

**HELP & SHELTER  
WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER GERMAN COMMITTEE PROJECT  
MONTHLY M&E REPORT- JULY 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 5 visits were made to this community for the month

**# Persons Reached:** Total: 81 Females: 66 Males: 15

**# Persons Newly Reached:** Total: 71 Females: 59 Males: 12

**# H&S Leaflets Distributed:** 615

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

**# of Other Posters Distributed:** Nil

**Objectives of Visits**

- Participation in Walk Against Domestic Violence in Diamond New Housing Community
- Meeting with Diamond Women's Group-Women With a Vision
- House to House visits in Kaneville
- Awareness session with members of the Full Gospel Church
- Awareness session with Pre Natal Clinic at Grove Health Centre

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

**Walk Against DV-Diamond New Housing Community – 5<sup>th</sup> July**

- The Walk Against DV was organized by Women With a Vision, a community based group from the Diamond area on the EBD. The slogan for the walk was Zero Tolerance for DV, Working towards a Violence Free Community. The Walk started on the main road through the New Diamond Housing Scheme and ended up at the Diamond Community Centre. A total of about 50+ persons participated in the Walk approximately 18 men and 32 women. At the front of the Walk a marching band of 19 persons from the Seven Day decked out in uniforms and playing their musical instruments led the way. Other persons participating in the Walk were secondary school children and teachers from 2 community schools, members of H&S and other community residents. Altogether it was a successful activity and helped to raise awareness about DV. H&S posters and flyers were distributed to residents, homes and to passing vehicles during the March. A total of 290 H&S leaflets on Anger Management, Rape, For Parents and Help & Shelter Fact Sheets were distributed

**Meeting with Women With a Vision, Diamond Women's Group -26<sup>th</sup> July**

- A total of 3 persons were present, 2 females and 1 male. A brief discussion was held on accessing a copy of a constitution from the CE. The CE was then asked to visit a mother in the area who requested help with her teenage daughter.

**Counselling Session – 26<sup>th</sup> July**

- The CE spoke individually to each member of the family then brought them together as a group. The mother in particular had a lot of childhood hurt and trauma which she experienced at the hands of her mother and which she had not resolved. This was partly responsible for the way in which she was manipulating her husband and daughter due to her own personal insecurity and fear of rejection. The child involved was not the biological daughter of the father, however, they both said that they found it easier to

communicate with each other then with the mother even though this not evident in their body language towards each other. At the end of the session the CE advised the family to seek further counselling services at H&S as there were a lot of different issues which needed to be resolved individually and among family members.

#### **Counselling Session – 26<sup>th</sup> July**

- CE also visited the home of a young lady who had accessed the services of H&S earlier in the year and who was still a client. The young mother had recently given birth to a baby boy. She has been receiving support members of the Diamond Group for herself and 4 children. To date her abusive husband was still in police custody and the chair persons of the Diamond group and the H&S counsellor were gathering documentation needed for the implementation of protective orders under the DVA.

#### **House to House Visit – 29<sup>th</sup> July**

- A total of 4 persons, 3 females and 1 male were reached during this activity. The main aim of this activity was to pay a visit to an Amerindian couple and the blind resident, who has been receiving assistance previously.

The wife of the couple indicated to the CM that she was being abused by her daughter-in-law and needed the CE to help her as to what could be done to improve her situation. On this visit the wife said that the situation had improved and she was going to monitor the behaviour of her daughter-in-law toward her.

During the visit to the blind resident it appeared as if conditions were somewhat better except that poverty was evident in the home. The woman explained that she was looked after by her granddaughter and ate whatever was given to her. Her ability to be contented, chatty and jolly was striking in the face of such challenging circumstances. The CE and CM will try to assist in whatever small way they can.

#### **Evaluation of Awareness Sessions**

##### ***Awareness Session – Full Gospel Church – Domestic Violence -17<sup>th</sup> July***

- A total of 39 Church members, 28 females and 11 males between the ages of 10-65 yrs participated in this 9hr session to sensitize residents on the issue of Domestic Violence. The turn out was excellent and gratifying for the CE and CM. The information shared was well received and participants shared their views on what they see taking place in their community. One woman shared her concern about a gay teacher who always wanted boys to stay after school to lock up the school windows etc. The CE asked whether the teacher had shared her fears with the Head Teacher of the school and was told that she had not but will now join with a few other residents to express their concerns. One man was concerned about the influence of TV and cell phones on his grandchildren's lives. The monitoring of such electronic gadgets was discussed and it was observed that most of the adults present thought that the music available on these electronic devices transmitted a lot of negative influence that contributed to the state of lawlessness seen every day. The CE and CM were invited to hold another awareness session in the month of August. Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as good. A total of 117 H&S leaflets on DV, Child Neglect and H&S Fact sheets were distributed.

