

HELP & SHELTER
WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER GERMAN COMMITTEE PROJECT
MONTHLY M&E REPORT- NOVEMBER 2009 - Submitted by Danuta Radzik

Community Educators' Monthly Reports

KANEVILLE

Community Educator: Tessa Greene

Community: Kaneville, East Bank Demerara

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

Persons Reached: Total: 252 Females: 149 Males: 103

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 134 Females: 77 Males: 57

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 1,950

of H&S Posters Distributed: 30

of Other Posters Distributed : 12

Objectives of Visits:

- Fund raising for Christmas gift bags and community development
- Visit to 3 schools to discuss the prepared speech competition
- Visit to Methodus Education School to observe plan of action by peer educators
- Attendance and participation at steering committee meeting
- Walk against domestic violence
- Preparations for hosting the prepared speech competition
- Prepared speech competition
- Facilitation of 2 day community based Peer Educators Workshop

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Fundraising for Christmas Gift Bags and Community Development -7th & 28th November

- The fundraising will be used to purchase items for gift bags for distribution to vulnerable children in the Wrong Turn area of Kaneville.

- The CE and CM were present at the drawing of Kaneville Development Group's fundraising raffle. There were 5 prizes – an electric fan (compliments of H&S), a food hamper (Mrs. James), a glass set, an electric mug and an electric iron. Funds garnered amounted to \$37,500. This money will be used to repair 2 foot bridges in the community. a total of 23 persons, 13 females and 10 males participated in this activity

Visit to 3 schools to Discuss Prepared Speech Competition – 9th November

- IPE, Methodus Education and Xenon School were visited by the CE to discuss arrangements and guidelines for the prepared speech competition. At the same time the schools were mobilized for the upcoming Walk Against Domestic Violence and students who participated in the peer educator's workshop were encouraged to follow through with their plans of action. A total of 750 H&S leaflets on Sexual Assault, H&S fact Sheet, Wife Abuse, Rape and DVA were distributed to schools.

Visit to Methodus Education School for Peer Educator's Plan of Action – 13th November

- The CE and CM visited the school to observe the peer educators as they carried out their plan of action. This was done in the form of a skit which focused on teenage pregnancy with a bit of domestic violence included. The event was well planned as the peer educators had involved the administrative staff in the activity. Props and signs for the various scenes were also prepared. The entire school of 85 students and teachers, 48

females and 37 males between the ages of 8-68 enjoyed the skit as well as a poem and a mime. The CE described this as a very enjoyable, productive and successful afternoon.

Steering Committee Meeting – 19th November

- A total of 7 members, 6 females and 1 male attended the meeting. Activities discussed included elections for new office bearers, registration of the group for 2010, fundraising events and other activities as follows:
 - Elections to be scheduled for December 2009. The present Chairman indicated that he would not be available for another term of office. Interim Vice-President to be shortlisted
 - The Chairman to request the registration form for 2010 from the Ministry of Culture
 - The raffle will be drawn on 28/11/09
 - The NDC to be contacted for assistance with the naming of streets. Some galvanized metal has already been purchased.

Preparations for and Walk Against Domestic Violence – 19th & 21st November

- On the 19th the CE visited H&S to collect leaflets and posters for distribution during the Walk Against Domestic Violence. With the help of the CM the afternoon was spent placing the leaflets into sets of 5 for distribution along the route and making final plans for the Walk. The CE also checked in with the Police and NDC with regards to all the scheduled activities.
- A total of 70 persons, 44 females and 26 males between the ages of 13-56 including students and residents of communities on the EBD participated in the Walk Against Domestic Violence on the 21st of November. The Walk was described as a surprisingly successful considering the weather and the early start time. The walk started at the community of Diamond at 6.45 hrs and should have ended at the community of Craig. However the students insisted on walking from Craig back to Diamond. Along the way chants of ‘Save the Children, Stop Domestic Violence’ livened up the Walk as posters and leaflets were distributed to vehicles, businesses and homes along the way. Participants had fun and enjoyed the activity. The reception from vehicle drivers and residents during the Walk were encouraging as they commended the initiative and suggested that more adults be involved next time. Diamond Secondary School also prepared a banner. The theme for the event was “Youths in Unity Against Domestic Violence.” The NDC, headmistress and teachers of Diamond Secondary School and IPE as well as the Police are acknowledged and thanked for their presence and support to the successful Walk Against Domestic Violence as is DDL for the provision of water and juice for participants.
A total of 1,200 H&S leaflets as well as 30 H&S posters and 12 GHARP (HIV Prevention) were also distributed

