

HELP & SHELTER



Annual Report 2015

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INTRODUCTION

Help & Shelter is a non-governmental organisation established in November 1994, that has become a recognized leader in the fight against violence in Guyana, particularly in the areas of domestic, sexual and child abuse.

We are a company limited by guarantee with charitable status. The members in general meeting elect our board of directors annually and day-to-day operations are carried out by a combination of paid staffers and volunteers.

Our Mission

Our mission is to work towards the elimination of violence in all its forms by helping to create a society where attitudes to the use of violence and practices of violence have been transformed.

Our Vision

Working together to make it happen

Our philosophy

We believe:

- that the culture of tolerance of violence must and can be changed through education
- that everyone is a unique and valuable person
- that everyone has the right to take control of their own life
- in equal human rights
- that no one has the right to be violent to another person

Our Board of Directors



Denise Dias

Denise is a founder member.

She is also the founder of Alicea Foundation, AKA Mothers in Black, which is a road safety NGO that she established in 1997 following the tragic death of her eldest daughter caused by a drunk driver.

Denise is co-owner of Creations Craft, DD Signs and Connections Travel Service.



Josephine Whitehead

Josephine is also a founder member

She is British born but Guyanese by adoption, a partner in the law firm of Cameron & Shepherd and director/secretary of the Guyana Legal Aid Clinic



Pamela Nauth

Pamela is a professional social worker and consultant.

She has worked with several international agencies and been instrumental in the conduct of three surveys in Guyana.

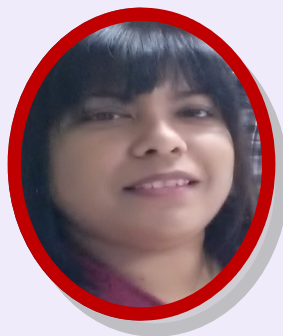
Pam is also president of the Mediation Institute of Guyana, a court-appointed mediator, immediate past president of the Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association, past secretary of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Advisory Board and is currently a member of the Rights of the Child commission.



Patricia Plummer

Pat has been our treasurer since 2009.

She is a qualified banker and recently retired from Republic Bank (Guyana) Limited, where she had worked for a long number of years and latterly held the position of general manager credit.



Gaitrie Shivsankar

Gaitrie joined the organisation in 2010 as a volunteer, was later elected a director and in 2014 was appointed company secretary.

She is assistant accountant at Sterling Products Limited and also director/treasurer of the Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association.



Petal Baboolall

Petal is a social worker. She began volunteering with Help & Shelter in 1997 after undergoing counselling training and was subsequently contracted to work with us.

She is currently one of our court support counselors and has been on the board since 2014.



Patricia Gray

Pat has been a member of Help & Shelter since 1998 and a member of the board since 2004.

She is a social worker (formerly Chief Probation & Welfare Officer) and counsellor and has worked on several of our projects as counselling supervisor.



Isha Husain—Singh

Isha has been a member of Help & Shelter since 1996.

She serves on several other boards, including the Inner Wheel Club, of which she has twice been president.



Niveta Shivjatan

Niveta has been our accountant since 2005 and is also trained as a hotline counsellor.

She joined the board in 2014.



Linda Hustler—Gray

Linda has been a member since 2004 and previously served as volunteers' representative director from 2008 to 2009.

She is a public education facilitator and trained hotline counsellor.



Margaret Kertzious

Margaret joined us as a coordinator in 2002 and was elected to the board in 2014.

Our Chairperson's Remarks



I can't believe where the time has gone since the other founder members and I formed Help & Shelter in 1994. I can say with certainty that the years have been filled with challenges but I have always been and remain filled with admiration for every person who takes the first step of walking through our doors for help.

Violence can only end if we talk about it, educate our youths and communities and eliminate the stigma attached to being a victim.

As domestic and sexual violence and child abuse continue to rise and the numbers of related murders and suicides increases, we realize the need to further develop and expand our services but face the huge obstacle of financial hardship.

Providing counselling, court support, public education and shelter all cost money, and every day we exchange numerous emails etc. in our efforts to keep our crisis service and shelter doors open.

I extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation to all our dedicated paid personnel and volunteers for their tireless work.

The board of directors is vital to ensuring continued smooth operations and each member brings different life experiences and skills to the table. I thank all my sister directors for their constant support.

I do feel, however, that while focusing on the present we should also look to the future and that we need new perspectives, including innovative fundraising ideas, and I do hope that we will soon see younger members taking more leadership roles.

On behalf of all of us at Help & Shelter, a huge thank you to all our donors and all those who supported us in any way in 2015.



HELP & SHELTER



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HELP END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



EVERYONE DESERVES A LIFE FREE FROM VIOLENCE

Please help us continue our desperately needed counselling,
public education & advocacy work

GYD 1,000 (USD5.00)	Will allow us to transport a victim to a safe place
GYD 2,000 (USD10.00)	Will provide two shelter residents with three meals a day
GYD 5,000 (USD25.00)	Will help us with our public education and advocacy work
GYD 10,000 (USD50.00)	Will help us to continue our 24 hour hotline service
GYD 20,000 (USD100.00)	Will help us to pay for security at the crisis service and shelter
GYD 50,000 (USD250.00)	Will help us to reprint leaflets
GYD 100,000 (USD500.00)	Will help us to pay our counsellors

Please send your donation in cash or by cheque to us at the above address or make a deposit or transfer to our account no. 653-128-9 at Republic Bank (Guyana) Ltd., 38-40 Water St., Georgetown, Guyana (SWIFT RBGLGYGG)

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.hands.org.gy TO SEE WHAT WE DO
AND WATCH OUR VIDEO 'BREAK THE SILENCE: STOP THE VIOLENCE'

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Networking

We continued to maintain and consolidate our relationships with a wide range of governmental and non-governmental organizations dealing with gender, violence and human rights issues.

