

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

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**Community Educators' Monthly Reports**

**KANEVILLE**

**Community Educator:** Tessa Greene

**Community Mobiliser:** Juliet James

**Community:** Kaneville, East Bank Demerara

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

**# Persons Reached:** Total: 74 Females: 46 Males: 28

**# Persons Newly Reached:** Total: Nil Females: Nil Males: Nil

**# H&S Leaflets Distributed:** 35

**# of H&S Posters Distributed:** Nil

**# of Other Posters Distributed:** Nil

**Objectives of Visits**

- Christmas Get Together for Steering Committee
- Candle Light Vigil to mark 16 Days of Activism of IDEVAW
- Sourcing items for Christmas hampers & distribution of hampers for the elderly and vulnerable
- Attendance at Graduation of students from Grove Craft Centre
- Distribution of donations for the Full Gospel Church Children's Party

**Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:**

**Christmas Get Together for Steering Committee– 4<sup>th</sup> December**

- A total of 16 steering committee members and spouses, 10 females and 6 males attended the Christmas Get Together. Each female member was asked to prepare a dish and male members were asked to supply beverages excluding alcohol. The CM reminded everyone present not to forget the aim of the group i.e. to help reduce DV in their community.

**Candle Light Vigil to mark IDEVAW – 11<sup>th</sup> December**

- A total of 38 residents, 22 females and 16 males participated in the Candlelight Vigil and made the activity the success it was. Residents lined the street in front of about 20 houses and could have spread out even more, but the street was very dark and everyone wanted to keep an eye out for the children who were also participating. Residents also wanted to walk around the area with their candles, but as the activity got off to a late start it was decided not to go ahead with this idea as it would have resulted in the children staying out too late. The Pastor of the Full Gospel Church and a few taxi drivers participated in this activity. During this activity the CE was able to have short discussions with residents on the importance of reducing and eliminating DV in the home and community. It was decided that at the end of the project the community would host one big candlelight vigil.

**Sourcing Items for & Distributing of Christmas Hampers – 16<sup>th</sup> December**

- With the \$5,000 received from the fund given to the Diamond Group by Bounty Supermarket, the CE and CM were able to purchase items for the elderly in the community. Other items were also donated by individuals. Items collected included food stuff, toiletries, clothing, books, toys, footwear etc.

Eight children and eight elderly adults benefited from this annual distribution of Christmas hampers. The CE was also able to donate curtains to the home of the blind lady. It was a joyful moment to see the happiness on the residents' faces as they collected their hampers. The CE received a call from one of the residents on Christmas morning expressing her gratitude as she said" this was the first time in years they felt like Christmas."

**Graduation Exercise & Distribution of Certificates to Grove Craft Centre – 18<sup>th</sup> December**

- The CE was asked by the Head of the Grove Craft Centre to distribute the certificates to the graduates at the Centre's annual graduation exercise. The programme was blessed with a skit on DV by the graduates and even though entertaining it also carried the message of, the seriousness and consequences of DV. A total of 61 persons, 34 females and 27 males participated in this activity.

**Distribution of Donations to the Full Gospel Church Christmas Party – 19<sup>th</sup> December**

- Based on a request from the Women's Ministry Full Gospel Church for a donation to the Church's annual children's Christmas party donations of biscuits, sweets, toys, books, toiletries, slippers, clothes etc were made by Help & Shelter through the CE and CM. The pastor's wife was very appreciative of the effort.

**KANEVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN - January 2011**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>
6/1/2011	Steering Committee Meeting	5pm
/1/2011	Follow-Up Meeting –Peer Eds	
9/1/2011	Community Walk	4 pm
18/1/2011	Awareness Session Grove Health Centre	8.30pm
14/1/2011	Awareness Session Craig Health Centre	8.30 pm
1/2011	Pledge Activity- Schools	
22/1/2011	Peer Educator's Certificate Distribution	1pm
29/1/2011	Community Walk	4pm
1/2011	Awareness Session Diamond Secondary School	
1/2011	Awareness Session Friendship Secondary School	

**DEN AMSTEL**

**Community Educator:** Ebeth McIntosh Christie

**Community Mobiliser:** Gaitree Bacchus

**Community:** Den Amstel, West Coast Demerara

**Activities:** A total of 1 visit was made to this community for the month

**# Persons Reached:** Total: 100 Females: 75 Males: 25 (Christmas Party)

**# Persons Newly Reached:** Total: 70 Females: 60 Males: 10 (Christmas Party)

**# H&S leaflets Distributed:** Nil

**# Leadership Skills Leaflets Distributed:** Nil

**# 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:**

- Organizing and Participation in Den Amstel’s Christmas Party

**Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:**

Organizing and Participation in Den Amstel’s Christmas Party -21<sup>st</sup> December

- A total of approximately 100 children, 75 girls and 25 boys between the ages of 5-13 participated in this Christmas Party which was a joint activity of Den Amstel Residents for Change and WWDPGC. The original target was 50 children but on the day double the amount of children turned up. There was enough food for the children but unfortunately there were not enough gifts. Nevertheless the children had a wonderful time at the party.

