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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER GERMAN COMMITTEE PROJECT
MONTHLY M&E REPORT- OCTOBER 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 11 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 204 Females: 162 Males: 42

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 156 Females: 125 Males: 31

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 421

of H&S Posters Distributed: Nil

of Other Posters Distributed: Nil

Objectives of Visits

- House to house and counselling visits in Kaneville
- Assistance for a disabled resident
- Awareness session with patients at Grove Health Centre
- Meeting with Pastor & members of Diamond Pentecostal Church
- Awareness session with East Bank Nursery School Teachers' Cluster Workshop
- Awareness sessions at Grove Craft Centre
- Facilitation of 2 day Peer Educator's workshop
- Hosting of award ceremony for successful students at recent Grade 6 Examination
- Steering Committee Snack Sale

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

House to House & Counselling Visits – 16th October

- The CE, CM and 3 volunteers visited the southern part of the 3rd Field chatting to residents about the project goal and activities as well as sharing information on DV and prevention. A total of 20 persons, 13 females and 7 males were reached. One man reached felt that the Police do not listen to the man's side of the story when they visit police stations. He related that he had gone to the police station when he had a misunderstanding with his spouse and the police responded by chasing him out of the station. This man had clearly been drinking alcohol as the fumes were present on his breath, and when asked, admitted that he had been under the influence of alcohol when he went to the police station. The CE & others explained that the police may have reacted to him in this way due to his alcoholic state. He agreed that this was not the best way to approach the police if he wished assistance.

The project team also visited the cancer survivor and learnt that she was willing to have her home painted and cleaned up. She told the 2 H&S volunteers that for that day she had only had tennis rolls to eat. The CM brought some food for her and it was agreed that she would take food from time to time. The team also decided they would try to provide her with some groceries, a small transistor radio and carpet her floor with linoleum.

A total of 50 H&S leaflets on DV, Wife Abuse and H&S Fact Sheet were distributed.

Meeting with Diamond Pentecostal Church– 17th October

- The CE had received a call from Pastor Benn of Diamond Pentecostal Church requesting a meeting with Church members with the hope of forming a women's group and joining forces to lobby for a community building. A total of 23 Church members, 14 females and

9 males were present. Much interest shown in the work being done by the CE in the communities and it was good to know that news was spreading of the positive work that the project was doing in the area. The CE invited the Church members to the upcoming Peer Educator's Workshop but even though there was interest shown there was no firm commitment from anyone to attend. The CE challenged the men to come out and support the reduction of DV and was told by one male member that most men are under the impression that the laws are not geared for men but for women and that is why men are reluctant to join in support. The CE explained that regardless of what is being said men should still familiarize themselves with the policies because then they know for sure who the policies and laws target and protect. She also explained that women would be the ones to visit agencies and get the facts about what can be done for them as well as services who can give assistance to them. However men, for the most part, do not report cases of abuse perpetrated against them. Requests were made for further meetings.

A total of 50 H&S leaflets on Child Neglect, DV and H&S Fact Sheet were distributed among Church members

Assistance to a Disabled Person & Family – 23rd October

- The CC and CM were able to assist this family with painting their home. Additionally a bed and mattress were donated to her. This project was intended for the cancer survivor but when this was not possible a decision was taken to give the assistance to this needy individual and her family instead. The CE and CM described this visit as a most rewarding one as they were able to see the pride and joy on the face of the blind woman and her family on receiving this assistance.
- The son of the cancer survivor refused the assistance for his mother and told the CM when she took over food for his mother that his mother does not need food from any one and that he did not want their home painted because it would be identified in a certain way by a particular colour. The son works in the interior and at the time of the CM visited was under the influence of alcohol. The CE and CM were concerned that the son may abuse his mother if they continued with visits so until they see a change in his attitude they will visit when he is not at home or will try to get someone else from the community to take food items for her.