Networking partners included:

Women's Affairs Bureau – ongoing collaboration

Probation & Family Welfare Department – mutual referral of clients

Childcare & Protection Agency – mutual referral of clients

Ministry of Health – training of medical staff on issues of domestic violence;
participation in training sessions on HIV/AIDS and mutual referral of clients

Guyana Police Force – training projects/sessions with recruits; collection of
comparative statistical data on domestic violence and effective communication
regarding assistance to clients

Guyana Human Rights Association – collaboration on advocacy and mutual referral of
clients

National Commission on Women – collaboration on advocacy

National Commission on the Rights of the Child – collaboration on advocacy

Guyana Association of Women Lawyers – mutual referral of clients

Guyana Legal Aid Clinic – mutual referral of clients

Red Thread – collaboration on advocacy

2015 Projects & Activities

Community-Based Action: Violence against Women & Children (UNICEF)

The first phase of our new UNICEF-funded child protection project, which began in November 2014, ended in April 2015 and a second phase ran from July to December 2015.

The first phase was implemented in 3 target communities. A fourth was added for the second phase and was identified because of its rural location which expanded the project reach.

The principal objectives of the project were:

- (1) Drafting and use of community based protocols for child abuse prevention and response.
- (2) Community mobilization through parenting skills forums, promotion of non-violent domestic environments and be-safe engagements for children.
- (3) Creating a synergy of persons and agencies who address health service, security, intervention and prevention of child abuse in all forms, as a resource for the target community's benefit.
- (4) Data monitoring documentation of cases for indications of protocols efficacy.
- (5) Drafting of community-based action plans aimed at utilizing and sustaining the networking and inter-sector protocol to enhance child protection, prevention of child sexual abuse and safe family environments.

During 2015 the following achievements were realized:

- ✓ Baseline survey and reports in the target communities
- ✓ Inter-sector forums resulted in a working report and the publishing of a child abuse intervention/response bulletin
- ✓ 72 parenting and youth Interactive forums and programmes were held in the target communities
- ✓ Approximately 816 parents and 436 children were directly impacted by project activities
- ✓ 68 community-based stakeholders were trained in modules including child abuse; early childhood development; the Sexual Offences Act; the Protection of Children Act advocacy; volunteerism; facilitation; data capturing & reporting; community action planning and networking entrepreneurship
- ✓ Community-based action teams were established in each target community and provided with material and financial support for the implementation of their drafted community action plans
- ✓ Be-Safe programs were conducted for 3 schools in 2 of the target communities
- ✓ On average 50 children per month from the target communities were engaged by the project counsellor and 17 cases were active at the end of the second phase
- ✓ Christian, Muslim and Hindu faith-based groups benefited from forums on child abuse, child sexual abuse and family violence prevention
- ✓ A poetry/storytelling and miming activity was piloted in one target community as a new approach to youth engagement and was expanded to hearing impaired youths and adult

Other project deliverables during 2015 were:

- ✓ Production of child abuse posters and brochures
- ✓ Child abuse, family violence prevention and youth interactive modules provided to community action teams
- ✓ 2 child friendly rooms were equipped to function as counseling spaces in 2 communities

The project procured a camera, projector and screen, electrical accessories, laptop and accessories and a PA system to enhance the delivery of public education and community-based work

At the end of the year it was hoped that a further project phases would be funded by UNICEF as there was clearly need for much more to be done.

2015 Projects & Activities cont'd

Men's Sessions

Overview

The men's sessions began on 4 September 2013 with the intention of offering an additional component to the counseling programme. The original aim was to provide education sessions for male perpetrators of domestic violence referred to Help & Shelter by the court but the sessions are now open to other men who are encountering challenges managing conflict in their relationships, have issues with anger or violence or other issues relating to family.

Sessions are conducted on Thursdays from 5 pm. Participants are asked to attend seven sessions but are also encouraged to remain in the programme thereafter. The areas covered in the sessions include: understanding self, managing anger, resolving conflict, domestic violence, addressing male norms that contribute to violence, healthy relationships and time management, with several cross-cutting areas where necessary.

Attendance

Participants attending the session comprise men aged 18 to 60+ of varying ethnicities and social status. We have had persons coming from as far as Essequibo, Linden and Berbice. Since the programme began we have engaged a total of 97 men.

Between January and December 2015, 31 men attended the sessions. Of this number, 20% attended seven or more sessions, 10% attended five to six sessions; 39% attended two to four sessions and 31% attended at least one session. While an additional five persons referred did not attend any sessions.

While the men spoke of their reluctance to attend the sessions, most expressed their gratitude for the programme as it provides an opportunity for them to receive information that is otherwise unavailable to them, while also allowing them to be accountable for their actions in a non-judgmental environment.

Successes

The process of behavior change can be a very long one, and although we cannot at this point highlight major transformations among men, there are a few areas where some improvement was evident.

Three such successes are:

- ✓ We have received feedback from a wife who indicated that her husband who was abusive is now back in church, spending more time with her and the children and has so far made considerable progress in managing his alcohol consumption.
- ✓ One of the participants who attended several sessions has been sharing literature from the sessions with many of his workmates who are encountering difficulties and male and female customers with whom he engages on a daily basis. He has indicated that the support he has received has been very beneficial, not only in how he addresses his relationships but in how he addresses conflict on the job and in other areas of his life.
- ✓ A participant indicated that even though his present relationship may not work out, he is grateful for the information received as it will be very beneficial in his approach to future relationships.