Prepared Speech Competition – 25th November

A total of 47 students, 29 females and 18 males between the ages of 14-17 participated as presenters of the prepared speech competition and audience. This activity was part of the 16 days of activism, November 25th – December 10th for the international elimination of all forms of violence against women. Four (4) schools were invited and 3 participated in the competition. The students who represented their schools did an excellent job of presenting their team’s opinion on the topic, ‘Gender Roles – Do They Promote Domestic Violence?’ It was evident that some teams did a better job of researching the topic area but all the presenters confidently expressed their views and opinions and were well supported by their classmates and students from other schools in the audience. The competition was judged by 4 persons, the Ministry of Culture’s Youth

Officer, WWDPGC/H&S Project Coordinator and M&E Officer and a HIV/AIDS consultant and youth educator/ facilitator. Five trophies were presented compliments of H&S (4) and Acting Chief Education Officer, Ministry of Education (1) as follows:

Best Overall Presentation:

1st Place- Diamond Secondary School

2nd Place – Xenon Academy

3rd Place – IPE

Best Presenter, Male – Paul Callender – Diamond Secondary

Best Presenter, Female – Tiffany Rambahrose - IPE

Peer Educators’ Follow up Workshop – Diamond Community Centre – 26th & 27th November

- A total of 20 persons, 9 females and 11 males participated in the 2 day follow up workshop.

See separate report for details

KANEVILE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR’S WORK PLAN – December, 2009

Date	Activity	Time
7/12/09	Survey on Domestic Violence	9.30 am-3.30 pm
13/12/09	Meeting with Peer Educators	3 pm
	Steering Committee Meeting	
19/12/09	Distribution of Tokens	4 pm

DEN AMSTEL

Community Educator: Ebeth McIntosh

Community: Den Amstel, West Coast Demerara

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

Persons Reached: Total: 93 Females: 70 Males: 23

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 24 Females: 21 Males: 3

H&S leaflets Distributed: 40

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:

Objectives of Visits:

- To conduct an awareness session on domestic violence with the Congregational Youth Group
- To conduct an awareness session on suicide with the Kingdom Connection Youth Group
- To conduct an awareness session on Child Abuse with the AOG Women’s Group
- To conduct a discussion on the movie ‘Provoked’ with the Christian Brethren Men’s Group
- To conduct an awareness session on methods of effective discipline with the Den Amstel Nursery School teachers
- To conduct an awareness session on emotional abuse with person attending the pre natal clinic at the Den Amstel Health Centre

- To conduct an awareness session on sexual abuse with the Kingdom Connection Youth Group
- To conduct an awareness sessions on Incest with the PTA of the Nursery School
- Hosting of the 2 day community based Den Amstel Peer Educator's Workshop

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Congregational Youth Group – Domestic Violence – 1st November

- A total of 18 young people, 12 females and 6 males, between the ages of 10-22 participated in this 3 hr awareness session.

Participants did a very good job of coming up with a definition for domestic violence, the types of domestic violence, where, when it occurs and to who. There was also an excellent discussion on domestic violence entrapment. The youth also planned and executed very good dramatic presentation on the different types of domestic violence, physical abuse, emotional abuse and sexual abuse. It was evident from the discussions and presentations that the participants were aware that domestic violence is wrong and no one should stay in a domestic violence situation nor encourage this in any way. The youth said they would be sharing the information gained with everyone they came into contact with.

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

A total of 20 H&S leaflets on domestic violence were distributed.

Kingdom Connection Youth Group – Suicide – 11th November

- A total of 14 young people, 10 females and 4 males between the ages of 10-25 participated in this 3 hr awareness session.

The young participants were asked to come up with their own definition of suicide and then the discussion focused on the mental state of suicidal persons, how they feel, the reasons why persons commit such suicide, signs and behaviours exhibited by some persons before committing suicide, methods used in suicide, ways to prevent suicide and help for suicidal persons. A dramatic presentation was performed by the group on suicide and in the discussion some of the youth indicated that they had thoughts of suicide but never made an actual attempt. Participants said they had learnt new information on this topic and plan to share this information effectively with everyone they come into contact with.