##### ***Grove Health Centre – Pre Natal Clinic- Role of Parents – 20<sup>th</sup> July***

- A total of 32 parents, 31 females and 1 male between the ages of 18-51 yrs participated in this 2 ½ hr session on Role of Parents. The facilitator used the lottery of life activity to stimulate a discussion on the importance of good parenting. The session examined the various aspects of life from a gender perspective so as to highlight the importance of not only paying attention to females but

to males also. Behaviours such as affection, hugs, rules of dating, performance of household chores should be similar for both boys and girls. There was good interaction among participants in discussing the ratio of male to female death rates and self destructing behaviours. The questions were structured to have participants answer “male” or “female” or “both”. Other aspects of life such as numbers of persons attempting/committing suicide, substance abuse and number of deaths from road accidents, homicide were also incorporated in the framework of the questions. The objective was to have participants understand that males were the ones who were dying earlier than females whether it was in infancy or adult life. The Medex also discussed the upcoming follow up medical outreach visit to the community on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as very good. A total of 60 H&S leaflets on For Parents and Anger Management were distributed.

### **KANEVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR’S WORK PLAN - August 2010**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>
5/8/2010	Steering Committee Meeting	5pm
7/8/2010	Awareness Session- Full Gospel Church	7pm
10/8/2010	Awareness Session-VBS Pentecostal Church	
14/8/2010	Steering Committee- Food Sale	
21/8/2010	Tokens to Children of Residents	
22/8/2010	Kaneville Community Walk	3pm
	Awareness Session-Grove Health Centre	8.30am
	Awareness Session-VBS Full Gospel Church	
23/8/2010	Medical Outreach	
25/8/2010	Meeting Diamond Group	1pm

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### **DEN AMSTEL**

**Community Educator:** Ebeth McIntosh

**Community Mobiliser:** Gaitree Bacchus

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

**Activities:** A total of 3 visits were made to this community for the month

**# Persons Reached:** Total: 63 Females: 49 Males: 14

**# Persons Newly Reached:** Total: 23 Females: 21 Males: 2

**# H&S leaflets Distributed:** 80

**# 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 Sexual Harassment with Den Amstel Nursery School Teachers
- To conduct an awareness session with Den Amstel Congregational Youth Group on Dating Violence

- To conduct an awareness session on Parenting Styles with Den Amstel Pre-Natal Clinic

**Evaluation of Awareness Sessions**

***Den Amstel Nursery School Teachers –Sexual Harassment – 2<sup>nd</sup> July***

- A total 6 female nursery school teachers between the ages of 23-50 participated in this 1 ½ hr session on Sexual Harassment.  
 Feedback from participants indicated that the session was a productive as participants spoke of cases of sexual harassment they knew of including family members who had been harassed by Church members and others who has been harassed by employers. Some participants shared their own personal experiences of sexual harassment which they had never disclosed about before. By the end of the session everyone felt more relaxed as they were able to offload on situations they had not spoken of before. Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall was rated as excellent.  
 A total of 20 H&S leaflets on Sexual Abuse by Someone you Know were distributed.

***Den Amstel Congregational Youth Group – Dating Violence- 4<sup>th</sup> July***

- A total of 34 young people, 22 females and 12 males between the ages of 13-28 participated in this 2 ½ hour session on Dating Violence.  
 One issue discussed during the session was how to avoid dating violence including the signs of dating violence, things that women can do to avoid dating violence and how to help a friend in such a situation of dating violence. Participants shared personal experiences and situations they knew about where dating had led to some form of violence.  
 Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall were rated as very good.  
 A total of 30 H&S leaflets on Child Abuse were distributed.