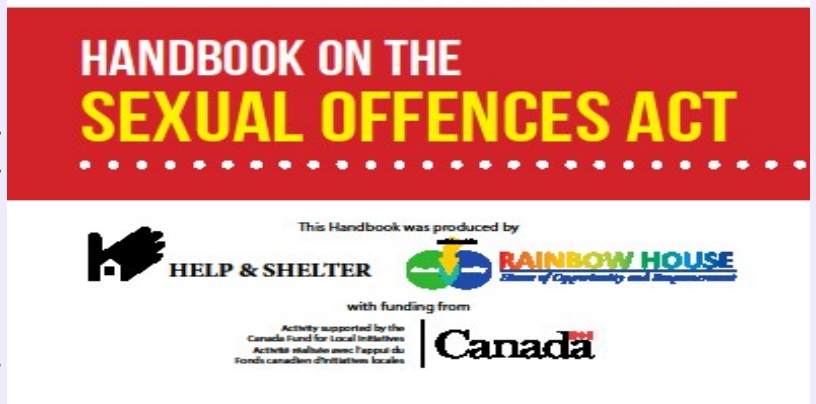
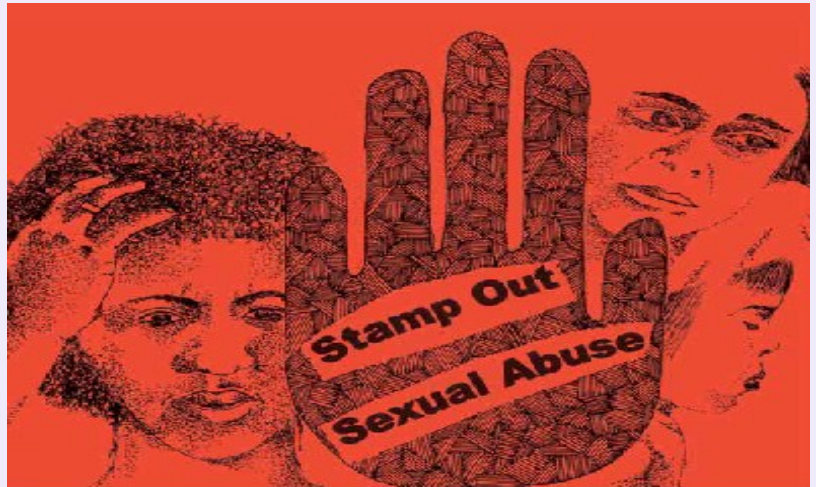
2015 Projects & Activities cont'd

Help & Shelter/Rainbow House Sexual Violence Awareness Project (Funded by the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives)

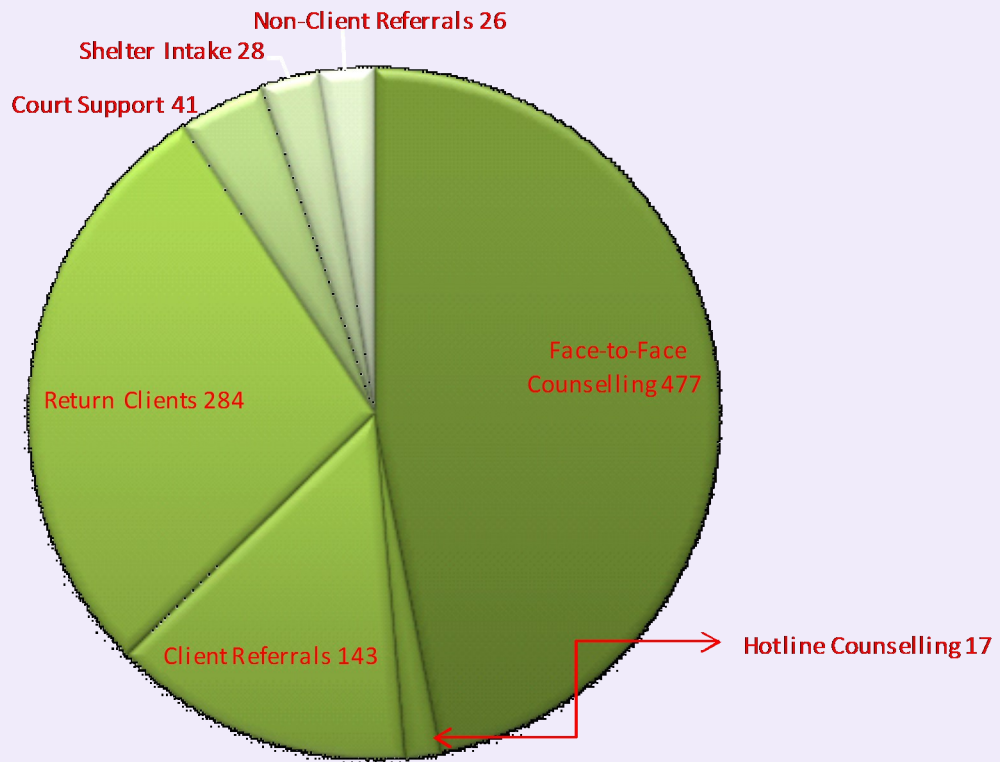
We received funding of just over \$4.5 million for a 4 month project to work in partnership with Rainbow House to raise awareness for the prevention of sexual violence through development, production and dissemination of IEC materials on sexual violence and capacity development training on sexual violence prevention, protection and prosecution for service providers and other stakeholders including members of the LGBT community in 4 regions.