**DEN AMSTEL COMMUNITY EDUCATOR’S WORK PLAN – January 2011**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>
12/1/2011	Awareness Session-Problem Solving- Nursery School Teachers	1pm
13/1/2011	Awareness Session-Pre-Natal Clinic	8am
16/1/2011	Awareness Session –Kingdom Connection Youth Group	6pm
18/1/2011	Steering Committee	5pm
19/1/2011	Awareness Session-Grade 6 Den Amstel Primary Students	1pm
20/1/2011	Awareness Session-Pre Natal Clinic	8 am
25/1/2011	Awareness Session-Restoration Assemblies of God	5pm
27/1/2011	Movie Night	7pm

**GOOD HOPE**

**Community Educator:** Suzanne Chung

**Community Mobiliser:** Olivia Simon

**Community:** Good Hope, East Coast Demerara

**Activities:** A total of 6 visits were made to this community for the month

**# Persons Reached:** Total: 16 Females: 13 Males: 3

**# Persons Reached (Distribution of Clothes & Footwear):** Total: 20 (not desegregated)

**# Persons Newly Reached:** Total: 6 Females: 5 Males: 1

**# H&S Leaflets Distributed:** 14

**# of H&S Posters Distributed:**

**# of Other Posters Distributed:** Nil

**Objectives of Visits**

- House to house & counselling visits
- Distribution of clothing

**Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:****House to House & Counselling Visits – 7<sup>th</sup> December**

- CE visited a female resident who has been living in an abusive relationship for nearly 20 years. She had never previously reported the abuse she suffered at the hands of her husband and this caused her to lose contact with her 2 sons. Over the years her husband has been in prison several times as he had been physically abusive to friends, family and even neighbours. Whenever he came out of prison he would once again cause havoc. The CE persuaded this woman to make a report to the nearest police station and also get a

- medical certificate for her injuries. As a result of this action this perpetrator is once more in the Lock Ups serving time.
- A total of 4 H&S leaflets on DVA, Wife Abuse, GBV and The Shelter were also left with this resident.

#### **Home/Counselling Visit – 10<sup>th</sup> December**

- At this home a middle aged mother of 2 adult children, 1 girl and 1 boy is a victims of domestic abuse in all its forms. Her adult children are also exposed to verbal and emotional abuse when they get home from work. The woman's partner who is the perpetrator of this abuse is also an alcoholic who does not contribute financially to the home. the CE advised the woman and her children about options available to her such as reporting the matter, visiting the nearest welfare office and seeking counseling from H&S.  
A total of 5 H&S leaflets on DVA, Anger Management, Wife Abuse, The Shelter and GBV were also left with this resident.

#### **Home/Counselling Visit – 15<sup>th</sup> December**

- This case involved a woman who had been chopped on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December by her partner. The CE persuaded her to go and report the incident to the nearby police station as a result she got a medical certificate and the perpetrator was arrested on the same day. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December he was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment. Before the woman's partner was taken to the prison he made threats against her so she was advised by the CE to get a protection order. On a follow up visit the CE found the woman to be doing a lot better, had also found a job and was looking forward to a peaceful holiday.  
A total of 5 H&S leaflets on DVA, Anger Management, Wife Abuse, The Shelter and GBV were also left with this resident.

#### **Distribution of Clothing – 24<sup>th</sup> December**

- The CE and CM were shocked to observe the abject poverty of many residents on their frequent community 'walk abouts'. Some residents were not even looking forward to the upcoming Christmas holidays because they had nothing good to wear or eat. As a result of this situation, the CE decided that while it was impossible to feed everyone she would try to collect clothing for residents and families who were really in need of help such as single mothers and their kids. A total of 6 families were helped, including 15 children and 5 mothers and the CE was rewarded with a lot of smiles and gratitude which according to her made her holiday contented.

#### **Follow up Home/Counselling Visit – 31<sup>st</sup> December**

- The survivors in this case are the children and their father. The wife and mother is an alcoholic who verbally abuses her husband and neglects her children. On previous visits the wife and mother listened to the CE about the danger of alcohol abuse, her abuse of her husband and neglect of her children and promised to clean up her act. The CE also advised her husband to go to the welfare Office at BV for assistance, which he did. When this mother realized she may lose her family she got scared and tried hard to stop her drinking and association with wayward friends. When the CE re-visited this family she was happy to report that the woman was sober on Christmas day and Old Years. On Old Years Day she was found to be all smiles, busy with her cooking and baking and the children were playing happily. The CE is aware that this wife and mother still has a long way to go but things are improving as she disclosed that relations between herself and husband are a lot better now.

### **Follow up Home/Counselling Visit – 31<sup>st</sup> December**

- This was a follow up visit to the 2 children who had been removed from their home and placed at various locations including H&S Shelter, CPA home for children and various families in Good Hope. Subsequently the children were returned to their father's home on the understanding that he would be there at nights to ensure the children were safe. When the CE visited they said their father had just left and this was confirmed by the neighbours. They both seemed contented and showed the CE food items in the home, drinks etc. They said a staff member of the Learning Centre had visited and brought them lots of goodies. They also reported that a social worker attached to the Ministry of Human Services had visited the week before. The CE gave them some gifts of clothing and the children were very pleased to see the CE as they said they had missed her a lot and vice versa.

