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MONTHLY M&E REPORT- OCTOBER 2009 - Submitted by Danuta Radzik

Community Educators' Monthly Reports

KANEVILLE

Community Educator: Tessa Greene

Community: Kaneville, East Bank Demerara

Activities: A total of 14 visits were made to this community for the month

Persons Reached: Total: 212 Females: 108 Males: 106

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 28 Females: 20 Males: 10

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 180

of H&S Posters Distributed: 8

of Other Posters Distributed : 6

Objectives of Visits:

- Follow up visits on child abuse cases
- Mobilization for peer education workshop
- To conduct an awareness session on Trafficking In Persons (TIP) at the Grove Health Centre
- To conduct awareness sessions on Gender with students from IPE Secondary School, Grove
- To conduct an awareness session on Gender with students at the Xenon Academy
- To conduct an awareness session on Gender Roles with students from Methodus Education
- Meeting with headmistress of the Grove Nursery School
- Attendance & participation at steering committee meeting and co facilitate a TIP awareness session
- Facilitation of 2 day community based Peer Educators Workshop

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Follow up Visits on Child Abuse Cases – 1st, 2nd 14th October

- CE visited the Child Protection Unit (CPU) to monitor follow up action taken by social worker reported to re case GCC 1. The social worker said she visited the home but left after the mother of the child became abusive. The mother of the child has stopped the child from attending school and this was confirmed by the father. CE met with the mother of the child and said she would not be going to see the social worker at the CPU as she was thinking of sending her daughter to the Drop –in-Centre or the Sophia Home run by the MLHSS. The mother was advised to allow the child to speak to a counselor at H&S before sending her to any of the institutions she mentioned. The CE volunteered to accompany the child to H&S to see a counsellor.
- Two (2) visits to the CPU re case KV1 revealed that the home was never visited by an officer from this Unit. The CE has not seen the child or the mother on any of her visits, the CM was asked to follow up on this case.

Mobilization of Residents of 4th Field for Peer Educators Workshop – 3rd October

- Response was not very good as persons reached indicated that they were not available on the days scheduled for the workshop. One resident promised to send her 3 granddaughters.

Meeting with Headmistress of Grove Nursery School – 20th October

The CE and CM met with the head of the Nursery School to discuss arrangements for the use of the Community Centre for their respective activities. During the meeting it was revealed that the headmistress was of the opinion that a 8yr old female student was being sexually abused by her father. The father had admitted that the child has been sleeping in the bed with him since her mother has a stroke and the child is not allowed to go out anywhere without him accompanying him except to school. The CE recommended that the headmistress report the matter to the School's Welfare Officer and also gave her the number for the CPU.

The CE says that abuse is prevalent in these communities and teachers are seeing signs or are being told of abuse from children themselves. The CE feels that the system in place for the protection of children is failing students and the various agencies and Government Ministries and units need to work in tandem with the CPU to help protect our youth from child abuse.

Attendance by CE & CM of Domestic Violence Case at Providence Magistrate Court- 30th October

- A 31 year old resident of Samatta point (community next to Kaneville) was arrested for chopping his wife with a cutlass when the case was finally heard the wife asked the Magistrate to drop the case against her husband. She was fined \$12,000 and the man was released. His wife stated that she was finished with him and requested that he collect his clothing from the home and move back with his mother in Kaneville.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

Grove Health Centre – Trafficking in Persons – 8th October

- A total of 39 persons, 37 females and 2 males between the ages of 18-49 participated in the 1 hr 45 min session on TIP. The facilitator outlined the definition of trafficking, explained who were the victims and perpetrators, socio/economic conditions which made persons vulnerable trafficking and ways to prevent trafficking. Participants shared stories they know of persons who had similar experiences but said they never knew this could be related to TIP. One participant said her cousin was promised a job in Barbados but when she got there her documents were taken away and she spent 6 months working as a domestic instead of in the store as promised. Other women spoke of Guyanese persons who were exposed to similar experiences in other countries. The CE explained that trafficking can take place within and outside of Guyana.