Project outcomes were:

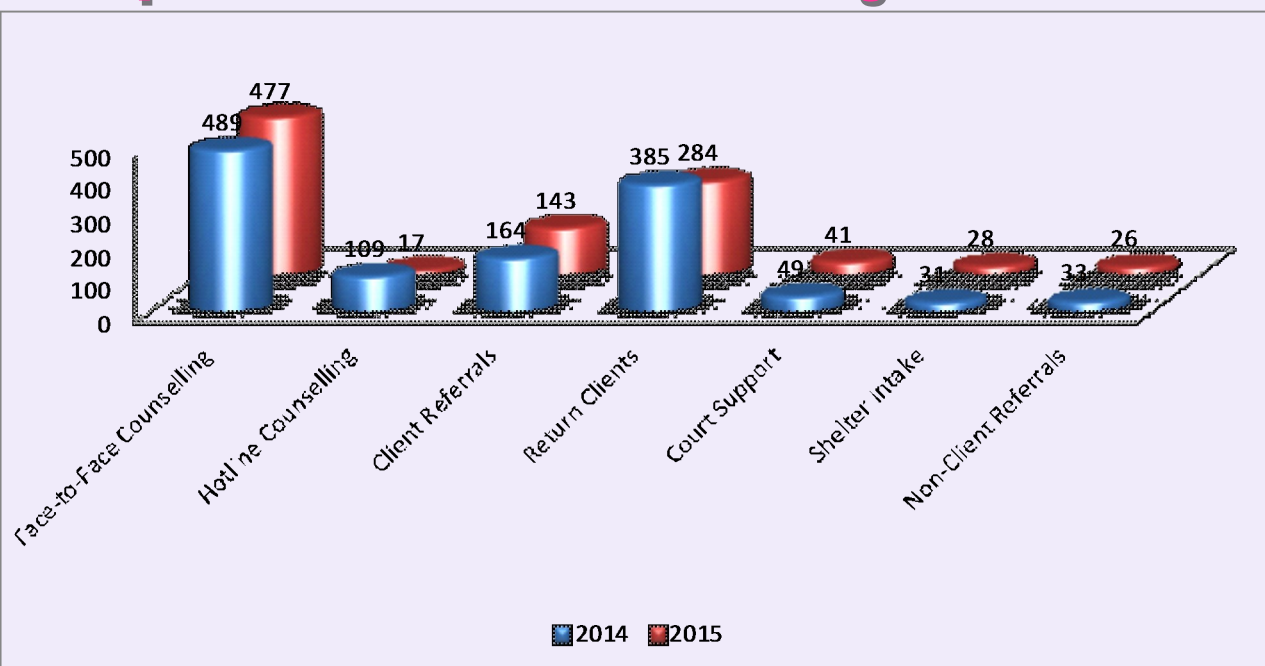
- A user friendly handbook on the Sexual Offences Act 2010 that explains in simple language the main provisions of the SOA, tips on prevention of sexual violence, sexual violence & the LGBT community and what to do if sexually assaulted.
- A poster on sexual violence depicting the major types of sexual violence offences and tips on what to do if sexually assaulted.
- Airing of 3 one-hour live call in TV programmes on sexual violence prevention, SOA 2010 and rape culture on 3 TV stations.
- Airing of 2 one-hour live call in television programmes to create awareness and sensitize the general public on the prevention sexual violence in relation to the LGBT community.
- Development of PowerPoint presentations on types of sexual violence, rape myths and culture, SOA 2010 provisions, prevention, prosecution, and protection for capacity development training and dissemination to service providers for further action and information.
- Organizing and facilitating of three (two-day regional training workshops in regions 2, 3, 5, 6 to raise awareness and build capacity of service providers, frontline workers, FBO's, NGOs and other stakeholders in the prevention, protection and prosecution of sexual violence.
- Organizing and facilitating of two one-day regional training workshops to raise awareness, identify, recruit and build capacity of outreach peer educators on prevention of sexual violence in regions 2,3,5,6 in relation to SOA 2010.
- M&E of IEC materials for educational value, relevance, appropriateness, acceptance, impact and evaluating of regional workshops capacity development.



Summary of Services during 2015



Comparison of Services during 2014 & 2015



The Shelter

Shelter operations continued to be supported by the government of Guyana with a subvention of \$10m.

The shelter managers continued to receive the advice and guidance of the shelter committee in the running of the shelter and residents' evaluations continued to be administered with a view to improvements in shelter operations being made when necessary.

During 2015, 117 adult female victims of domestic violence and their children and female victims trafficking in persons were given refuge at the shelter. The length of stay ranged from 1 to 150 days.

Efforts continued to be made to keep expenses to a minimum by soliciting regular donations of foodstuffs and other supplies from private enterprises, planting fruits and vegetables in the garden and through the hydroponic project supported by Partners of the Americas. Small-scale poultry rearing was also continued with the aim of producing chickens and ducks for own use.

Shelter Activities

Residents continued to be encouraged to make use of the gym and the library and to participate in educational and skills training sessions conducted by volunteers.

From September to November, volunteer Selina Lepps conducted cake decoration training, as a result of which residents gained a marketable skill. At the end of the training they were awarded certificates of appreciation and given baskets containing equipment with which they could continue to practice their skill.



Shelter Activities cont'd

Other activities at the shelter during the year included the baking of pastries, ponies and other snacks, which as well as being enjoyable added to residents' skills sets.

Capacity — building training by the shelter counsellor, manager and volunteers continued during the year and included:

- Family planning
- Hygiene
- Self & self esteem
- How our thinking attitudes and beliefs control our actions and body language
- Assertiveness & self control
- Parenting and communication skills
- Protection Orders and the court system
- Common myths on domestic violence
- Discussion on early childhood experiences
- Discussion on early responsible Parenting
- Discussion on how domestic violence impacts one's childhood development

In addition three residents were sponsored to attend a course on care for the elderly at Adult Education Association. All completed it successfully and were awarded certification.

