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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER GERMAN COMMITTEE PROJECT MONTHLY M&E REPORT- FEBRUARY 2011 - 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: 173 Females: 105 Males: 67

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 76 Females: 54 Males: 22

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 167

of H&S Posters Distributed: Nil

of Other Posters Distributed: Nil

Objectives of Visits

- Attendance & participation in steering committee meeting
- Steering committee fundraising activity
- House to house and community visit in First Field and Second Field
- Meeting with the Football Club
- Counselling visit
- Awareness Session with students of Diamond Secondary School
- Awareness Session Craig Health centre

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

1st Field, Kaneville House to House Visit – 5th February

- A total of 38 residents were reached, 20 females and 18 males. Topic discussed was domestic violence and anger management. Most of the residents identified with situations of anger resulting in some form of abusive action. The CE and CM explained that anger could result in damage to property, injuries to persons and even death, through suicide or homicide. Response from residents to this visit was good as they listened and also shared their own views and opinions on how they could deal with issues in their lives which made them angry. It was challenging for some residents to accept that they were also had to shoulder some of the responsibility for feelings of anger as some blamed their children or partners for making them feel this way. Rain interrupted the visit so the CE and CM were not able to cover the entire area. A total of 38 H&S leaflets on anger management were distributed

2nd Field Kaneville House to House Visit – 12th February

A total of 36 residents, 20 females and 16 males between the ages of 15-60 years were reached. A visit was made to the Pool Shop but no one was present there at the time. During this community visit the topics of wife abuse, safety of children and ways residents can help to improve their community were discussed. After collecting the H&S leaflets a group of young men who normally congregate on a particular street engaged the CE and CM in a discussion on whether a man would be given the same type of treatment as a woman if he went into Help & Shelter. The CE was able to assure them that H&S services were not biased towards one sex and men were given the same respect and access to help as women except in relation to The Shelter which only accommodated female survivors of violence and their dependent children. The group of young men suggested that there be a Shelter for men who suffered abuse and that the police should

be trained to deal with men who were abused. During this visit a total of 43 H&S leaflets on Wife Abuse and the DVA were distributed.

Follow Up Counselling Visit – 13th February

- The Diamond Women's group scheduled this follow up visit as there was need for further intervention by the CE. In this case the husband was charged and sentenced to 9 months in jail but is now out on \$150,000 bail. The partner of this man has 4 children, 3 are his and the eldest who is 10 year old is his stepdaughter. Even though the man was served with a restraining order he is back at home due to having been bailed. The man claims that he is changed but his female partner feels that he cannot change. According to the children their father does not hit their mother or them since coming out of jail. The man is insisting that he will not be leaving the home even if there is a restraining order in effect against him as no one provided for his family when he was not there. the CE observed that the man seemed to be much more in control of his temper than the female partner. The CE also discussed issues pertaining to children such as discipline, lying, begging in the community, visiting friends homes after school. The CE is of the opinion that the entire family should return to the Ministry of Human Services and receive further counselling and guidance from the Probation Officer who originally dealt with the matter.

Steering Committee Meeting – 16th February

- A total of 9 persons, 6 females and 2 males attended the meeting. members discussed plans for the take away fundraising lunch and the visits to various Government Ministries and Agencies during the month of March for assistance in getting a community centre built. A suggestion was made that the Steering Committee also write letters to Business places for assistance.

Fundraising activity of Steering Committee – 19th February

- The Take Away Lunch fundraising activity came off as planned a total of 8 steering committee members assisted in this activity. Funds raised will be used as a monetary prize for the upcoming football match scheduled for March 6.

Meeting with Football Team & Community Visit– 25th February

- The CE and CM were scheduled to meet with the Team to discuss plans for the upcoming match and to conduct an awareness session on conflict management. However only 4 members showed up as they explained that the other members were in another community. The team members asked that the discussion be postponed to the 26th of February.
- The CE and CM as a result of the postponed planned activity visited members of the community asking them to sign onto a pledge against domestic violence. 24 signatures were recorded after discussions on DV. Both the CE and CM assessed the afternoon as a successful and rewarding one even though the original activity had to be postponed.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Craig Health Centre – Child Neglect - 11th February

- A total of 37 persons, 36 women and 1 male between the ages of 19-55 participated in this awareness session which lasted for 1 ¼ hrs.
Reasons given by participants for child neglect were lack of finances, lack of parenting skills and selfishness on the part of parents. The participants explained that the stress of coping with little or inadequate finances led to parents looking after themselves first and their children second. Teenage pregnancy was also identified as contributing to neglect of children as one mother expressed her view that too many teenagers were giving birth and were unprepared or knew very little about how to raise children. The CE was able to

share tips on how to guide young children as well as utilizing family support, where possible, to ensure that children benefit from a safe home environment. Behaviours and signs of child neglect were also discussed with participants.