***Den Amstel Pre-Natal Clinic –Parenting Styles – 8<sup>th</sup> July***

A total of 23 parents and parents to be, 21 females and 2 males between the ages of 16-30 participated in this session on Parenting Styles.  
 The 4 types of parenting styles were discussed with participants. Parents were asked to identify which of the styles they tended to use-authoritarian, permissive, neglectful or authoritative. Most of the parents identified with the permissive style of parenting. Participants enjoyed learning about the different parenting styles and promised to put what they have learnt into practice from that day on. The facilitator said she felt very proud of these parents for their commitment to better parenting  
 Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics discussed, facilitation and the session overall was rated as very good.  
 A total of 30 H&S leaflets on Child Abuse were distributed.

**DEN AMSTEL COMMUNITY EDUCATOR’S WORK PLAN - August 2010**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>
16/8/2010	Steering Committee Meeting	
19/8/2010	House to House Visit	
24/8/2010	Visit to NDC	
25/8/2010	House to House Visit	
30/7/2010	House to House Visit	

## **GOOD HOPE**

**Community Educator:** Suzanne Chung

**Community Mobiliser:** Olivia Simon

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

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

**# Persons Reached:** Total: 107 Females: 75 Males: 32

**# Persons Newly Reached:** Total: 54 Females: 39 Males: 15

**# H&S Leaflets Distributed:** 165

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

**# of Other Posters Distributed:** Nil

### **Objectives of Visits:**

- Distribution of certificates of participation at the Lusignan Learning Centre
- Steering Committee Meeting
- Investigation of reported case of child abuse
- Counseling sessions
- Awareness session on wife abuse with women's group at Rita's house
- Awareness session at Lusignan Learning Centre
- House to house visit & community walk about

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

#### **Distribution of Certificates- Lusignan Learning Centre – 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

- A total of 40 participants, 26 females and 14 males from the community of Good Hope & Lusignan received certificates of participation for WWDPGC/ H&S workshops held over the past 2 project years. Certificates awarded were for participation at peer education workshops (2), religious leaders workshops (2) counselling workshop (1) and M&E and advocacy workshop (1). The exercise was a success and participants were pleased to receive their certificates. Some participants received up to 4 different certificates as they would have participated in many of the workshops. A few persons did not get their certificates and were disappointed. They were assured that they will get these at a later date.

#### **Steering Committee Meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> July**

- A total of 6 members, 4 females and 2 males attended the meeting. The members were still committed to the holding of a Bar-B-Que but the rainy weather was making it difficult to host such an event as available spaces were still flooded and muddy. In the meantime it was decided that members collect donated items from residents in the community for the poor and needy e.g. food items, clothing, books, games etc.

#### **Investigation a Reported Case of Child Abuse – 14<sup>th</sup> July**

- The CE and CM visited a family and spoke to 4 members, 3 females and 1 male. family members. The mother and grandmother both denied that there was child abuse taking place but the children looked scared and had visible marks of violence on their bodies. One boy had a hole in his left palm that was healing and which the grandmother claimed was self inflicted. Some neighbours claimed that the grandmother is the reason why the kids are abused constantly as she nags and complains to her son and daughter in law who in turn lashes out at the children.

#### **Counselling Case – 14<sup>th</sup> July**

- This was a follow up visit to a family where financial and verbal abuse has been

occurring. In this family the sole bread winner is an alcoholic who had previously promised to change his behaviour and do better job of providing for his family. Unfortunately the situation remained very much the same on the return visit. The father was still drinking 2 weeks and working 1 week and again attempted to make new promises about controlling his alcoholism. The wife however was willing to give him another chance. In the meantime the eldest child of this couple had topped her school and been awarded a place at Queen's College the top secondary school in Guyana.

#### **Counselling Case – 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

- This case involved a husband who reported that his wife was an alcoholic and abusive. According to the husband his wife would invite friends to drinking sessions on a regular basis when he was out working. She also was reported to be neglecting their 4 children and would verbally abuse to him in front of neighbours and their children when he spoke to her about this. This matter is already in the hands of the BV P&W Office but with little result. The CE promised to visit and talk to the wife. The father of a previous child abuse case had recommended this husband to the CE.

#### **Counselling Case -24<sup>th</sup> July**

- In this case the wife is the abuser according to reports. She admitted to being an alcoholic and cried more than she spoke. The CE made arrangements for a follow up visit with her alone at a later date. In this case there are 4 children who have never attended school. The mother claimed that she does not have birth certificates for the children s the reason for them not attending school.

