time
8/7/2010	Attendance at Covent garden Nursery School Graduation	
14/7/2010	Steering Committee Meeting	
16/7/2010	House to House Visit	
21/7/2010	Visit to NDC	
22/7/2010	House to House Visit	