Shelter Christmas Party held on December 12th, 2015

The following was sent by Denise to Mrs. Rosaura Holloway (wife of the US ambassador), Gillian, Amanda and others:

"On behalf of Help & Shelter I wish to convey our sincere thanks and appreciation for kindly hosting a wonderful Xmas party for the women and children today.

Santa and his elves were exceptional, and Gilly, your violin playing was an extra special treat.



Mandy, thank you for once again organizing and introducing us to these lovely young people.

We look forward to more visits.

Lastly, please convey our sincere thanks to all who contributed clothes, towels, games, toys and not forgetting the snacks and amazing gifts for all the children our staff and residents. You all truly brought special smiles to many who have been under constant abuse.

Wishing everyone a Happy Xmas and a fulfilling New Year.

Denise Dias"

Some of our volunteers



Training & Upgrading

Thirteen volunteers received orientation and training during the year and there were a number of upgrading sessions for personnel both in-house and organized by other agencies.

Volunteers also benefited from capacity building training to complement their knowledge when working in the field, including:

- **Be Safe! Training**

BE SAFE! is a personal safety programme aimed at preventing sexual and physical abuse of children ages 5 to 9.

Linda Hustler-Gray convened one week training, after which volunteers worked with children in the community of Swan on the Linden Soesdyke Highway for 4 days in August.

- Micro finance and asset development
- Discussions on suicide
- Leadership styles and method of communication



Some 2015 Volunteer Activities

- * **Picket outside Police Commissioner's Office, Eve Leary**
In observation of Sexual Violence Awareness Month, calling on the police to take sexual offenses seriously and investigate them thoroughly and in a timely manner.
- * **GDF 50th Anniversary Health Fair at Camp Ayanganna**
Hosting Gender-based Violence and Stigma Discrimination Fair in collaboration with PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief)
- * **Awareness Walk during Child Protection Week:** organized by Child Link
- * **Sexual Abuse Vigil during Child Protection Week:** organized by Child Link
- * **Cancer Awareness Walk:** organized by the Ministry of Social Protection
- * **Opening of EU Human Rights Film Festival**
- * **Exhibition for International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women:** on Main street organized by the Ministry of Social Protection
- * **Youth Expo and National Conference:** on the occasion of International Youth Day
- * **National Conference on Gender and Development Policy :** booth at the Arthur Chung Convention Centre
- * Fundraising including a barbecue and a hotdog sale in front of Republic Bank.

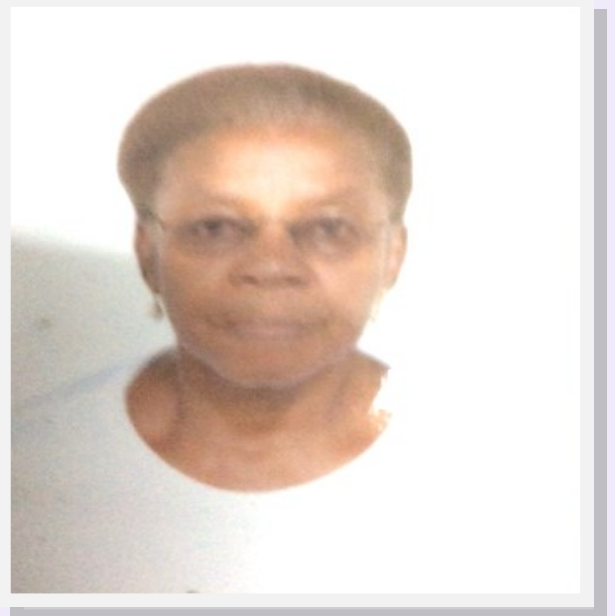
FAREWELL TO YVONNE QUINTIN

It was with a heavy heart that in June we said farewell special person.

Yvonne, thank you so very much for your years of dedicated service as a volunteer, counsellor, shelter committee member and director.

Your contributions have been immeasurable. Your calm presence, insight common sense and dedication to helping others are truly missed.

We wish you many happy years of retirement and will always remember you with gratitude and affection.



Our Statistics

We keep regularly update statistics relating to the various aspects of our work, all of which are available on our website at <http://www.hands.org.gy/>.

Our Finances

Our adherence to high standards of financial transparency continued. Our audited financial statements appear on pages 20 to 28.

We continued to regularly post an appeal for donations on our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/helpandsheltervolunteers>

There were the following significant changes in fixed assets during 2015: the acquisition of two Acer laptops, one Dell desktop and one HP Officejet printer/scanner.

Conclusion

2015 was yet another challenging year for Help & Shelter, with an eye constantly having to be kept on whether we could continue to keep on core personnel whose fees were not fully covered by project funding.

We nevertheless survived and hope to continue to do so, thanks to the support of the government, project funding agencies and all those organizations and individuals both at home and abroad who made donations in cash or kind, and to the dedication of all those who worked with us in any capacity.

25 November 2015 (international Day for the Eliminations of Violence Against Woman) marked the 20th anniversary of the launching of our counselling service. During those two decades we have provided counselling to over 12,038 victims of abuse, and through our public education and advocacy work have directly reached over 47,054 people and tens of thousands more indirectly.

We believe that what we do is vital to the prevention of domestic and sexual violence and child abuse and to the protection and support of all victims, and remain committed to ensuring our ability to continue doing our work for decades to come.