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

A.O.G. Women's Group – Child Abuse – 10th November

- A total of 6 women between the ages of 27-56 participated in this 3 hr session. During the session child abuse was explored in 3 forms, physical abuse, emotional abuse and neglect.

The women spoke about their own childhood experiences and shared their experiences of the physical and emotional abuse they suffered and how they felt about the abuse when it was taking place and how they feel about it presently. The participants felt that the abuse they experiences did affect them in their childhood and is still affecting them now in their adulthood. Cases of child abuse which was taking place within their community and in other communities were also discussed. At the end of the session the women said they will pass on the information about child abuse to persons they come into contact with and will also use it to help other parents and children.

Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as excellent.

A total of 20 H&S leaflets on child abuse and child neglect were distributed.

Christian Brethren Men's Group – Domestic Violence – 15th November

- A total of 7 males between the ages of 15-45 participated in this 3 hr session on the movie 'Provoked'. There was a very healthy discussion on the movie and what it portrayed. The session also discussed the forms of domestic violence experienced by both women and men, where it happens, who it happens to, when it happens, what persons experiencing domestic violence need to do about the situation and the entrapment process. The male participants were all totally against domestic violence and shared stories of this type of abuse which is taking place in and out of the Den Amstel community and how they have helped survivors to get out of domestic violence situations. Through counselling and sharing of new information, participants said they will continue to assist persons in need.

Den Amstel Nursery School Teachers – Method of Effective Discipline – 17th November

- A total of 5 female Nursery School teachers between the ages of 25-45 participated in this 3 hr session. Feedback from participants indicated that they benefited greatly from this session. They learnt that the big stick method is not always the most effective way to solve problems between parents and children and teachers and children, as there are other ways to discipline children. The master key is love and we can do that by communication. We must know how to communicate and give reasons to children for the actions we take. Permitting children to experience the consequences of behaviour was also stressed. The teachers committed to sharing this vital information with other teachers, parents and said that all the information they have gained over this project year has made them better teachers and better equipped to manage children and parents. They are looking forward to the next year and acquiring new knowledge and information. Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as excellent.

Den Amstel Pre Natal Clinic – Suicide – 19th November

- A total of 15 females between the ages of 16-39 participated in this 1 ½ hr session. The female participants shared cases of suicide that happened in and out of their communities some of the participants said they have thought of taking their own life many times due to family problems but have never followed through on these suicidal thoughts. Some of the participants disclosed that people have come to them saying they want to commit suicide and they did not know what to do or say to assist them. They felt that the session has given them knowledge and information about how suicidal persons feel, things they do before committing suicide and how to assist persons in such situations and ways to prevent suicide occurring in their own lives and in their communities. Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as excellent.

Steering Committee Meeting – 26th November

- A total of 4 female members attended the meeting. The main item discussed was the holding of a Christmas party for underprivileged children between the ages of 5-10 at the Community Centre Ground on the 21st December. It was agreed that each steering committee member will contribute an item on the menu.

Peer Educator's Follow Up Workshop – Den Amstel Community Centre – 12th & 13th November

- A total of 24 persons, 18 females and 6 males participated in this 2 day workshop.
See separate report for details

DEN AMSTEL COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN –December, 2009

Date	Activity	Time
3/12/09	Awareness session-Effective Discipline-Pre Natal Clinic	
6/12/09	Awareness Session-Suicide-Congregational Youth Group	
8/12/09	Awareness Session-Child Sexual Abuse-Restoration Women's Group	
12/12/09	Awareness Session-Drug Abuse- Kingdom Connection Youth Group	
21/12/09	Christmas Party for Children	

GOOD HOPE**Community Educator:** Montgomery Chester**Community:** Good Hope, East Bank Demerara**Activities:** A total of 4 visits were made to this community for the month**# Persons Reached:** Total: 32 Females: 31 Males: 1**# Persons Newly Reached:** Total: 28 Females: 27 Males: 1**# H&S leaflets Distributed:** 15**# H&S Posters:** Nil**# Brochures on Condoms:** Nil**Objectives of Visits:**

- To identify women between the ages of 18-65+ to interview for the survey on gender based violence
- To organize interviews of women for the GBV survey
- To facilitate the 2 day follow up peer educators workshop in Good Hope

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:**To Identify Women for Interviews on GBV – 13th November**

On this day the community educator, mobiliser and a peer educator went through the village to identify women for the Help and Shelter survey on GBV. At the end of the exercise 15 women were selected, their contact information was collected and the dates and time for interviews were arranged.