Evaluation of the session indicated that participation and understanding of topics discussed was rated as good and facilitation and the session overall were both rated as very good.

A total of 42 H&S leaflets on Trafficking in Women were distributed to participants.

Grove Health Centre – Anger Management – 8th October

- A total of 32 persons, 31 females and 1 male between the ages of 20-50 yrs participated in 1 hr 20 min session on anger management. The original plan was to continue the session on TIP but due to an incident where a mother became angry and was abusive when another person was allowed to see the Medex before her; a session on anger management was conducted instead. The incident was used to discuss how we can try to control how we behave while asserting ourselves. Participants were asked to say how their children would react if they got angry. The CE emphasized that children pattern their behaviour on their parents and thus would deal with their anger just as they see their parent do. The session ended on a good note despite the initial angry atmosphere. The nurse also explained why the other person was given preference.

Evaluation showed that participation, facilitation and the session overall was assessed as very good, while understanding of topics was rated as good.

A total of 35 H&S leaflets on Anger Management were distributed.

IPE Secondary School Form 2A – Gender – 9th October

- A total of 31 students, 13 females and 18 males from Form 2A participated in a 3 hr session on gender. Feedback from participants indicated that there was good participation. The discussion focused on how gender roles and responsibilities were transferred from parents to children.
Evaluation indicated that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and overall rating of the session were all assessed as very good.
A total of 20 H&S Fact Sheets were distributed to participants.

Xenon Academy – Gender – 15th October

- A total of 63 male students between the ages of 11-17 from Xenon Academy participated in a 50 min awareness session on gender and gender roles. Feedback from participants indicated that the session was very interactive. Students were divided up into groups and asked to explore what is expected of women and men. Groups listed education, wealth and being responsible as qualities expected of both women and men. Other qualities identified were having a good job, being trustworthy, considerate, loving and well behaved. In discussing the qualities, characteristics and expectations of women and men, students were asked if they already possessed the characteristics they listed and if not how were they going to instill these. Students were also asked reflect on current gender relationships in their school. One young man stated that some girls are pressuring boys into having sex. The CE and CM were able to show how behaviour in our social relationships depends on how we were socialized.
Evaluation showed that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and overall rating of the session were all assessed as very good

Steering Committee – Trafficking in Persons – 15th October

- A total of 8 members, 5 females and 3 males participated in an awareness session on trafficking in persons.

Methodus Education 4th & 5th Form – Gender Roles -16th October

- A total of 21 students, 15 females and 6 males between the ages of 15-16 yrs participated in a 40 min awareness session on gender roles.
Feedback from students indicated that there is some reluctance on the part of some East Indian boys to accept the idea that it is OK for males to assist with some of the household chores within the house as they contend that their mothers and sisters do all these chores. These attitudes reveal that at time tradition, cultural norms and customs continue even in the face of gender discrimination and domestic violence. The class teacher and school administrator were present during the session and the CE was asked to conduct similar sessions with the other forms.
Evaluation showed that participation, facilitation and the session overall were all assessed as very good while understanding of topics discussed was rated as good.
A total of 25 H&S Fact Sheets were distributed and 7 H&S, Everychild and GHARP posters.

Diamond Secondary School Form 3A – Understanding Self – 29th October

- A total of 34 students, 22 females and 12 males between the ages of 14-15 participated in a 1hr and 45 min session on understanding self. The CE discussed self through the use of the Johari Window which identifies different levels of self understanding. Discussions were also held on how knowledge about a person can influence how we treat them and this can affect our self esteem and self concept. This was reinforced by the idea of

'labelling'. Where each student was asked to reveal a call name given to them or harsh words spoken to them and how they felt about this. Parents and peers were high on the list of persons who labeled.