At the end of the session the CE was approached by a woman who wanted some assistance on having her divorce finalized. Her husband had moved out 14 years ago and she had never processed her divorce. The CE advised her to go to Legal Aid for assistance with this.

A total of 38 H&S leaflets on Child Neglect and the DVA were distributed to participants.

Form 3E Students, Diamond Secondary School - Discipline – 24th February

- A total of 13 students, 5 females and 8 males between the ages of 13-15 participated in this 1 hr session.

Females tend to outnumber males in most of the classes in this school; however in this 3rd Form male students outnumbered female students and were open with their views and comments on the issue of discipline. The CE used a story of a 13 yr old boy, in constant conflict with his father over skipping school. The frequent arguments which resulted from this situation also led to the mother becoming abusive to the father as she disagreed with the way he was handling this problem, to highlight issues of discipline within a family. The father used threats such as sending his son to the New Opportunity Corps as a way of dealing with the problem. Students were asked to give their view about how they would discipline this boy, these included:

- Discipline by punishing him, taking away his games, sending him to his room
- 4 students opted for sitting and talking to find out why he was behaving in this manner
- 2 students said they would take him out of school and send him to learn a trade eg mechanic
- Other students said they would call in Probation & Welfare Services, seek counselling or visit the school as well as seeking outside help
- 2 students said they would beat him with a belt and not feed him for a couple of days

The CE also inquired about the students’ living arrangements and found out that 7 of the students lived with both parents, 3 lived with their mother, 2 with grandparents and 1 with their mother and stepfather. There was good interaction among students as the CE discussed types of abuse which could result from enacting discipline that was not done in a positive way. The responses from students were used to discuss positive discipline which aims not to hurt but to protect. Parenting skills, communication and managing anger were also discussed with students. The students were very responsive and invited the CE and CM to return to continue the discussion.

At the end of the session the CE was invited to talk to one of the students but was told by the students that it was his twin who the Deputy Head wanted her to talk to as he was always in trouble. Later the CE found out that this story was untrue and in fact the student did not have a twin brother and he was the one needing help. Another visit is scheduled.

KANEVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR’S WORK PLAN - March 2011

Date	Activity	Time
3/3/2011	Awareness Session-Grove Nursery School	1 pm
4/3/2011	Awareness Session- Grove Craft Centre	1 pm
8/3/2011	Awareness Session- Grove Health Centre	8.30 pm
10/3/2011	Awareness Session – Diamond Secondary School	1 pm
17/3/2011	Awareness Session-Craig Health Centre	9 am

/3/2011	Awareness Session- IPE School	
18/3/2011	Awareness Session –Xenon School	2 pm
26/3/2011	Community Visit	6am
30/3/2011	Dramatic Poetry & Prepared Speech Competition	9 am

DEN AMSTEL

Community Educator: Ebeth McIntosh Christie

Community Mobiliser: Gaitree Bacchus

Community: Den Amstel, West Coast Demerara

Activities: A total of 9 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 222 Females: 142 Males: 80

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 119 Females: 73 Males: 46

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:

- To conduct an awareness session on Early Childhood Experiences with Youth at Den Amstel Community Centre
- To conduct 3 awareness sessions on Division of Responsibilities in the Family, Parenting of Young Children and DV Cycle of Violence with Den Amstel Pre Natal Clinic
- To conduct awareness sessions on Leadership Skills with Den Amstel Primary School PTA
- To Host the showing and discussion of the Movie “What’s Love Got To Do With It” with Kingdom Connection Youth Group

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Den Amstel Youth –Early Childhood Experiences – 6th February

A total of 39 youth, 13 females and 26 males between the ages of 18-35 participated in this 2 hr session on Early Childhood Experiences.

During the session the young people shared their first experiences at school, first experiences of teachers, experiences with animals, water, taking medicine and foods they disliked as a child. The participants were able to offload experiences which troubled them as well as experiences which were wonderful from their childhood. Participants shared these experiences honestly without fear of embarrassment or shame.

