

USAID/CSDS Report

Report for the period March 1st to March 31st 2010

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Title

PREVENTION Other – Gender Focus Activities

Implementing Agency:

Help & Shelter

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I. CURRENT STATUS and PROGRESS

There has been an amendment to the work planning tool during the reporting period after meeting with GHARP II team. The final copy was sent to the project coordinator who had sent same to CSDS for approval.

Planned Activities

Planned activity analysis as stated on the Project Planning Tool are:

- Prevention –Other
 - a) With the assistance of GHARP II, conduct assessment on male involvement in PMTCT services in selected sites in Regions 2, 3, 4 and 10
 - b) Facilitate group sessions and forums at PMTCT sites to allow discussion on HIV prevention and male norms and behaviours.
 - c) To inform MCH/PMTCT clients to alternatives to reduce sexual and gender-based violence.
 - d) To refer women accessing services at Help & Shelter to VCT and STI testing sites
 - e) To promote Help & Shelter's services at all MCH/PMTCT sites in Region 4 through sensitization sessions for health care providers.
 - f) Establish a tracking referrals system to identify number of persons referred verses number of persons accessing services.

- Project Management

1. A. Prevention Other

Meeting with the male friendly group was conducted on Thursday 11th March and Thursday 25th March 2010 with 3 and 6 men respectively in attendance. Mr. Julian Haynes conducted the session on the final aspect on the topic Self.

Activity b was conducted at the Dorothy Bailey Youth Friendly Centre on Wednesday 30th March 2010 with 20 women and 3 men in attendance. Counselor, Julian Haynes conducted the session.

1. B. Project Management:

The project coordinator met with GHARP II technical officers Ms. Liverpool and Nicole to discuss and amend work planning tool to include an assessment on the male involvement at the PMTCT sites.

The regular monthly counselor's supervisory meeting for the period was held on Tuesday 4th March 2010 with the project coordinator, members of the counseling committee and counselors in attendance.

Public Education Activities:

It must be noted that one of Help & Shelter's core activities is public education outreach program. The officer, paid by Help & Shelter, continues to work at the health centres, in the schools, with PTA's and other target groups, educating and sanitizing individuals of the services and on other topics related to domestic and gender-based violence, HIV/AIDS and TIP's. During the reporting month sessions were done at health centres in Regions 3 and 4.

The Men Population at the Health Centres:

From feedback received, the public education officer reported that more men would be seen attending the youth friendly centres with their partners.

Under the United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM) project on Strengthening Policy Frameworks and Social Services, Public Education & Advocacy to Reduce Gender-Based Violence, executed by Help & Shelter for 2 years – our record showed that **514** men attended the health centres in Regions 3, 4, and 5 as compared to **4668 women** who attended the same clinics.

This is data to show the challenge that is expected when conducting the assessment targeting the male population.

2. Finance

The variance report will be prepared and submitted soon after the accounting officer collect the bank statements to do the regular monthly accounts. Acquittal is scheduled to be done on 13th April 2010.

3. Other activity - General counseling

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

- New clients – 50
- Repeat clients – 53
- Hotline – 43
- Court support - 35 attendances
- Client referrals – 19
- Non-client referrals – 11

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

Male condoms – 8 boxes

Female condoms – 252 packs

Posters

UNFPA -Child Abuse – 12

Help & Shelter (counseling) – 21

Fathers are parents too -1

Trafficking in Persons – 17

Help & Shelter brochures – 6860 were distributed to several persons and govt. ministries.