Evaluation indicated that participation was fair, understanding of topics good and facilitation and the session overall very good.

At the end of the session the Deputy Headmistress requested that the CE speak to the general PTA in the new term and also visit the school once per week.

A total of 34 H&S leaflets on Stop Abuse were distributed, 4 H&S posters and 3 others from Everychild and GHARP.

Peer Educators Workshop – Diamond Community Centre – 22nd & 23rd October

- A total of 27 persons, 17 females and 10 males participated in the 2 day workshop held on the 22nd & 23rd of October.

See separate report for details

KANEVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR’S WORK PLAN – November, 2009

Date	Activity	Time
5/11/09	Steering Committee Meeting	5 pm
1/10/09	Awareness Session-Kaneville Full Gospel Women’s Group	7 pm
6/11/09	Awareness Session -IPE Secondary School –	1 pm
9/11/09	Awareness Session-Xenon Academy	4 pm
10/11/09	Awareness session- Grove Health Centre	8.30 am
11/11/09	Methodus Education	2.30 pm
/11/09	Awareness Session Diamond Secondary School (tentative)	
21/11/09	Walk Against Violence	6.00 am
22/11/09	Visit to DV Survivors	2.30 pm
29/10/09	Inter School Peer Educators Debate	9 am
26-27/11/09	Follow Up Peer Ed Workshop	9.00 am
28/11/09	Community Day Exhibition	10 am

DEN AMSTEL

Community Educator: Ebeth McIntosh

Community: Den Amstel, West Coast Demerara

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

Persons Reached: Total: 193 Females: 152 Males: 41

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 30 Females: 25 Males: 5

H&S leaflets Distributed: 226

MLHSS DV Posters: 0

GHARP Booklets (Super Gang & The Player): 0

GHARP Posters: 10

Empowering Women Booklet: 0

HIV Leaflets & Booklets: 0

H&S Posters: 18

of Condoms Distributed: 288

Objectives of Visits:

- To raise awareness on GBV through the showing of the movie ‘Provoked’ to the Congregational Youth Group

- 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 – Movie Night, ‘Provoked’ – 3rd October

- A total of 76 young people, 47 females and 29 males attended the showing of the film ‘Provoked’.

The turn out was excellent and included other youth from the community of Den Amstel, youth from the Stewartville Congregational Group and a visiting Congregational Pastor from Jamaica attended the session. In the discussion held after the showing of the film the youth commented on the fact that some women take too long to get out of domestic abusive relationships, and women need to value themselves more highly and know what they are worth. It was also felt that women or men do not have to stay in abusive relationships or wait until it is too late to get out resulting in either party killing the other. The need for both women and men to be educated on DV and to know how and where to seek help from without feeling ashamed was also voiced. The youth said they hoped that they would not find themselves in a domestic violence situation but if they do they would know what to do and where to go for help. The Stewartville Congregational youth present requested that similar session be done with their youth group.

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

A total of 76 H&S leaflets on DV were distributed.

Den Amstel Pre Natal Clinic – Emotional Abuse – 8th October

- A total of 15 women between the ages of 18-30 participated in the 1 ½ hr session on emotional abuse.

Feedback indicated that the women were able to understand the concept of emotional abuse and some of them had or were experiencing this but would ignore the abuse as a way of coping. The women admitted feeling hurt, stressed and depressed at times and hope that one day their partner will change. Some of the women spoke of the things that their partners say to them and how this has affected them emotionally both long term and short term. Many of the women are hoping that their partner will change, 2 women said they has already sought help from H&S. The CE had the support of 2 community peer educators at this session.

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

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

Kingdom Connection Youth Group – Sexual Abuse – 11th October

- A total of 19 young people, 13 females and 7 males between the ages of 10-24 participated in a 2 ½ hr session on sexual abuse.