A total of 7 WWDP/HS brochures and 8 H&S leaflets were distributed at the same time.

To organize and direct interviewers to houses of women to be interviewed for the GBV Survey – 19th November

- The Help and Shelter survey was started in Good Hope on this day. Four interviewers visited the community and were guided to the different homes by the community educator and the community mobiliser. Eleven (11) women were interviewed.

Follow Up Peer Educators Workshop – Auntie Norma's Residence – 24th & 25th November

- A total of 6 persons, 5 females and 1 male participated in this 2 day workshop.
See separate report for details

GOOD HOPE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORKPLAN – December, 2009

Date	Activity	Time
10/12/09	Interviews for GBV Survey	

COVENT GARDEN

Community Educators: Ebeth McIntosh

Community: Covent Garden, East Bank Demerara

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

Persons Reached: Total: 69 Females: 50 Males: 19

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 36 Females: 33 Males: 3

H&S Leaflets Distributed: Nil

H&S Posters Distributed: Nil

Brochures on Condoms: Nil

Objectives of Visits:

- To conduct an awareness session on things every man should know about a woman and things every woman should know about a man with the Full Gospel Men's Fellowship.
- To conduct an awareness session on teenage pregnancy with the Full Gospel Women's Group
- To conduct an awareness session with Covent Garden Nursery School teachers things every man should know about a woman and things every woman should know about a man *
- Facilitating 2 day workshop for Peer Educators in Covent Garden
- Facilitation of 2 day follow up Peer Educator's Workshop

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Full Gospel Men's Fellowship – Things Every Man Should Know About a Woman and Things Every Woman Should Know About a Man - 9th November

- A total of 16 males between the ages of 14-76 participated in this 3 hr session. The men said they did not know some of these things about women even though they were already married. Feedback from participants indicated that they felt that the information shared with them was vital and now that they are better informed of some of the needs of women they will be better able to communicate with their wives towards improving their family life making it sweeter. The male participants said they were grateful for information they have been receiving during the on going sessions and have been sharing this with friends, family and other persons they come into contact with.
Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as excellent.

Full Gospel Women's Group – Teenage Pregnancy – 10th November

- A total of 12 women between the ages of 30-70 participated in 3 hr session. The information shared were new to the participants, they said they had never been told of this by their parents or anyone else. They said if they had received this information as young people they would have lived their lives differently. Now that they have been informed about this topic including the causes and effects of teenage pregnancy, how to prevent this and how to deal with it if it does occur to someone they know; they committed to sharing this information with their children, grandchildren and youth.
Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as very good.

Covent Garden Nursery School Teachers – Things Every Man Should Know About a Woman and Things Every Woman Should Know About a Man & Methods of Effective Discipline – 16th November

- A total of 5 female teachers between the ages of 25-45 participated in this 3 hr session. One teacher felt that the session provided her with the opportunity to think deeper about

what men should know about a woman and vice versa. It also showed the importance of self searching and coming to the realization that both men and women should be respected. Another teacher said the session was very interesting as participants were given the opportunity to share ideas and thoughts. The topic of women and men's needs helped her to realize that she had not been paying much attention to her husband and some of his needs.

On the topic effective methods of discipline, teachers said they always need to find new strategies for the discipline of children in the course of their work. They supported the view that communication is essential in any relationship between an adult and child whether in the home or school and love is the most important ingredient in any child/parent relationship. They felt that the discussion will help them discipline more effectively being fully aware of what is expected and should be done.

Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were all rated as excellent.

Conducting of 2 day Peer Educator's Workshop – 2nd & 3rd November

- A total of 24 persons, 21 females and 3 males participated in the workshop
See separate report for details

Conducting of 2 day Follow Up Peer Educator's Workshop – 30th November 1st December

- A total of 18 persons, 17 females and 1 male participated in the workshop
See separate report for details

COVENT GARDEN COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORK PLAN – December, 2009

Date	Activity	Time
9/12/09	Awareness Session-Methods of Effective Discipline-Full Gospel Men's Fellowship	
10/12/09	Awareness Session- Methods of Effective Discipline - Full Gospel Women's Group	
15/12/09	Christmas Party for Children	