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

Den Amstel Health Centre, Pre Natal Clinic – Division of Responsibilities in the Family – 10th February

- A total of 22 parents, 20 females and 2 males between the ages of 18-35 participated in this 1 ½ hr session on Division of Responsibilities in the Family.

In discussing the division of responsibility in the home, participants revealed that most of the responsibilities for the home are being left on the women. Some participants were not comfortable with what was going on but they tried to abide with this situation. The female participants said that this situation occurs because the man is working outside of the home and they are not. The division of roles that couples should discuss and find agreement on, and the authority a wife should have were identified as follows:

- Who, if not both, is going to work outside of the home?
- Who will be responsibility for finances?
- Who will do the shopping, cooking and washing up?
- Who will keep the house clean and tidy?
- Who will wash and iron the clothes?
- Who will drive the car and be in charge of maintenance?
- Who will carry out household repairs?
- Who will look after the children?

In discussing the authority of a wife the following was shared

1. Wife As An Object	<i>She is her husband's slave. She is always available to attend to his wishes. This type of role of a wife is common in many countries and cultures</i>
2. Wife As A Helper	<i>Her husband is undeniably superior. However he counts on his wife as a helper, as the one who carries out his wishes. Rather like a secretary, she stamps her style on her work, but the boss always has the last word</i>
3. Wife As A Partner	<i>She enjoys a position of respect in making decisions. Husband and wife consult and negotiate with each other, however, when no agreement can be reached, the husband's criteria's prevails</i>
4. Wife As An Equal	<i>There is no difference in status between husband and wife when it comes to making decisions. Positions are negotiated until a consensus decision may be his or her</i>
5. Wife Who Dominates	<i>She controls, manages and governs all aspects of the marriage, whilst her husband's opinion scarcely counts at all</i>

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

Den Amstel Health Centre, Pre Natal Clinic – Parenting Young Children – 24th February

A total of 24 parents, 22 females and 2 males, between the ages of 18-35 participated in this 1 ½ hr awareness session on Parenting Young Children.

All of the participants were of the view that having children was a blessing some were pregnant with their first child while others already have other children. The parents who already have children said that parenting is a wonderful experience but also challenging, yet, they would not trade this experience for anything. Participants identified some of the satisfying aspects of being a parent:

- Observing how they grow and learn
- Feeling love for them
- Feeling proud of their achievements
- Sharing and teaching their children about life

Tips were also shared about how to cope with the challenges of raising young children such as:

Filter everything through the crystal of a good sense of humour- To overcome challenges and difficulties try to see the funny side of things

Carry out “group therapy” with other parents – There is no more useful activity for keeping yourself sane than joining up with other fathers and mothers to exchange experiences and give and receive support

Nuture your relationship with your partner – The marital relationship is seen as a fundamental support system when spouses enjoy an optimal relationship. This helps to reduce the physical and emotional stress placed on parents by their children

Seek support from the family – be it from one side or the other, grandparents, aunts and uncles are usually willing to lend a hand. Mother and daughters tend to feel closer at this time

Be very patient – changes in children and their maturing process takes time, but it does happen. it helps to think of each stage as unique and repeatable in order to make the most of each one

Den Amstel Health Centre – DV Cycle of Violence – 24th February

- A total of 9 persons, 7 females and 2 males between the ages of 18-35 participated in this 1 ¼ hr session. Feedback from the session indicated that the session went fairly well with participants taking part in the discussion. There was some distraction when patients had to leave the waiting area to get checked by the health workers.

Kingdom Connection Youth Group – “What’s Love Got To Do With It” Movie & Discussion – 20th & 27th February

- A total of 45 youth, 27 females and 18 males between the ages of 12-35 viewed this movie. Participants came early and were excited to see the movie. Most of the participants had never seen this movie before and the few who had could not remember the whole story of the movie.
- On the 27th participants discussed the movie and said it was a good movie. Most of the young people said they would not accept violence in any relationship, while others said that if they experience domestic violence then they will make a decision as to what to do. When asked what they would do their partners hit them, some of the boys said they would walk away, while some said they would hit back; the girls said they would go to the police and if they did not get justice then they would take matters into their own hands. Most of those present live in abusive homes and witness their fathers abusing their mothers, none of them think that this is acceptable behaviour. Some participants are of the view that no woman should allow men to abuse them especially if the woman is financially independent and women should not accept men being unfaithful to them especially openly. The views on this issue were expressed very forcefully by the youth. Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics, facilitation and the session overall were assessed as very good.