The youth were very open in talking about sexual abuse and shared personal stories they knew of. The short term and long term effects of sexual abuse on victims were discussed. Some of the information shared on sexual abuse was new and surprising to the youth. Information was also given on sexually transmitted diseases and how these can be contracted. None of the youth admitted to being sexually abused.

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

Nursery School PTA –Incest – 27th October

- A total of 52 females from PTA between the ages of 18-65 attended the 1 hr session on incest.

When the session first started the participants were a bit timid to talk about incest but as the session went on participants became more comfortable and shared experiences without being ashamed or afraid of what people would say or think about them. The women said that they gained new knowledge and skills which would help them to talk to children about incest and sexual abuse and other topics. They said before the session they did not know how to speak about such matters to children but now that they have learnt this they will also encourage others to talk to their own children as well. The head teacher said that on this occasion the target group was women and on another occasion she will target the men. The women requested that more awareness session be held for them.

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

A total of 20 H&S leaflets, For Parents and Child Sexual Abuse were distributed to participants.

Peer Educator’s Workshop – Den Amstel Community Centre – 12th & 13th October

- A total of 31 persons, 25 females and 6 males participated in this 2 day workshop.
See separate report for details

DEN AMSTEL COMMUNITY EDUCATOR’S WORK PLAN –November, 2009

Date	Activity	Time
1/11/09	Awareness session-DV-Congregational Youth Group	
5/11/09	Awareness Session-Suicide-Pre-Natal Clinic, Health Centre	
8/11/09	Awareness Session-Suicide- Kingdom Connection Youth Group	
10/11/09	Awareness Session-Child Abuse-AOG Women’s Group	
12/11/09	Steering Committee Meeting	
15/11/09	Movie Afternoon- Christian Brethren Men’s Group	
16/11/09	Movie Night- Christian Brethren Women’s Group	
19/11/09	Awareness Session-Child Abuse-Willing Workers Women’s Group	
23/11/09	Awareness session-gender-Youths at the Community Centre	
27/11/09	Awareness Session-Gender-Murray’s Business School	

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: 34 Females: 26 Males: 8

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 8 Females: 8 Males: 0

H&S leaflets Distributed: 70

H&S Posters: 19

Brochures on Condoms: 0

Objectives of Visits:

- To promote counseling services now available in the community and to invite persons to the upcoming Peer Educators workshop
- To inform and mobilize persons for the upcoming Peer Educators workshop

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

To Promote Counselling Services in the Community – 6th October

- A total of 13 persons were reached, 10 females and 3 males.
The purpose of this walkabout was to make residents aware of counseling services now available in the community. The response to the counseling services was somewhat lukewarm as the majority of persons claimed not to have any “problems”. However the contact information for Help and Shelter and the project team in Good Hope were given to community members. One woman broke into tears as she told the team about her abusive husband. She said he does harm her but he is verbally and physically abusive towards his daughters. The team did offer some amount of counseling to the woman, however more sessions will be arranged with her in the near future.
The second purpose of the walkabout was to inform persons about the upcoming peer educators’ workshop. Some persons were very interested and made a commitment to attend.
A total of 7 brochures and leaflets were distributed, 2 H&S DV leaflets and 5 H&S/WWDPGC brochures.

To inform and mobilize persons for the upcoming Peer Educators workshop – 8th, 15th, 22nd October 2009

- A total of 12 persons, 10 females and 2 males were reached during this activity.
The Good Hope project team continued the village walkabout. They visited households telling people about the project and inviting them to the workshop. The majority of persons visited promised to attend the workshop. Phone numbers were collected of all persons spoken to.
A total of 5 H&S brochures and leaflets were distributed.
- A total of 5 persons, 4 females and 1 male took part in this activity.
The project team continued the walkabout to different parts of the community. More persons were invited to the workshop. The community educator spoke to one man who seemed very interested in the workshop and ask lots of questions about the services of Help and Shelter.
The community educator also made telephone calls to persons throughout the village of Good Hope. Calls were made to persons spoken to in the previous week and other persons whose telephone numbers were collected throughout the year.
A total of 2 H&S leaflets on Shelter Services were distributed.
- A total of 15 persons, 6 females and 9 males took part in this activity.
The community educator spoke to the cricketers about the upcoming workshop. One man did indicate a positive interest and said he would make an effort to attend. A popular internet café and game shop was also visited and the proprietor and his wife were invited. The community educator also spoke to some of the patrons in the shop about the workshop.
Further, the community educator also visited the homes of some persons to personally tell them about the activity.