### **GOOD HOPE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN – January 2011**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>
7/1/2011	Community Walk About	4pm
11/1/2011	Home Visits	4 pm
13/1/2011	Action Plan-Skits (school)	10am
16/1/2011	Steering Committee Meeting	4pm
18/1/2011	Awareness Session –Women's Ministry AOG	5pm
21/1/2011	Awareness Session-Learning Centre	1pm
28/1/2011	Awareness Session – Lusignan Learning Centre	12pm
28/11/2011	Awareness Session – Good Hope Masjid	1pm
30/1/2011	Awareness Session - Good Hope Masjid	10am

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### **COVENT GARDEN**

**Community Educator(s):** Ebeth McIntosh, Chabela Lord

**Community Mobilizer:** Carol Henry

**Community:** Covent Garden, East Bank Demerara

**Activities:** A total of 5 visits were made to this community for the month

**# Persons Reached:** Total: 13 Females: 5 Males: 8

**# Persons Reached:** Total 96 (Christmas Party)

**# Persons Newly Reached:** Total: Nil Females: Nil Males: Nil

**# H&S Leaflets Distributed:** Nil

**# 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
- Distribution of leaflets on Harmful Drugs, Marijuana and Alcohol
- Planning & Participation in Children's Christmas Party

#### **Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:**

##### **Distribution of H&S Leaflets on Harmful Drugs, Marijuana and Alcohol – 9<sup>th</sup> December**

- The CM and a SCM distributed the above leaflets in the community. They focused on individuals who were known to them to be involved in use and abuse of drugs and alcohol. A total of about 8 men were reached and 3 of these were engaged with in a

conversation on the street corner on the leaflet topics. One man said he did not know to read and write, so the CE and SCM spent some time explaining to him and the others the content of the flyers and harmful effects of drugs and alcohol. One of the men commended the CE and SCM for the work they were doing.

#### **House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Residents – 10<sup>th</sup> December**

- This was a follow up visit re a previous case involving 2 teenage sisters, one who had given birth to a child. The 14 yr old was at home of her son's grandparents and in the presence of the baby's aunt and grandmother she informed the CE and SCM that her mother had thrown her out of the house which was not the first time such an incident had occurred. According to the 14yr old her mother also threw her clothes out of the house into the mud and told her not to return to the house and not to use anything in the house because she brings in nothing e.g. money. The 14 yr old said that her 15 yr old sister brings in money and gives it to their mother, so they are on good terms. She also disclosed that it is their mother who would send them out to get money. The 14 yr old said she made an attempt to visit the Ministry of Human Services to meet with the social worker who had worked with her during her pregnancy but was unsuccessful. The CE and SCM encouraged her to make another visit and report exactly what she had disclosed to them. The mother of these two teens also has a 13 yr old son who is once again out of school. He was picked up by the police one morning about 1.30 am in another village and was released later that day.

#### **House to House visit – 14<sup>th</sup> December**

- At this home a female client informed the CE of abuse and threats she suffers daily. This abuse is committed by her brothers, sister and in laws. She disclosed that at one time she thought of committing suicide and thought she would go mad. This woman is full of fear and very confused. The CE said she could hear the fear in her voice when she was talking to her. The woman lives and takes care of her mother yet she is despised by the same mother. Her mother creates situations by lying to her siblings and other relatives about situations in the home and whatever she says to them they believe her. As a result of this her brothers would visit the home and curse her and have even threatened to burn the house down. Her sister would also call from the USA and curse her. This has been going on for years. Her mother gives away the food items that her daughter buys and would steal her clothes and also give these away to neighbours. Her mother has admitted to doing this and much more. The woman cannot use the telephone when her mother is around even though she is the one providing for her mother. The woman says she is fearful and depressed.

#### **One on One Discussion with Residents – 14<sup>th</sup> December**

- The CE was visited by a woman who spoke of being in an abusive relationship. She has children from a previous relationship and is now married to a man who verbally abuses her using expletives in the presence of their children. He quarrels about everything little thing which causes her to feel uneasy when he is around. This wife and mother also works to supplement her husband's salary. The husband constantly accuses her of having another man. The woman response to the abuse and threats is to say nothing when he is carrying on.

#### **Children's Christmas Party – 18<sup>th</sup> December**

- The children's Christmas party was a great success. A total of 96 children attended, the Steering Committee members contributed the food and other residents gave financial donations. Music was sourced by another resident. Games were played and some of the

children entertained the others with modeling. Gifts were also presented to each child attending the Christmas Party.

**COVENT GARDEN COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN - January 2011**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>
10/1/2011	Steering Committee	5pm
17/1/2011	Awareness Session - Covent Garden Nursery School Teachers	1pm
20/1/2011	Awareness Session-Covent Garden Grade 6 Primary Students	1pm
24/1/2011	House to House Visits	4pm
26/1/2011	House to House Visits	4pm