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members of Help and Shelter Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Help and Shelter Inc; which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2015 and the statements of income and expenditure, other funds and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-size Entities. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

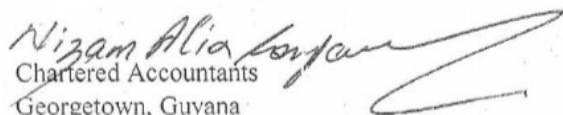
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2015 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-size Entities and comply with the Companies Act 1991.

Emphasis of Matter

Without qualifying our opinion we draw attention to note 1.1 which explains that the company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on ongoing contributions from Government of Guyana and other funding agencies and donations.

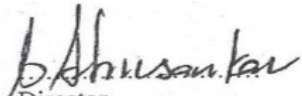

Chartered Accountants
Georgetown, Guyana
March 30, 2016

Help and Shelter Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2015
With comparative figures for 2014
(Expressed in Guyana dollars)

	Notes	<u>2015</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>\$</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash resources	3	24,360,851	15,703,785
Other receivable	4	<u>242,400</u>	<u>1,139,356</u>
Working Capital		24,603,251	16,843,141
Property, plant and equipment	2	<u>68,310,980</u>	<u>67,416,582</u>
		<u>92,914,231</u>	<u>84,259,723</u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
General fund			
Balance - January 1		71,733,099	72,100,451
Transfer from other fund		4,810,905	-
Deficit		<u>(649,048)</u>	<u>(367,352)</u>
Balance - December 31		75,894,956	71,733,099
Other Funds			
Government Subvention		-	4,688,876
UK Project		3,450,096	-
UNTF		8,840,809	-
UN Women		-	236,395
Canada		-	3,401,741
Unicef		2,342,095	1,453,337
MOE		<u>1,386,275</u>	<u>1,746,275</u>
		16,019,275	11,526,624
Current liabilities			
Loan	5	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
		<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
		<u>92,914,231</u>	<u>84,259,723</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.


Director


Director

Help and Shelter Inc.
 Statement of Income and Expenditure
 For the year ended December 31, 2015
 With comparative figures for 2014
 (Expressed in Guyana dollars)

	<u>2015</u> <u>\$</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>\$</u>
Income:		
Grant income	17,919,863	8,092,863
Government subvention	10,000,000	10,000,000
Donations	5,690,914	8,121,864
Digicel shelter repairs	-	1,230,000
Other income	259,707	-
Fund raising dinner	1,513,932	-
Deed of covenant	500,000	800,000
Bank interest income	194,359	10,993
Volunteer's trust fund	224,800	305,780
H&S subvention transferred from fund	-	165,811
	<u>36,303,575</u>	<u>28,727,311</u>
Deduct		
Expenditure:		
Employment costs	21,512,630	16,173,504
Stationery and office supplies	3,047,888	3,093,767
Meals and refreshments	2,983,109	2,959,784
Travel and transport	4,240,942	2,167,600
Mobilisation fees	660,000	-
Digicel shelter repairs	-	1,850,070
Training materials	3,237,445	1,139,761
Telephone	746,429	506,707
Security	205,043	472,708
Insurance	219,340	218,216
Bank Charges	99,796	105,379
Refund	-	407,167
	<u>36,952,622</u>	<u>29,094,663</u>
Deficit	<u>(649,048)</u>	<u>(367,352)</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Help and Shelter Inc.
Statement of Other Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2015
(Expressed in Guyana dollars)

	Balance at 1/1/2015	Funds received during the year	Expenses paid during the year	Transfer	Balance at 31/12/2015
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Government Subvention	4,688,876	10,000,000	(9,877,971)	(4,810,905)	-
UK Project	-	6,461,634	(3,011,538)		3,450,096
MOE	1,746,275	-	(360,000)		1,386,275
UN Women	236,395	2,466,000	(2,702,395)		-
UNTF Fund	-	8,840,809	-		8,840,809
Canada	3,401,741	1,313,676	(4,715,417)		-
Unicef	1,453,337	8,141,300	(7,252,542)		2,342,095
	<u>11,526,624</u>	<u>37,223,419</u>	<u>(27,919,863)</u>	<u>(4,810,905)</u>	<u>16,019,275</u>

Help and Shelter Inc.
 Statement of Cash Flows
 For the year ended December 31, 2015
 With comparative figures for 2014
 (Expressed in Guyana dollars)

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net Deficit	(649,048)	(367,352)
Adjustments for:		
Working capital changes		
Transfer from other fund to general fund	4,810,905	-
Decrease in other assets	896,956	3,513,063
Net cashflow from operating activities	5,058,812	3,145,711
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(894,398)	(266,800)
Net cash used in investing activities	(894,398)	(266,800)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Increase in other funds	4,492,651	3,030,797
Net cash from financing activities	4,492,651	3,030,797
Net Increase in cash and cash equivalent	8,657,065	5,909,708
Cash and cash equivalent - January 1	15,703,785	9,794,077
Cash and cash equivalent - December 31	<u>24,360,851</u>	<u>15,703,785</u>
Comprised of:		
Cash at bank	24,360,851	15,703,785
	<u>24,360,851</u>	<u>15,703,785</u>

1.1 Incorporation

Help and Shelter was incorporated on November 24, 1994 under the Companies Act 89:01 as a company without share capital.

The principal activities of the company is the provision of social services. Funding for the company is derived primarily from annual government subvention and ongoing contributions from various funding agencies.

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, under which the company is assumed to be able to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of operations. The company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon its ability to secure funding to finance its current and future operations.

1.2 Significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium Sized Entities (IFRS for SME's) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. They are presented in Guyana Dollars, which is the functional currency.

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS for SMEs requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed by on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which these estimates are revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods, if the revision affects both current and future periods.

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on April 14, 2015.