Award Ceremony for Grade 6 National Assessment Students – 30th October

- A total of 46 students and parents among which were 34 females and 12 males participated in this award ceremony hosted by the Kaneville Development Group for students who did well at the National Grade 6 Examinations. Among the persons present were Ms. Doreen Scipio, senior Youth Officer Region 4, Jillian Frank junior youth officer, Mr. Olato Sam and Pastor Kwami Wilson. The ceremony was well organized and well attended. The CE urged parents and other residents to join and support the work of the KDG in the community. She also urged the children to stay focused, study hard and avoid abusive behaviour. A challenge was thrown out to the groups and residents by CE that the next ceremony should be held in the community.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Awareness Session – Grove Health Centre – 15th October

- A total of 32 persons, 28 females and 4 males between the ages of 25-45 participated in this 45 min discussion on Gender.
The objective of the session was to educate parents about the important role that gender plays in the lives of their children. When asked if participants would allow their sons to take out the 'teeny' or 'potty' one woman said that she would not allow her son to do this because when grown up his wife would take advantage of him and have him doing everything. The other mothers present however disagreed with this reasoning. Various views were shared and one woman said that her 17yr old son does housework, cleaning

and cooking and she cannot see any wife taking advantage of him because of that. The facilitator explained to the parents that a certain type of work does not make a male child any less male or a girl child less female if they are allowed to participate in doing jobs around the home. One school boy who was present admitted that he would only help his mother when asked. An intoxicated man who walked into the HC also made the remark that 'boys gat to do they work and girls gat to do they own work'. The led to reflection on the need to bring parents around to the realization that old modes of socialization have to change in order to give better guidance to young people which will prevent problems from developing in relationship in their adult lives.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as good. A total of 45 H&S leaflets on DV and H&S Fact Sheet were distributed.

Nursery School Teachers Cluster Workshop – Self & Domestic Violence- 21st October

- A total of 37 female Nursery School teachers between the ages of 26-47 attended the 3 ½ hr session on Self & DV.

The CE was pleased with the number of headmistresses and teachers from the upper East bank school who attended this cluster workshop session. The idea was to work with the teachers to be better able to identify possible cases of abuse in school and among parents and teachers. The session was an interactive one but was overshadowed by the lack of space to change seating arrangements. Definitions of what DV is and the different forms and types were discussed as well as Self. The importance of building self esteem was discussed and emphasis laid on the fact that each individual is a unique and special individual. Behaviour change was linked to changing the way people think and it was stressed that actions and words were the tools to use in bringing about changes.

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

A total of 107 H&S leaflets on Child neglect, DV and H&S Fact Sheet were distributed

Grove Craft Centre – 22nd October

- A total of 14 females between the ages of 17-22 yrs participated in this 1 ¼ hr session on Dating Violence.

The focus of the discussion was on teen dating and violence that can occur as a result of this. The participants shared their views and experiences. Overall they felt confident that they would not accept any type of abuse from their boyfriends or partners.

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

Kaneville Peer Educator's Workshop – 28th & 29th October

Please see separate report for details

KANEVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN - November 2010

Date	Activity	Time
/11/2010	Steering Committee Meeting	5pm
11/2010	Community House to House/One-On-One Visits	
/11/2010	Awareness session-Friendship School (tentative)	
/11/2010	Awareness Session- Campbell Nursery (tentative)	
10/11/2010	Awareness Session-Grove Health Centre	
11/11/2010	Awareness Session- Craig Heath Centre	
12/11/2010	Awareness Session- Grove Craft Centre	1pm
27/11/2010	IDAVAW Walk Against Violence	6am

DEN AMSTEL

Community Educator: Ebeth McIntosh Christie

Community Mobiliser: Gaitree Bacchus

Community: Den Amstel, West Coast Demerara

Activities: A total of 8 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 132 Females: 88 Males: 44

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 60 Females: 34 Males: 26

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:

- To conduct an awareness session on Stress Management with Kingdom Connection Youth Group
- To conduct 2 awareness sessions on Decision Making & Time Management with Den Amstel Pre Natal Clinic
- To conduct 2 awareness sessions on Child Neglect & Differences between Sex & Gender with Grade 6 students from the Den Amstel Primary School
- To conduct an awareness session on Stress Management with Den Amstel Nursery Teachers
- Facilitation of the 2 day Peer Educator Workshop in Den Amstel

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Kingdom Connection Youth Group – Stress Management – 10th October

- A total of 28 young people, 16 females and 12 males participated in this 3 hr session on Stress Management.