Peer Educators Workshop – Auntie Norma’s Residence – 28th & 29th October

- A total of 15 women participated in this 2 day workshop.
See separate report for details

GOOD HOPE COMMUNITY EDUCATOR'S WORKPLAN – November, 2009

No workplan was submitted by the CE for November 2009.

COVENT GARDEN

Community Educators: Tessa Greene & Ebeth McIntosh

Community: Covent Garden, East Bank Demerara

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

Persons Reached: Total: 229 Females: 163 Males: 66

Persons Newly Reached: Total: 182 Females: 160 Males: 62

H&S Leaflets Distributed: 295

H&S Posters Distributed: 52

Brochures on Condoms: 0

Objectives of Visits:

- Follow up and counselling/assistance for 2 cases in the community of Covent Garden
- To conduct an awareness session on Parenting with parents of Primary 1 students
- Meeting with teachers from the Covent Garden Primary & Secondary Schools re child abuse case
- Meeting with headmaster and teachers of Covent Garden Primary School
- To conduct an awareness session on Gender with 4th Form students from Covent Garden Secondary School
- To conduct an awareness sessions on Gender with Covent Garden Nursery School teachers
- To conduct an awareness session on Gender with members of the Full Gospel Men's Fellowship
- To conduct an awareness session on Gender with members of the Full Gospel Women's Group

Community/Group & Individual Responses to Visits:

Counselling /Assistance for 2 Cases- 10th & 18th October

- The CE met with a resident who complained that her granddaughter is very verbally abusive towards her. She explained that her granddaughter was involved in a relationship with a man who was much older than her and did not want to end the relationship because she claimed that the man promised to marry her. The women said her granddaughter becomes annoyed whenever she is rebuked and has even stops talking to her even though she has provided for her granddaughter all her life. The man involved was asked to visit the home and have a discussion about the relationship between him and the granddaughter, he brought along his wife and in everyone's presence told the granddaughter that her wanted to end the relationship. The granddaughter is still very upset and angry at her grandmother. The CE spoke privately to the granddaughter and found out that she is seeing another young man. She was invited to attend the upcoming peer educator's workshop.
- The teenager in case GC1 seems to be adjusting well since her suicide attempt. She is working and seems to be far more comfortable with herself. The teenager and the young man in question are now working at the same organization and are continuing their relationship. The mother has reconciled to the fact that her daughter wants to continue with the relationship and says she is not going to worry over this any longer as her

daughter has made up her mind on this matter. The CE has not been able to speak to the young man in question.

Meeting with Covent Garden Primary & Secondary Teacher re Child Abuse Cases – 28th October

- CE was called by a Primary School teacher in connection with a child abuse situation. When contacted the CPU advised the CE to assess the situation and if possible to warn the parent and instruct her to visit the CPU office. The situation is that a resident who lives opposite the school was seen physically abusing her son by hitting the child's head on the handrail of the stairway and also hitting him with a piece of wood. When the teacher cautioned the parent she became abusive towards the teacher. The child attends the Nursery School and the Head Teacher related that she had cause to caution the same parent previously about physically abusing the child while he was at school and as a result had to ask the parent to leave the school compound because of this behaviour. The CE visited the home of the child and found that the child had welts all over his hands and feet. The grandfather insisted that the boy deserved the beating because he was bad and had broken up the shoe. The grandmother was trying to convince the CE that it was sore marks on the child's skin.