PTA, Den Amstel Primary School – Leadership Skills - 15th February

- A total of 38 members of the PTA, 26 females and 12 males between the ages of 23-53 participated in this session. Participants were placed into 5 groups and asked to plan and act out dramatic presentations on what a good leader should be and then what a leader should not be. During the discussion on leadership most of the participants said they were leaders in and out of their home and shared some of the methods they used as leaders, some of these were good and some were not. Participants were willing to learn new skills shared on how to be good and effective leaders. Altogether the session was very good and everyone had a wonderful time listening to each other sharing views on leadership skills and the dramatic presentations on leadership skills were very informative. Evaluation of the session indicated that participation was rated as excellent while understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall were rated as very good.

DEN AMSTEL COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN – March 2011

Date	Activity	Time
6/3/2011	Awareness Session-Congregational Youth Group	6.pm
8/3/2011	Steering Committee Meeting	4 pm
13/3/2011	Awareness Session-Kingdom Connection Youth	6.30pm
16/3/2011	Awareness Session-Primary Students-Den Amstel Primary School	1.pm
17/3/2011	Awareness Session-Pre Natal Clinic	5pm
22/3/2011	Awareness Session-Den Amstel Nursery Teachers	1pm
24/3/2011	Awareness Session-Pre Natal Clinic	8am
25/3/2011	Awareness Session-Den Amstel Primary School Students	1pm
27/3/2011	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: 138 Females: 116 Males: 22

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 75 Females: 63 Males: 12

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 61

of H&S Posters Distributed:

of Other Posters Distributed: Nil

Objectives of Visits:

- House to House & Counselling Visits
- Community Walkabout
- Follow Up on Peer Educators' Workshop Action Plan
- Awareness Session at Lusignan AOG Church, Women's Ministry
- Awareness Session at Learning Centre
- Attendance & Participation at Youth Mentoring Workshop, Ministry of Home Affairs
- Steering Committee Meeting

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Home/Counselling Visit – 8th February

- This client's husband had disappeared leaving her with 2 children and no financial support. The client was advised to apply for assistance from the MLHSSS for her 2 children. she was very grateful to learn that she may be able to get some form of assistance for her school aged children

House to House Visit & Community Walk About – 17th February

- A total of 20 residents were reached, 18 female and 2 male between the ages of 18-50. The objective of this visit was to share information along with flyers so as to sensitize residents on domestic violence. The response was good as persons brought up incidents that were occurring in their neighbourhood. The issue of a sexual predator living in the area was brought to the attention of the CE and CM. Residents expressed their fear of this individual who has been released from jail recently.
A total of 45 H&S leaflets on Child Abuse, Child Neglect, For Parents, Sexual Assault, Wife Abuse and The Shelter were distributed.

Home/Counselling Visit – 18th February

- The CE and CM visited a number of homes in Good Hope Phase 11 where they were reported cases of child abuse or child neglect. A total of 5 persons were reached, 4 females and 1 male. The response was encouraging as persons listened and admitted to making mistakes and promised to do better. Due to alcohol addiction and abuse many parents neglect their children by not sending them to school. And when they are knocked out from drinking alcohol their out of school children get into mischief and trouble.

Youth Mentoring Workshop, Ministry of Home Affairs – 19th February

- The CE and CM attended this 1 day workshop on the invitation of the Ministry of Home Affairs. The objective of the workshop was to teach basic skills on how to relate to troubled youth and children who are at high risk. The workshop focused on mentoring of troubled and high risk youth and qualities required of a mentor. A mentor in this context is one who can be a friend or a big sister/brother to a troubled youth so as to encourage them to be a better person.

Steering Committee Meeting – 21st February

- A total of 5 members, 4 females and 1 male attended the meeting. Activities conducted during the month of March and upcoming activities were discussed. It was reported that clothing was distributed to single parents and their children. Members were encouraged to be involved in the distribution of items for vulnerable families.