#### **Counselling Case – 24<sup>th</sup> July**

- Follow up visit was made to the home of a previous case. The children seemed to be fine and doing well. These children had been previously removed from this home and sent to live with their grandmother. Their stepmother left their father home and has not returned and as a result the children returned to live with their father. The CE took some items of clothing, books and games for the children.

#### **House to House & Community Walk About – 20<sup>th</sup> July**

- A total of 22 residents, 17 females and 5 males from 17 homes were reached. The objective of the activity was to spread awareness about DV in the community and distribute leaflets on what to do and where to go to get help. Most of the residents though glad for the information were evasive about their situation re DV. Most of the residents reached thanked the CE and CM for their efforts to prevent DV and other forms of abuse from taking place in the community and encouraged them to keep up the good work. Residents were encouraged to get help if they needed it.  
A total of 138 H&S leaflets on Child neglect, Child Abuse, For Parents, Rape, Sexual Abuse, Wife Abuse, DV Resource Brochure, Anger Management and The Shelter were distributed.

#### **Evaluation of Awareness Sessions**

##### ***Women's Group at Rita's House – Wife Abuse – 20<sup>th</sup> July***

- A total of 8 women between the ages of 19-55 participated in this 2 hr session. In discussion the topic of wife abuse it was apparent that most of the women were not even aware that these behaviours were abusive and made excuses for some of the abuse. Some women also claimed that the fights grew fewer as they grew older and felt that God had finally answered their prayers. They did not recognize or accept that their partners were also becoming weaker and needier as they got older. The women also shared that some of

- their husbands also stopped their excessive alcohol consumption and they were very happy about this.
- A total of 6 H&S leaflets on Wife Abuse were distributed.

***Lusignan Learning Centre – Physical & Verbal Abuse – 27<sup>th</sup> July***

- A total of 21 students, 14 females and 7 males between the ages of 8-16 participated in this 4 hr session. The turn out was poor due to the weather and as there were a lot of new faces the CE and CM had to go back over some issues which had been shared at a previous session. The students were placed into 2 groups and after discussions they performed a skit each on the topics of physical and verbal abuse. Feedback showed that some students learnt for the first time about DV and learnt that word can hurt as much as physical blows. The students also found the revision of the 2 forms child abuse, drawing of forms of abuse and acting out these were useful learning experiences. Evaluation showed that participation, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as very good while understanding of topics discussed was rated as good. A total of 21 H&S on Child Neglect, Child Abuse, Rape, Sexual Assault, For Parents were distributed

**GOOD HOPE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR’S WORK PLAN –August 2010**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>
6/8/2010	Home Visits/Counselling	10 am
10/8/2010	Women’s Meeting at Lusignan AOG Church	5 pm
13/7/2010	House to House/Community Walk About	4pm
16/8/2010	Focus Group Discussion-Norma’s Residence	4.30pm
19/8/2010	Awareness Session-Learning Centre	1pm
23/8/2010	Steering Committee Meeting	4.30pm
26/8/2010	Home Visits/Counselling	1pm
29/8/2010	Community Walk About	4pm

**COVENT GARDEN**

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

**Community Mobilizer:** Carol Henry

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

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

**# Persons Reached:** Total: 159 Females: 95 Males: 64

**# Persons Newly Reached:** Total: 73 Females: 37 Males: 36

**# H&S Leaflets Distributed:** 21

**# 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
- Conduct an awareness session on health and unhealthy parental relationships with students from Covent Garden Primary School
- Conduct an awareness session on parenting styles with Covent Garden Nursery School Teacher
- Attendance & participation in Steering Committee Meeting
- Hosting of a Father’s Day Pampering Session for selected men

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

### **House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Resident – 13<sup>th</sup> July**

- The CM visited this home and while engaging in a discussion about activities being carried out in the community in relation to the H&S/WWDPGC this father and husband began unburdening himself as to what is happening in his own home. He said he is being verbally abused by his wife. Presently he is not working as he recently underwent surgery to his foot. As a result of this he says that his wife is always reminding him of everything she has to do for him which makes him uncomfortable. He is also having difficulty in correcting his son as whenever he tries to do this his wife intervenes on behalf of the son. He also says that this son is very disrespectful to him. He is thinking of leaving home due to the situation.