A subsequent visit to the Ministry revealed that the parent had never visited the CPU. The CE was asked to instruct the parent to visit the CPU again.

Meeting with Headmaster and Teachers of Covent Garden Primary School re Child Abuse Case – 29th October

- During a meeting with the H/M, two teachers shared information on cases of child abuse as reported by 2 students. One such case involved a 9 yr old child and her stepfather. It is alleged that the man puts a cutlass to the child's neck when he wants to sexually abuse her and threatens to kill her if she tells anyone. The CE has asked that the head call the Welfare Officer or the CPU and have someone intervene ASAP in order to identify and help the student. This visit was originally planned to be an awareness session with the Grade 6 students but this was postponed as the time was spent discussing the child abuse cases.

Evaluation of Awareness Sessions

4th Form Students of Covent Garden Sec.- Gender -- 16th October

- A total of 40 students, 25 females and 15 males between the ages of 15-16 participated in a 2 ½ hr session on the difference between sex and gender. The topic was new to the majority of students as many of them were unaware of a difference between sex and gender. Students did written evaluations about what they learnt from the session and in these they said they learnt about the different male and female reproductive organs, that men have breasts as do women and about the differences between sex and gender. Students particularly enjoyed the group activity of identifying qualities, attitudes, attributes and expectations they looked for in a woman and a man. It was felt that everyone learnt something from the session and the session allowed them to express themselves about topics that they do not always get a chance to discuss so openly, students felt the discussions and activities were exciting and fun and they got a chance to bond with each other and at the same time have a lot of laughs along the way. All of the students asked that more sessions such as these be done with them as they learnt a lot. Participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were evaluated as excellent.

Covent Garden Nursery School Teachers – Gender – 19th October

- A total of 5 female teachers between the ages of 25-45 participated in this 2 ½ hr session on gender. Teachers felt that the session was very useful and the differences between sex and gender clearly defined for them. The session also gave them a better understanding of the male and female body, their similarities and differences. The discussions on marriage were also very interesting to teachers as they said it explained how to treat your partner so as to maintain and establish a good relationship and at the same time how to raise a family with the correct attitudes and behaviours. Teachers also said they enjoyed the interaction among themselves found the session informative and appreciated the fact that the facilitator did not dominate the discussion but allowed active participation. Evaluation of the session indicated that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were evaluated as excellent.

Covent Garden Full Gospel Men’s Fellowship- Gender – 26th October

- A total of 12 men between the ages of 16-70 participated in this 3 hr session on gender. The men reported that they had applied the information they received in the last two awareness sessions to their lives and it is helping to improve their family life. They also said they shared this information with friends, men, women and other persons they came into contact with and as a result they have seen positive changes in their lives. The men requested more session be done with them. Evaluation of the session showed that participation, understanding of topics presented, facilitation and the session overall were evaluated as excellent.

Covent Garden Full Gospel Women’s Group - Gender – 27th October

- A total of 10 women between the ages of 18-70 participated in this 2 ½ hr discussion on gender. The women’s group said they did not know there was a difference between sex and gender. They said that the information given to them was vital and they will use it to enhance their personal and family life as well as the life of others they come into contact with. the group is also requesting more awareness sessions

COVENT GARDEN COMMUNITY EDUCATOR’S WORK PLAN – November, 2009

Date	Activity	Time
9/11/09	Awareness Session-Teenage Pregnancy-Full Gospel Men’s Fellowship	
16/11/09	Awareness Session-Teenage Pregnancy-Covent Garden Nursery School Teachers	
17/11/09	Awareness Session- Teenage Pregnancy-Covent Garden Full Gospel Women’s Group	
18/11/09	Awareness Session-Covent Garden Secondary Students	
20/11/09	Awareness Session- Drug Abuse-Covent Garden Secondary Teachers	