During the discussion participants talked about the things that stress them out such as school work, examinations, teachers, work in the home, parents not playing an active role in their lives, friends not showing real friendship, problems in boyfriend/girlfriend relationships, problems with family members. The facilitator explained good and bad stressors, and how stress can cause illness or contribute to worsening of an illness. Tips and strategies on how to cope with stress effectively were discussed with participants. Coping methods they and their peers could use to help in reducing stress were shared. By the end of the session the young people felt they had indeed learnt and benefited from the topic.

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

Den Amstel Nursery Pre Natal Clinic –Decision Making – 21st October

- A total of 28 parents, 27 mothers and 1 father participated in this 1 hr session on Decision Making.
- Feedback from the session indicated that decisions are sometimes difficult to make because so many factors are involved. Participants identified some of the more difficult decisions they are faced with such as finding a job or staying at home with the children because of financial problems in the family, lack of adequate finances to meet daily expenses, lack of support from spouses in addressing problems, if to go back to school to get a good education so they can help themselves and children with their education. Other

important decision making participants were struggling with was if to get married, continue their visiting relationship or move on with their lives. Some of the participants are faced with having to make a decision as to if to go abroad and leave their family or stay in Guyana with their family. Many other decisions were identified that participants needed help with.

- The session was successful as the CE went through the 5 steps on good decision making (a) identifying and clarifying the decision that needs to be made (b) identify alternative choices listing obstacles (c) identify the positive and negative effects of each choice through research and talking to knowledgeable and caring persons (d) identify the possible outcomes of each alternative (e) make a decision and be prepared to defend it based on self knowledge about what really makes you happy. The importance and usefulness of this information for all was stressed.
- Evaluation of the session showed that participation was excellent while understanding of the topic discussed, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as very good.

Den Amstel Nursery Pre Natal Clinic –Time Management –28th October

- A total of 23 persons, 22 females and 1 male participated in this 1 hr session on Time Management.

Feedback from the facilitator indicated that the session was a good one and she was impressed with the openness of the mothers in discussing issues and their encouragement to others to do the same. Ten (10) out of the 23 participants admitted to having problems managing time, the rest of them say they try to manage time the best way they can but sometimes they are successful and sometimes they are not. Most of the participants are home makers and they said it was difficult to cope with house work, the children and a husbands who were not as active as they should be in family life. Participants say sometimes they have a lot of things to do and have no idea where to start as they feel overwhelmed. Sometimes the day just goes by and they can't say what they did as the work keeps piling up. The facilitator identified ways in which to manage time such as

- Setting realistic long term goals
- Identify and make a list of outstanding things you have to do
- Prepare a schedule using a diary or workplan. Take note of prior appointments. Consult your diary or work plan before doing anything
- Prepare a week's programme of daily activities and tasks to accomplish. Enter this in your diary
- Estimate the time you have for activities and tasks

Other important things to keep in mind are to put aside time for spiritual refreshing, family time, relaxation, persons hygiene, hobbies etc. Participants were also advised to ask for help to accomplish tasks, practising saying No to others when you have to, stay focused, use your diary to see how well you are completing your tasks, reward yourself when you see growth and development.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation was excellent while understanding of the topic discussed, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as very good.

Den Amstel Grade 6 Primary Students –Child Neglect - 21st October

- A total of 23 parents, 16 females and 7 males between the ages of 10-11 participated in this 2 hr session on Child Neglect.

The students interacted well in the open discussions and group work activities. The CE observed that some of the children are neglected, with emotional neglect being most prevalent followed by neglect in having their educational needs met and to a lesser extent physical neglect. The CE assessed the children having a lot of potential but they need love and persons to work with them on a regular basis. In discussions with the children it appeared as if some of the children are not receiving adequate care from caregivers in the home and living in an environment which is unhealthy. The Teachers are also

complaining that they are not getting the support from parents and caregivers that they should. it was felt that this session will help students and teachers to work together on building better relationships. Types of neglect discussed were physical, emotional and educational neglect.