Lusignan, AOG, Women's Ministry – 27th February

- The Lusignan Women's Ministry of the AOG Church hosted a discussion on reaching out to women in difficult circumstances and empowering them to make decisions that will improve their lives and their future. A total of approximately 70 persons, 60 females and 10 males between the ages of 16-70 participated. Women and men from different AOG Churches participated in this meeting

Home Visit/Counselling – 25th February

- This was a follow up visit to a mother and daughter who were having some serious inter-personal problems. The situation does not seem to be improving much as the 3 daughter is reluctant to abide by any kind of rule. The mother seemed to be relieved to have someone to talk to but the daughter is still defiant and aggressive. According to the mother her daughter is now stealing from her and her sister and the mother is exploring options of calling in the police or putting her out of the house.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Good Hope, AOG Church, Women's Ministry – 24th February

A total of 15 women between the ages of 18-60 participated in this session on Discipline Without Abuse. During the session participants shared and discussed some of the problems they were having with their children and asked for information on what is appropriate action when faced with problems of drug and alcohol use and abuse. By the end of the session the participants learned that physical punishment or verbal abuse of children can become a bad habit and can lead to serious consequences and as children grow their needs will change. Participants were also encouraged to show love, be firm and consistent when disciplining their children

A total of 26 H&S flyers on Anger Management and For Parents were distributed

Lusignan Learning Centre –Drug & Alcohol Abuse- 24th February

A total of 27 students, 18 females and 9 males between the ages of 12-15 participated in this awareness session. Feedback from the session indicated that participants learned about the different types of drugs they can become addicted to and the side effects of drug and alcohol abuse and risks associated with these. Many of the students realized that even though their parents were alcoholics they did not have to follow in their footsteps. During the discussion it was learnt that almost every child had purchased alcohol or drugs for an adult and some were also offered to try these on occasion by the person they were purchasing it for. Students were grateful for the information shared and to have the opportunity to ask questions.

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

A total of 16 H&S leaflets on Rape, Child Abuse, Child Neglect and Sexual Assault were distributed.

GOOD HOPE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN – March 2011

Date	Activity	Time
1/3/2011	Community Walkabout	5 am
6/3/2011	Home Visits	4 pm
9/3/2011	Home Visits/Counselling	10 am
11/3/2011	Awareness Session –IPE School	1 pm
16/3/2011	Awareness Session – IBE School	1 pm
22/3/2011	Women's Ministry AOG, Lusignan	5 pm
26/3/2011	Awareness Session –Learning Centre	12.30 pm
28/3/2011	Awareness Session – Good Hope Mandir	6 pm
30/3/2011	Steering Committee Meeting	4 pm

COVENT GARDEN

Community Educator(s): Ebeth McIntosh, Chabela Lord

Community Mobilizer: Carol Henry

Community: Covent Garden, East Bank Demerara

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

Persons Reached: Total: 144 Females: 55 Males: 69 (+ 20 not desegregated)

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 66 Females: 30 Males: 36

H&S Leaflets Distributed:

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
- Community walkabout & leaflet distribution
- Attendance and participation in Steering Committee meeting
- Awareness Session on Conflict Resolution with students from Covent Garden Primary School
- Group Discussion with youth on Healthy Relationships

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

House to House Visits & Counselling – 7th February

- This was a follow up visit to a family where the father had beaten his sons so badly there were marks of violence on their backs. The CM was pleased to report that the father has stopped beating his sons and things seem to be going well with this family.

House to House Visit & Counselling – 7th February

- This is a follow up visit to another family where when the husband drinks he verbally abuses his wife and discloses the family's personal affairs. Unfortunately the CM was unable to meet up with the husband as he gets home late at nights. However the CM was made to understand that the situation remains the same.

Games Evening – 16th February

- The CM was happy to report that the Games Evening was a success in spite of initial challenges in obtaining permission to use the school compound. During the evening game competitions were held and winning teams were awarded trophies donated by kind hearted individuals. The Evening was reasonably well attended by children and adults. A sale of food was also held and a total of \$10,000 was made from this fundraising effort.

Meeting with Head mistress and Teachers of Camille's Institute a Covent Garden Private School – 17th February

- The 2 CEs and CM met with the headmistress and 3 other teachers of this school to investigate the possibility of conducting awareness sessions with students and staff. At the meeting the Headmistress and other teachers welcomed the project team with open arms and conveyed their appreciation of the initiative taken in seeking permission from them to work with students. They suggested that the WWDPGC project also work with the parents as well as teachers at the school. The Head mistress and staff also requested that the project team work with their other branch located in Soesdyke, East Bank Demerara. The project team also had a private discussion with one of the teachers who shared her story of abuse over the past years and how she survived the violence. This survivor has 2 children but for her safety she left them in the care of her husband because she knew he would not harm them. Previously she had lived for 6 years with this abusive partner and father of her children. She disclosed that she was not married to her abusive partner and is still not married but wears a beautiful wedding band with diamonds so that she can keep men from being interested in her. She asked the project team to work with her as she works with children in school and at youth groups. Requests were also made for copies of all of the leaflets that H&S produce so they can use the information to benefit themselves, others and their students.

