

USAID/CSDS Report

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

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Title

PREVENTION Other – Gender Focus Activities-PMTCT Male Involvement

Implementing Agency:

Help & Shelter

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I. CURRENT STATUS and PROGRESS

The current status of the project is that work is being done with two male groups – the Seventh day Adventist male group in Grove that started with 9 males who have requested that we work with them on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Work with the male friendly group established by Help & Shelter is being done on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. The group sessions are conducted at the SDA Church in Grove and in the conference room of Help & Shelter from 5 pm.

There is progress with Prevention – Other (a) below –work is to start sometime in June 2010 in collaboration with the MoH and GHARP II at the 6 identified PMTCT sites and these are;

1. Campbellville ----- Region 4
2. Dorothy Bailey ----- Region 4
3. West Demerara ----- Region 3
4. Kuru Kururu ----- Region 4
5. Suddie Hospital ----- Region 2
6. Vivienne Parris ----- Region 10

Activities (b) and (c) are being conducted at 2 PMTCT sites and these are; Dorothy Bailey on Wednesdays and Campbellville on Thursdays with ANC clients. Another site, Grove, on the East Bank of Demerara, has been added to the list and work at this site will commence on the 1st Tuesday in June 2010.

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 in Grove was conducted on May 17th 2010 with 7 men in attendance. Mr. Julian Haynes conducted the session on the topic Gender-Based Violence. The male friendly group established by Help & Shelter met on the 13th and 27th May 2010 with 7 and 4 men in attendance respectively. The topic Alcohol/Drug Abuse was presented at both sessions by Ms. Karen Gomes and discussion on the topic was encouraged.

Activities b and **c** were conducted at the Dorothy Bailey Youth Friendly Centre on the Wednesdays, 12th May 2010, with 22 female and 4 male between the ages of 15 to 45. Counselor, Julian Haynes conducted the session on the topic Gender-Based Violence.

Comments: The fathers who attend the clinic were complemented and the mothers were encouraged to influence fathers who do not attend clinic to be there in order that they can play a more influencing role in their child/children lives and to better understand their gender roles and family planning.

Activities b and **c** were conducted at the Campbellville Health Centre on the following Thursdays, 6th and 13th, May 2010, with 16 female and 2 male and 14 female and 7 male respectively between the ages of 15 to 45. Counselor, Karen Gomes conducted the sessions on the topic What is Domestic Violence on the 6th and Gender-Based Violence on the 13th May 2010.

Comments: 6th May – One male said that he would bring his son to the clinic all the time because he wants to be a part of his sons health and his life. He also mentioned that when his son was smaller he had asked his wife to come to the clinic with him so that she can hold him (his son is now 9 months old).

Comments: 13th May – One male said that the topic on Gender-Based Violence was new to him and expressed gratitude to the presenter. Another comment made by a male was that men suffer mostly by emotional abuse and the reason why men do not attend the clinic with their partners was because the women would with-hold the “patta” from the males. (Not giving the male sex).

1. B. Project Management:

Regular interaction with the project coordinator and project staff is done on a daily basis for the smooth implementation of the activities. Counselors will also discuss the difficulties a few clients encounter when being referred to agencies for their needs to be met. In such situations a higher level of intervention is required for the benefit of clients.

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

2. Finance

Please be advised of all positive or negative variances by activity as stated on the Expenditure Variance Report [EVS] as at May 31 2010.

ACTIVITY	VARIANCES +[-]	JUSTIFICATIONS	COORDINATOR'S COMMENT
Conduct evaluation on Male partner testing at 6PMTCT sites in Region 2,3 & 4	\$	Transportation, Lunch, accommodation, photocopies, Stationery	To start in June 2010
Counselling – 2 Clinical Sites	\$ 16,000	Photo. Forms, Transportation.	Sessions continuing at Dorothy Bailey & C/ville Health Centres
Referrals	\$ 21,000	Photo. Of forms, Leaflets, Stationery, Transportation	
Collaborating Job Training & Employment Services		Photo. Forms, Leaflets, Transportation	Will get started.
Addressing Male Norms & Behaviour	\$83,800	Transportation, Facilitator Fee, Refreshment , Training Materials	Sessions continuing at H & S office and at Grove SDA Church.
Referral- Substance Abuse Rehab programes	\$17,000	Transportation, Photo. Forms	

3. Other activity - General counseling

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

- New clients - 35
- Repeat clients - 66
- Hotline - 25
- Court support - 40 attendances
- Client referrals - 32
- Non-client referrals - 12

Clients were referred during the month of May to the following agencies to meet their needs;

- Ministry of Human Services – difficult circumstances dept. – 3
- The police at different areas – 5
- Guyana Legal Aid Clinic (GLAC) – 14
- Ministry of Labour – employment opportunities – 2
- Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation – 1
- Child Protection Agency – 2

- Alcohol/Drug Rehab Program – 1
- Food for the Poor – 1
- Dorothy Bailey Youth Friendly Centre – 1
- Magistrates Court – 2

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

Male condoms – 4 boxes

Female condoms – 18 packs

Posters

Help & Shelter (counseling) – 73

Child Abuse - 56

Trafficking in Persons - 37

Help & Shelter brochures – 2825 were distributed to several persons who are working with youths and in the communities in several Regions.