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

Den Amstel Grade 6 Primary Students – Differences between Sex & Gender – 26th October

- A total of 23 students, 7 females and 16 males between the ages of 10-11 participated in this 2 hr discussion on the Differences between Sex & Gender

The differences between sex and gender were outlined for students and the role that socialization and societal standard set for females and males was talked about. The students spoke about the types of work they are expected to do in the home. Most of the students said that they have to do every chore that is set before them. After the open discussion a group work activity was introduced for students. Students were divided up into 3 groups, 2 groups of boys and one group of girls. The 2 groups of boys were asked to look at the expectations of their mothers and the 1 group of girls was asked to look at the expectation of their fathers. At the end of the group exercise students presented the expectations they came up with to the rest of the class. The 3 groups did a very good job in their small groups and loved doing the group work.

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

Den Amstel Nursery School Teachers – Stress Management – 27th October

- A total of 6 nursery school teachers between the ages of 21-53 participated in this 2 hr session on Stress Management.

Topics covered were good and bad stressors, diseases associated with stress and a stress inventory was done with participants to track levels of individual stress.

The session was informative and successful, the participants talked about what causes them stress and how often they feel stressed. Some of the things that cause stress to these teachers were identified as the double burden they have of working in and out of the home, money problems and the lack of finances to pay bills and buy food to put on the table also money to outfit and prepare children for school. Other problems which were identified was adult children living at home but not helping out financially or manually, sickness among family members, themselves and even friends and husbands not playing an effective role in family life.

Den Amstel Peer Educator's Workshop – 12th&13th October

Please see separate report for details

DEN AMSTEL COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN – November 2010

Date	Activity	Time
4/11/2010	Awareness session-Problem Solving-Pre-Natal Clinic	
7/11/2010	Awareness Session-Anger Management-Congregational Youth Group	
9/11/2010	Peer Educator's Follow Up Workshop	
10/11/2010	Peer Educator's Follow Up Workshop	
11/11/2010	Awareness Session-Healthy/Unhealthy relationships-Den Amstel Primary School Students	
14/11/2010	Awareness Session-Time Management-Kingdom Connection Youth Group	
18/11/2010	Steering Committee Meeting	
21/11/2010	Movie Night-	
25/11/2010	Health Day	

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: 88 Females: 49 Males: 39

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 47 Females: 26 Males: 21

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 440

of H&S Posters Distributed: 1

of Other Posters Distributed: Nil

Objectives of Visits:

- Follow up on child abuse case
- House to house & counselling visits
- Awareness Session at Lusignan AOG Church
- Awareness sessions at the Learning Centre
- Visits to Steering Committee members

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Visits to relevant agencies for use of a Government School for the holding of 2 day Peer Educator workshop - 7th October

- The process for getting permission started by talking to the headmistress of the school identified who then referred the CE to the Ministry of Education officer who asked for clarification on some issues before he signed approval. After this the headmistress was informed by letter and the CE explained what needed to be done before the workshop starts.

Follow up on Counselling Case – 10th October

- A residents expressed an interest in fostering the 13 yr old teenage boy as he was no longer welcomed at the previous home he had been staying at and had no where else to go. This residents lives with her mother and if she takes the 13yr old teen she was advised that she will have to spend more time at home achieving the balance between work and time spent at home with the teen. It was explained that she needed official approval from the relevant agency and a visit was arranged with the C&PA.

Counselling & House to House Visit – 12th October

- A follow up visit was made to this woman who keeps reaching out for help but is not ready to leave the abusive relationship she is in. she genuinely believes that a few counseling sessions will change her husband. The CE has advised her to resume counseling with help & Shelter this was agreed to. Two H&S leaflets on GBV and Wife Abuse were left with this client.

Focus Group Discussion with Men – 26th October

- The focus group discussion for men was a great idea, the turn out was good, participation was very good and the facilitator well liked and accepted by participants. A small treat was prepared as a thank you gesture for the support and participation by the men in this activity.

House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Residents – 27th October

- This was a new section of the community being targeted, the Grassfield area. The CE and CM spoke to a lot of men who had many questions and suggestions on how to address GBV within the community. Many voiced their concern about the increased levels of

violence. The CE encouraged women to speak up when they experienced or witnessed any cases of abuse and also advised them on how to get help.
A total of 96 H&S leaflets on Child Neglect, For Parents, GBV, The Shelter, Sexual Assault, Anger Management and Wife Abuse.