(b) New and revised standards and interpretations

New standards, interpretations and amendments to standards in the year are not expected to have a significant impact on the organization's accounting policies.

(c) Financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are recognized on the Company's statement of financial position when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments. Financial instruments carried on the statement of financial position include receivables, payables, accruals and cash resources.

1.2 Significant accounting policies, continued

(d) Other receivable

Other receivables are measured at amortized cost. Appropriate allowances for estimated unrecoverable amounts are recognized in the statement of income and expenditure when there is objective evidence that the assets is impaired. The allowance recognized is based on management's evaluation of the collectability of the receivables.

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than investment or other purposes. These are readily convertible to a know amount of cash, with maturity dates of less than three (3) months.

(f) Accounts payable

Trade, other payables and accruals are measured at amortized cost.

(g) Property, plant and equipment

No depreciation is charged on property, plant and equipment since the company is a non-profit organisation.

(h) Foreign currency transactions.

Foreign currency transactions completed during the year are translated at the prevailing cambio rates of exchange at the date of each transaction. At each reporting date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at the reporting date. Gains or losses arising on retranslation are included in the statement of income and expenditure.

(i) Income

Income is recognised on the cash basis.

(j) Expense recognition

Expenses are recognized on an accrual basis.

(k) Other fund

Other funds are represents unused funds which was contributed to the company and is designated for specific projects.

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Notes to Financial Statements
As at December 31, 2015
(Expressed in Guyana dollars)

2. Property, plant and equipment

	Land	Buildings	Office furniture & equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost				
January 1, 2015	3,500,000	54,250,000	9,666,582	67,416,582
Additions	-	-	894,398	894,398
December 31, 2015	3,500,000	54,250,000	10,560,980	68,310,980
Net Book values				
December 31, 2015	3,500,000	54,250,000	10,560,980	68,310,980

3. Cash resources

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Petty cash- Shelter Subvention	33,907	11,058
UK project- AC # 651-741-1	3,450,096	-
MOE Cash at bank AC # 651-116-6 & cash	1,386,275	1,737,237
Unicef AC # 651-526-6	2,342,095	-
H&S Current a/c # 653-128-9	2,337,465	1,435,223
H & S BCM # 484-185-4	10,369,060	5,759,145
A/C -655-344-0	-	9,987
NBS Save and Prosper A/C	4,441,953	6,751,135
	<u>24,360,851</u>	<u>15,703,785</u>

4. Other receivables

Receivable for EU	-	896,956
Receivable from UNFPA	-	-
Staff Loan	242,400	242,400
	<u>242,400</u>	<u>1,139,356</u>

5. Loan

This represent a loan from one of the Directors of the company. There is no fixed repayment term and no interest is charged on this loan.

6. Financial instruments

The Company's financial instruments comprise of cash and bank balances, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued charges.

(i) Credit Risk

Credit Risk on other receivables is limited as other receivables are shown net of provision of bad debts. Management believes that there is no additional risk beyond amounts provided for collection losses.

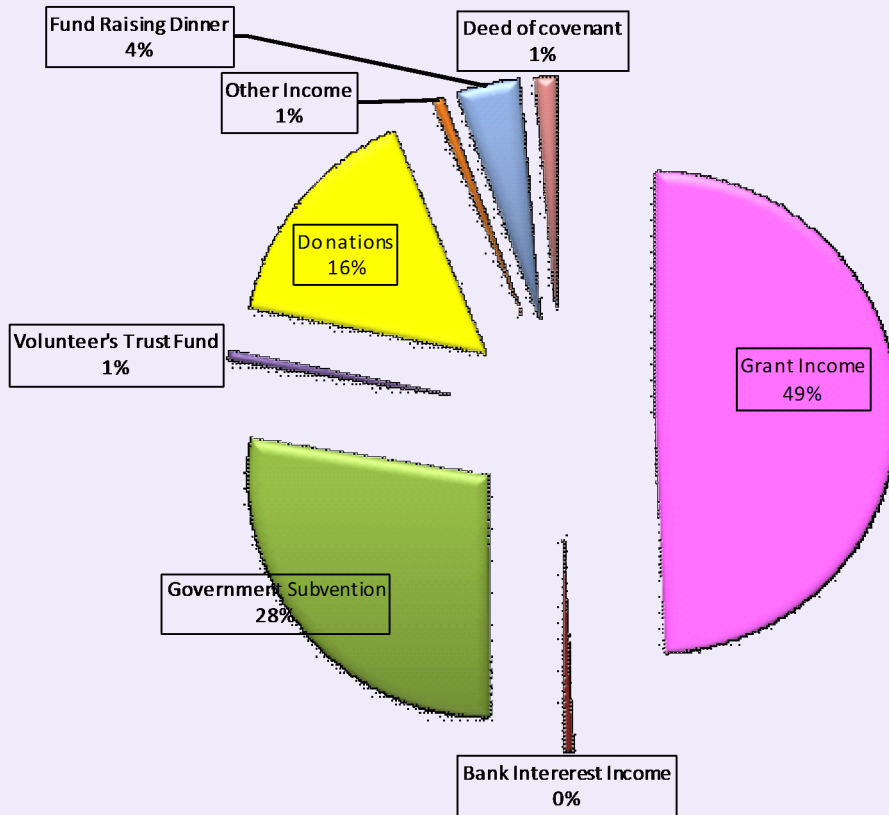
(ii) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company is unable to meet its payment obligations associated with its financial liabilities when they fall due. Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and cash equivalents and availability of funds through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities.