House to House Visit & Counselling- 21st February

- A follow up visit was also made to this home where a young father who was abusing alcohol and drugs was also abusing his reputed wife. The CM was able to speak to this young man on a number of occasions and was glad to report that changes have been taking place. For quite some time the abuse has stopped, the young man has reportedly stopped drinking and using drugs and the relationship with his partner has improved. The family has also grown with the birth of a baby girl.

House to House Visit – 21st February

- The CE visited this home where a great aunt and cousin of a 12 year old girl is reportedly being neglect and treated badly by her mother. The 12 yr old has 3 siblings, one of these children is cared for by an aunt while the mother looks after the other 3 children. The 12

yr old girl is the eldest of the 3 children living with their mother and goes to school in a very untidy state from her hair to her clothes as she is unsupervised by anyone in preparing for school. The 12 yr old told the CM that she has no exercise books to write in at school. The great aunt and cousin reported that whatever the mother buys she shares with the others but gives none to the eldest the 12 yr old, the 12 yr old is also verbally abused by her mother. Whenever the mother is upbraided, she gets angry at the great aunt. The cousin says she is considering calling in the relevant authorities to assist with this situation.

House to House Visit – 28th February

- During this house to house visit by the CM and SC member, a concerned aunt reported the merciless way in which her sister-in-law beats her children. The aunt disclosed that if the father tries to intervene she turns on him and when she, the aunt has tried to defend the children it causes further problems. This mother has said that her hobby is beating. Some time ago the mother told one of her children to” come and let me bust your head, put it here” and when the child complied she hit the child and burst their head. This mother according to the aunt beats for any and every thing. The aunt is frustrated and fears for the safety of the children. The aunt was encouraged to report the matter to the Ministry of Human Services.

House to House Visit – 28th February

- Further information received in the case of the 15yr old sister, of the 2 teenage girls who case had been reported to the CPA, is that she is now pregnant. She had been staying at the young man’s home but the mother stopped her and is now encouraging the young man to sleep over at her house with her daughter. The mother is also encouraging the child father of her 14 yr old daughter to sleep over at her house also, The 14 yr old is now employed part time.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Covent Garden Primary School, Grade 6 – Understanding Emotions—17th February

- A total of 52 students, 21 females and 31 males participated in this session which lasted for 2 hrs.

The session started with an open discussion on different types of emotions and how these affect us such as anger, sadness, fear, joy etc. Some students said they were afraid to express sadness in public because they were brought up to not do this by parents and care givers. by the end of the session the students understood that it was okay to express emotions without feeling ashamed. At the end of the discussion students were divided up into 4 groups and each group was asked to do a dramatic presentation representing the types of emotions discussed. The role plays were well done and the class got the message across to the other students.

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

Camille’s Institute, Private School, 3rd & 4th Form Students – 24th February

- A total of 27 students, 17 boys and 10 girls, 3 teachers and approximately 8 other students from other forms participated in this session on DV and Self which lasted for 1 ½ hrs.

The session was very interactive it allowed students the chance to share personal stories and express how they view themselves as individuals. The session also encouraged the students to think about themselves in relation to others. The facilitators stressed that the participants think about their bodies as belonging to them and to be able to identify what

touches are acceptable (safe) and what touches are unacceptable (unsafe). Stages of development of children and how these vary from child to child were also conveyed.

In the discussion on domestic violence the facilitators shared signs of abuse and students were asked to role play the forms of domestic abuse. This was done so that students can identify people they felt safe or unsafe with and to know what agencies they could go to for help. Effects of DV on children were also discussed. The students were very attentive throughout the session and in closing requested that the facilitators return to do follow up session on sex, alcohol abuse, teenage pregnancy and drug abuse with them.

The following day was scheduled for the school's PTA meeting and the headmistress asked the facilitators to return to share information on similar topics. However, due to bad weather this session was cancelled.

COVENT GARDEN COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN- March 2011

Date	Activity	Time
14/3/2011	Steering Committee	
17/3/2011	Awareness Session-Grade 6 Primary School	
21/03/2011	Awareness Session-Camille's Institute	
25/3/2011	Awareness Session-Camille's Institute	
28/3/2011	House to House Visit	