House to House visits – 28th September

- This was a follow up visit to the homes of children who had previously never attended school to check as to if they were now going to school. Happily the children were attending school and they and the parents were happy to see the CE and CM. A visit was also made to a little boy who was previously living in difficult circumstances here again it was found that everything was going well.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Lusignan Learning Centre – 28th October

- A total of 26 students, 12 girls and 14 boys between the ages of 11-18 participated in this 4 hr session on Self, Sex & Gender and Rape.
During the session students were first asked to share one positive and one negative thing about themselves with the person next to them. The students found it much easier to share negative rather than positive attributes. Students were then divided up into groups and asked to identify 5 things that made them feel happy, sad and afraid. This activity was well received as the students enjoyed working in groups and sharing information among themselves as well as engaging in the performing a skit. By the end of the session students had learned that it is not nice to say bad things about and to others they also learnt what to do should anyone they know be raped. The CE was assured that the information they received will help them to make wise and informed choices. It was observed by the CE and CM that they are always welcomed with smiles every month when they arrive to do a session with the students.
Evaluation of the session showed that participation was excellent while understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall was assessed as very good.

Good Hope Peer Educator's Workshop – 14th & 15th October

Please see separate report

GOOD HOPE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN – November 2010

Date	Activity	Time
8/11/2010	Counselling Visits	10am
10/11/2010	Visits to PLC, MOE & NDC Chairman	9am
15/11/2010	Awareness Session- Women's Ministry	6pm
18/11/2010	Follow Up Peer Educator's Workshop	9am
19/11/2010	“ “ “ “	“
24/11/2010	Community Walk About	4pm
26/11/2010	Awareness Session – Lusignan Learning Centre	12pm
28/11/2010	Home Visits	4pm
30/11/2010	Steering Committee Meeting	5pm

COVENT GARDEN

Community Educator(s): Ebeth McIntosh, Chabela Lord

Community Mobilizer: Carol Henry

Community: Covent Garden, East Bank Demerara

Activities: A total of 11 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 52 Females: 32 Males: 20

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 17 Females: 12 Males: 5
H&S Leaflets Distributed: 4
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
- Awareness Session on Stress Management with Covent Garden Nursery teachers
- Awareness Session on Child Neglect with Covent Garden Primary Students Grade 6

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Residents – 11th October

- At this home the CM met a woman who reported that the father of her children attempted to sexually molest their daughter. The matter was reported and the Ministry of Human services is addressing this case. The woman informed the CE that the case is before the Court. The father was also not financially supporting the children. A summons was issued for him as she only gets the money when they are about to go to Court.

House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Residents – 13th October

- While visiting a home one evening the CM was informed about the situation of a 14 yr old child who lives with her mother and stepfather and is treated differently from her brother who is the biological son of her step father. On occasions when the stepfather offers to take the family out he would tell his wife and mother of the 14yr old to send her by a relative until they return from the outing. The child also complains that whenever the stepfather complains about the 14 yr old, the mother would beat her without stopping to find out the truth of the matter. The child has also reported that her mother has told her that she will not allow her to break up the relationship she has with the stepfather. The mother has also complained about this situation to this same woman.

House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Residents – 15th October

- While mobilizing for the Covent Garden 2 day Peer Educator's Workshop the CM met a woman who admitted to flogging her daughter due to her behaviour. The mother explained the difficult childhood she had, growing up without parents and being sent to live with relatives. She recounted the physical and verbal abuse she encountered moving from one relative to another and how she was expected to do all the maid work in these homes. At the age of 16 an arranged marriage took place with the promise that if this did not work out she could return to her aunt's home. When the marriage did not work out she returned to her aunt's house but was sent back to her husband. She said she worked hard to build a house but the abuse was too much and she eventually walked away from everything. Due to this experience she said she was trying to give her daughter the education she did not have so she would not have to go through what she had to in life.