### **House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Resident – 13<sup>th</sup> July**

- CM met with a great grandmother who expressed her concern about her great granddaughter. This child is 14 yrs old and during the recent end of term exams her mother stopped sending her to school so she was unable to complete her exams. The parents of this child are separated but her father pays child support through the Court for the child's upkeep. Whenever the mother collects her child support payments she spends it on other things besides the child and the child complains about this. Whenever she asks her mother anything her mother would say she doesn't have this to give to her; but her younger sister is given whatever she asks for. The 14 yr old also has to assist her mother in preparing food items for sale at the school and has to also sell these items at school. She says she feels neglected and unloved and has developed a rebellious attitude. Whenever she is allowed to go out she would return home late without giving an explanation of where she was. She has also been associated with various individuals and when she misbehaves her mother reports her to the police station. Due to the number of reports received about her the police have threatened to send her to the Correctional School for Juveniles. The great grandmother blames the mother for her great granddaughter's behaviour.

### **House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Resident – 13<sup>th</sup> July**

- The 2 CEs visited homes of 3 men who were pampered to have one-on-one discussions. During the visit to the first home this man said that he had learnt a lot through the pampering session, before he would only be interested in the basics such as brushing teeth, combing hair, bathing and had not recognized the need to cut his nails often. At the second home the man was not at home so the CEs spoke to his wife about the project work being done in the community and left some H&S leaflets with her. The final home visited was the home of a steering committee member. The husband shared on how thankful he was for the information his wife learnt since attending our meetings. He laughed about how his wife will constantly be on the phone talking to people about abuse and children not going to school. He shared that if he talks too loud his wife will say to him don't think you can abuse me, "I know me rights". He said that he is also sharing what he has learnt with his friends.

### **House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Resident – 15<sup>th</sup> July**

- While the CM was sensitizing a female residents about DV, the forms and cycle of abuse She was told of the neglect and abuse she suffers at the hands of her husband. Her husband works at 2 jobs and still hardly provides for her, some days she has no food at all. Sometimes she is given \$1,000 per week sometimes no money at all. She also says that her husband spend most of his time when not working with a particular friend while she is left alone at home. She said she suspected her husband of having an affair and when she broached this subject with him he threatened her. The woman left and went



back to her mother's home and she indicated that she is not going to stay in the relationship and things are not getting any better. Three (3) H&S leaflets were left with this female resident.

#### **House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Resident – 15<sup>th</sup> July**

- A follow up visit was made to the home of the grandmother in whose care 2 young boy children, 2yrs and 3yrs had been left. The grandmother informed the CM that the children's mother had been sentenced to 6 months imprisonment. A friend of the family has taken the children to live with her temporarily until school re-opens as she works at the school and as such would not be able to care for them during school hours. The older of the 2 children is enrolled in nursery school starting in September. The aunt, with the help of an older brother of the children, has committed to supplying the 3yr old with the necessary school supplies for attendance at nursery school.

#### **House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Resident – 21<sup>st</sup> July**

- The CM and a SC member shared information about the H&S/WWDPGC project its aim and activities with a male resident. He was asked about his views on DV and GBV. In discussing these issues he expressed his concern about the high incidence of DV being experienced by women and teenage pregnancy. Five (5) H&S leaflets were left with this resident.

#### **House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Resident – 21<sup>st</sup> July**

- As the CM and SC member were about to make a follow up visit to the home, they were informed that the family was out. Neighbouring residents then shared their concerns about this family of six children aged of 6 months-12 yrs. The CM and SC member were told that the children are being physically and verbally abused by their mother as is the father. They were informed that the mother had beaten one of the children with a bottle until it broke and she would also throw the children against the wall. The mother would also leave the 6 month old baby with the children for hours while she goes out to work. The neighbours also said that the woman also verbally abuses them.

#### **House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Resident – 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

- This resident is an alcoholic who drink on a daily basis and drinks alcohol straight from the bottle. This man's physical condition is very bad, he has a swollen belly, swollen feet, spits blood and has been diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver. The CM explained the long and short term effects of alcohol on the body including diseases caused by excessive alcohol consumption which can be fatal.

#### **House to House Visit – 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

- During this visit a female resident was sensitized to the various issues the project is addressing within the community. Four (4) H&S leaflets were also left with this resident.