House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Residents – 15th October

- During this visit a woman informed the CE of the abuse her niece is experiencing at the hands of her reputed husband. She explained that the child had been abandoned by her mother and did not know who her father was. As a result this aunt took her in and looked after her. She also arranged a "match" marriage for her. Presently the niece has a child but the father withholds money for the upkeep of the child and home and verbally abuses the niece. Sometimes there is nothing in the house to eat and the aunt would have to assist her niece. The partner of the niece is involved in another relationship, recently became ill and while staying at his brother's house sent his brother to put his reputed wife and niece of this woman out of their home. The aunt had encouraged her niece to report the abuse to the police which she did then told her reputed husband that her aunt had so advised

her. as a result the enraged reputed husband went to the aunt's house with a cutlass threatening her. The CE gave the aunt contact numbers for assistance from H&S and the Ministry of Human Services.

House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Resident – 18th October

- During this visit the CM was informed by an aunt of her concern for her nieces and nephews who were being physically and verbally abused by their mother. According to reports the mother would hit the children's heads against the wall and beat them whatever is in reach. She addresses her daughters as whores and uses racial slurs telling them what black men would do to them. This is a home we visited on many occasions addressing the issue of abuse and neglect.

House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Resident – 18th October

- At this home a woman shared her experiences of domestic abuse she suffered at the hands of her husband and continues to suffer. She admitted she is ashamed to talk about it. When her husband drinks she has to be careful of what she says and does as just one word that is not pleasing to him will set up off, throwing out things and breaking them. Her husband has an affair with a niece of hers and whenever she spoke out against this she was beaten. This went on for years. She said that when he is sober and they have a misunderstanding and he assaults her she would fight back. One day she retaliated by chopping him on his shoulder but when he is drunk he is far more violent and she is afraid to fight back. She said the abuse is continuing but not as frequently as before. Quite recently he slapped her hurting one of her eyes and leaving a limp on her forehead. After catching him in the sexual act with her niece she no longer sleeps with him. She said her husband provides adequately for the family. She said she stayed in this relationship because of her children and is still hoping he will change. A total of 4 H&S leaflets on Wife Abuse, GBV, DVA and Sexual Assault were left with her.

House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Resident – 18th October

- This young man visited complained about the physical and verbal abuse he suffered at the hands of his father & mother. He is an epileptic and blames his mother for this as when he was much younger she would beat him in his head. He said when he was attending school he just didn't write and the punishment he received from his father was to kneel on a grater holding a bottle of water on his head and if that bottle fell he was beaten with a tamarind whip. He blames his father for his present condition and vows never to forget the things he suffered at the hands of his father. His father and himself do not get along he quarrels with his son for every little thing but gets along well with his two other children. He is bitter against his father. He confided that there are times when he feels like killing himself. According to him, his sister does no housework just studies while he has to do everything in the home. He says his mother is fat and heavy and afraid to use the latrine for fear of falling in so she uses a chamber pot and he has to empty it. He begged the CM not to let his family know what he confided to her.

House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Resident – 22nd October

- This case of child abuse and neglect had been reported previously to C&PA a few months ago. Two weeks ago a female residents made the following report concerning the same child. One evening she saw the child in the company of a man not related to the child, on enquiring where the child was being taken, the man said he was going to buy her something to eat. The residents stood where she could see the nearest shop and when she saw the man pass the shop she borrowed a bicycle and rode after the man and child. She then saw the man heading towards the sea dam where a few squatters live. The resident

asked a guard to accompany her and went after the man asking him again where he was taking the child. At this point the man said he was sending the child back home but the child then held on to him saying she wanted to go with him. According to the resident it took her some time before she was able to persuade the child to leave the man and return home. That same night the concerned resident visited the mother of this child and reported the incident. The child's mother instead of being grateful for the actions taking by the concerned residents displayed annoyance. The community has been complaining about this state of affairs as it concerns this child. The same concerned residents reported that she had a previous opportunity to save this child from rape or sexual assault; when she saw and heard the same child under an old house next to her own saying "it button, it button" and when the resident went across to the house she saw a person trying to unbutton this same child's pants. The first time this child attended school was about 2-3 yrs ago and she is now 12 yrs old. The mother was to have followed up with the Ministry of Education for assistance in having this child further her education but has not done so. The child continues to walk the streets during the day and at nights. Her older sister gave birth to a child when she was 15 yrs old. The mother who was not working and at home would send the older sister to work and it was expected that she would have had to bring in the money so that the rest of the family could eat including the mother as such she fell prey to many men. Presently the younger sister is doing the same thing while her mother sits at home. Residents in the community observe that when this child leaves home in the mornings sometimes she is not seen until night.

House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Resident – 22nd October

- A young woman of 20 yrs complained of more than 1 attempted sexual assault by her brother in law on her. The second attempt was about 2 weeks ago, when he climbed over the bedroom wall got into her room and threatened to kill her if she said anything about this. When it first happened she informed her sister and her brother who did not believe her. But on the second attempt her brother spoke to the brother in law. This young woman lives in the same house with her brother in law, her sister and their 2 sons. She said that her sister and her husband drinks heavily and the brother in law also gives his sons alcohol to drink and when they are all drunk and asleep he made his move by climbing over the wall to this young woman, his sister in law. The matter was reported to the police station. The Police visited and spoke to the brother in law and she was advised to make a report to the Ministry of Human Services.

House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Resident – 26th October

- The CM and others have been reliably informed that the situation of the 14 & 15 yr old sisters which had been reported on to C&PA is cause for concern. Reports are that the stepfather continued to abuse them by throwing water in their food, chasing them out of the house and verbally abusing them. According to the 14 yr old her 15 yr old sister has run away with a man, she jumped from the window one night and fled. The 14 yr old continues to engage in high risk behaviour, she is seen with different men at nights. One night the 14yr old and her stepfather had a misunderstanding and the mother in defence of the stepfather picked up a knife and threatened to cut off the hair of her daughter. The mother did not succeed in doing this so she put her 14yr old daughter out of the house. The girl as a result of this was staying at her aunt for a while.

House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Resident – 31st October

- On this day screams of pain got the attention of the CM while at Church. When she went to investigate she found out that the 12 yr old daughter had refused to take a pair of slippers to her great aunt which her mother had borrowed. The mother expressed how fed up she is with this child behaviour and her rudeness to her. The child's grandfather chided her about her behaviour but this did not make her stop. This is the same child

whose father was about to sexually abuse her. The CM advised that the child needs to be taken for counselling. Both mother and grandfather were of the opinion that it would be better for the child to be placed in a Children's Home.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Covent Garden Nursery School Teachers- Leadership Skills- 22nd October

- A total of 6 female Nursery School teachers participated in this 2 hr session on Stress Management.

Teachers expressed their appreciation for this timely session and shared issues which really stress them out and the effects of this. The ways in which stress affects their relationships and ways in which they try to cope with these were also shared. Teachers felt that this information was vital, will be of benefit to and will help them to cope with stress more effectively. Areas discussed were defining stress, identifying types of stressors, good and bad, stress and disease and a personal inventory of each person's stress level.

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

Covent Garden Primary School, Grade 6 – Child Neglect—18th October

- A total of 30 students, 17 females and 13 males participated in this 2hr awareness session on Child Neglect.

Discussions centred around 3 types of neglect, physical, emotional and educational. The students were not aware of these types of neglect. It was observed that all the students are suffering from at least 2 forms of neglect, especially educational and emotional neglect. Some of the children do not have basic school materials to work with in school. Some of them can't read and their parents and caregivers are not spending adequate time with them and their studies at home. Some children can't remember the last time they had a hug from their parents or caregivers. Some of them can't remember being congratulated for a job well done. Parents and caregivers need to pay more attention to their children so as to have a better relationship.

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

Covent Garden Peer Educator's Workshop – 19th & 20th October

Please see separate report for details

COVENT GARDEN COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN- November 2010

Date	Activity	Time
8/11/2010	Steering Committee Meeting	
15/11/2010	Follow Up Peer Educator's Workshop	
16/11/2010	Follow Up Per Educator's Workshop	
22/11/2010	Awareness Session- Time Management-Covent Garden Nursery Teachers	
23/11/2010	Awareness Session-Anger Management	
25/11/2010	Awareness Session- Healthy Relationships-Covent Garden Primary Grade 6	
29/11/2010	House to House Visit	