#### **House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Resident – 27<sup>th</sup> July**

- A home visit was made on this day to the home of a resident. He was not at home and his partner and child mother shared that she thought she needed counselling. She said that since the last visit she had read the leaflets and learnt a lot. she disclosed the various ways in which she was being abused by her partner. After listening to her cry, I shared the number for H&S with her and encouraged her to make a call or visit the office as soon as she can. She seemed very scared and further stated how difficult it would be for her to visit the office since she hardly gets the opportunity to go to the city. She promised to call the office for advice as soon as she gets the chance. The CE promised to visit her whenever she is in the community.

### **House to House Visits & One on One Discussion with Resident – 27<sup>th</sup> July**

- A male resident who had just exited from a rum shop approached the CM and asked to speak to her. He explained that his reputed wife of 18 years had walked out on him taking their 4 children for another man. He said since that his eldest daughter was sexually abused and the other 3 children are in foster care. He said it was this situation which had caused him to drink. He also said that his ex reputed wife has a mental disorder.

### **House to House Visit & One on One Discussion with Resident – 27<sup>th</sup> July**

- On this visit the CM and SCM received information about a couple who appear to be living in an abusive relationship. The woman had been seen with a chop to her hand. It was reported that she is constantly being beaten sometimes in the early hours of the morning. Her screams can be heard from these beatings and she would leave then return. It was reported that her reputed husband chopped her on one side of her face. This woman has 2 children, a son for her present reputed husband and a daughter from another relationship.

### **House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Resident – 30<sup>th</sup> July**

- The CE and SC member visited the family referred to above to speak to the mother about the reported abuse of her children and husband. On speaking to this mother they were informed that the mother was also a victim herself of abuse by her mother. She agreed that she did not want to treat her children in the same way she was treated and said she would stop the physical and verbal abuse of her children and try to be an example to them. When asked about what she uses to beat her children she first said a fine whip then admitted to also using a broom. She also spoke about the situation of her younger sister, 13 years old, who was taken out of school in order to look after her younger siblings. Her sister wants to go back to school but her mother is refusing to send them.

### **House to House Visits/Counselling & One on One Discussion with Resident – 30<sup>th</sup> July**

- The CE and SC member encountered a young man who appeared to be intoxicated and had a conversation with him as to why he was drinking. He said he had been introduced to alcohol by a cousin and said he has developed a love for it and that is why he continue to drink. He revealed that alcohol had been responsible for his near death about 4 years ago which resulted in him being in a coma for several days. He is also the father of 2 school age children and recounted his experiences of being physically abused by his grandmother as a child with a machine belt. He was very bitter about this experience and said if given the chance he would beat his grandmother now in the same way he had been beaten. The CM and SCM explained the long lasting effects of child abuse on the psyche of children and their future relationships; and advised him that the beating of children was child abuse and this would affect the father/child relationship with them in the present and future.

### **Evaluation of Awareness Sessions**

#### ***Covent Garden Nursery School Graduation – 8<sup>th</sup> July***

- The 2 CEs were asked by the headmistress of the Covent Garden Nursery School to chair their annual graduation ceremony. A total of 42 persons attended, 24 females and 22 males. The graduation ceremony was well attended by parents, family members, teachers and other members of staff. The CE's were introduced by one of the teachers and their job was to come up with creative activities that would keep both the children and parents attentive as the graduating students prepared to entertain their audience with dances, poems, skits, modeling etc.

The CE's took the opportunity while chairing proceedings to sensitize parents, family members and staff on the importance of early childhood education, parents were asked to report cases of child neglect as the CEs shared how early childhood education was very vital to achieving a successful academic career and commended the teachers for giving the children a good educational foundation. Tokens were given to the best graduation student and for best school attendance. Trophies were also given to parents who were active and regular attendees at PTA meetings; it was noted more male parents than female parents received these trophies.

The graduation ceremony ended with the address from the headmistress who felt that the students were leaving well equipped to live up to the expectations and level of primary school. She reiterated that quality and relevant education is the schools' number one priority and thanked the parents for enrolling their children in the school. She also thanked her staff for the good work done and wished the graduating students good luck in the future. The ceremony ended with a cultural presentation and certificate distribution.

**COVENT GARDEN COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN –August 2010**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>
16/8/2010	Steering Committee Meeting	
19/8/2010	House to House Visit	
24/8/2010	Visit to NDC	
25/8/2010	House to House Visit	
30/8/2010	House to House Visit	