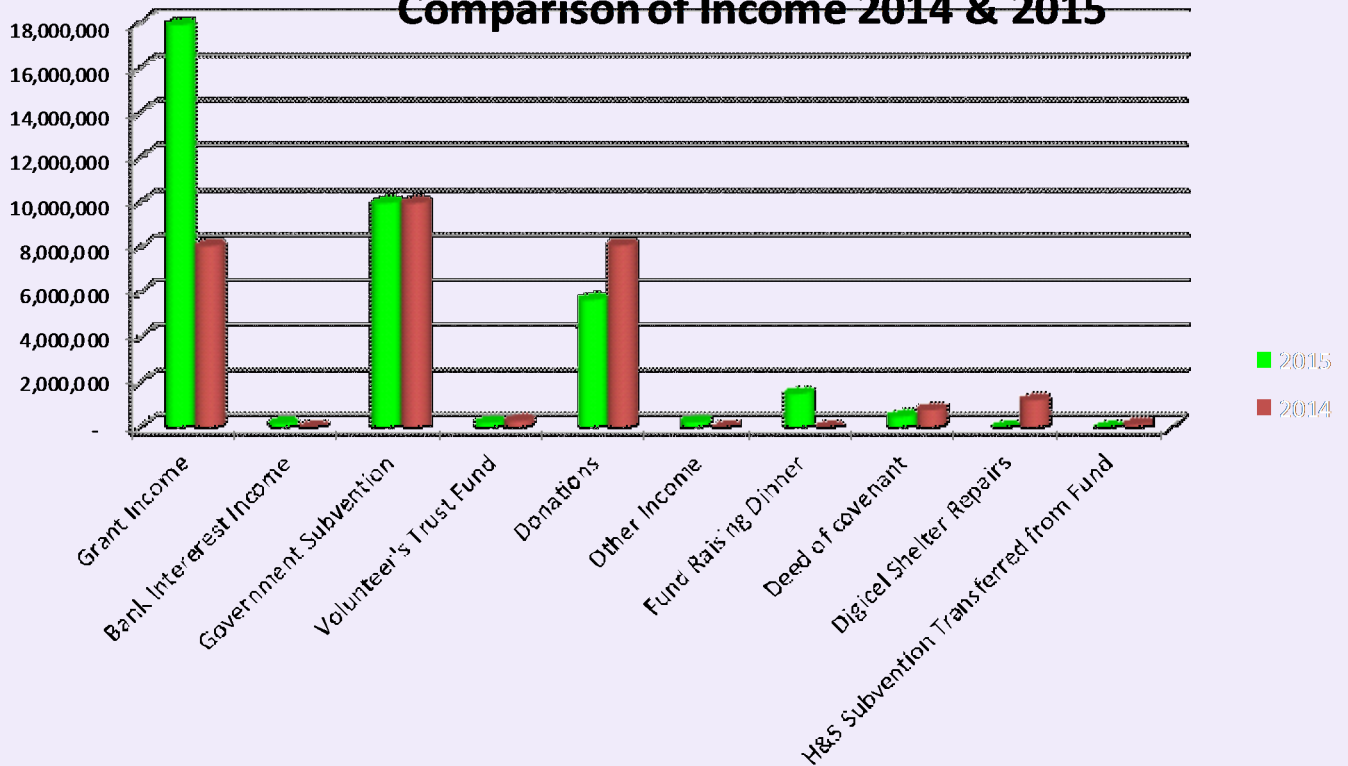
(iii) Fair values

The fair values of cash and bank balances, other receivables, accounts payable and accrued charges are not materially different from their carrying amounts.

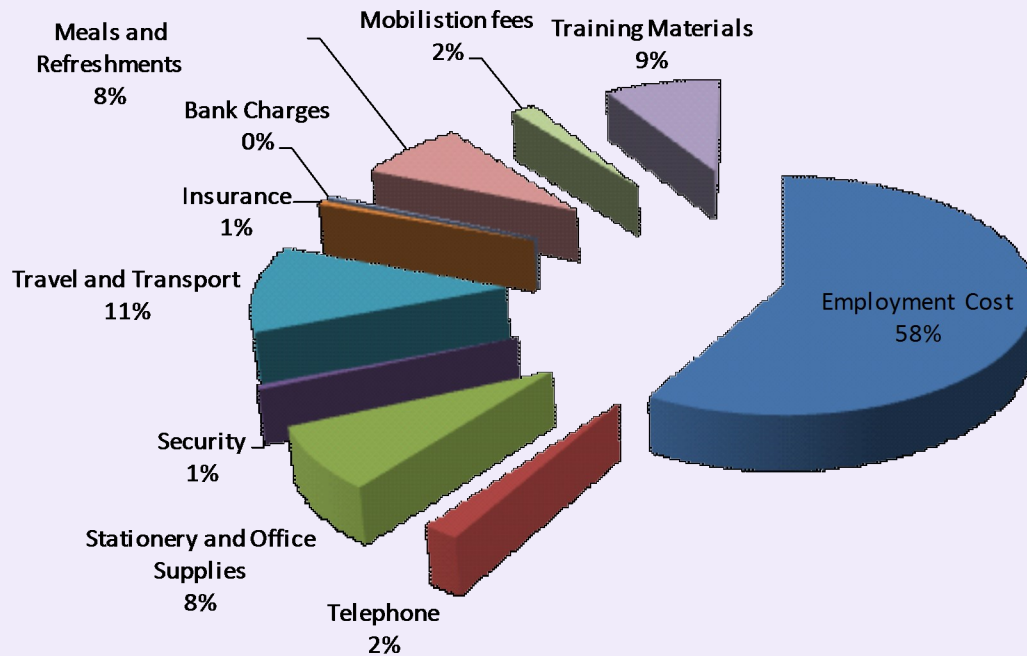
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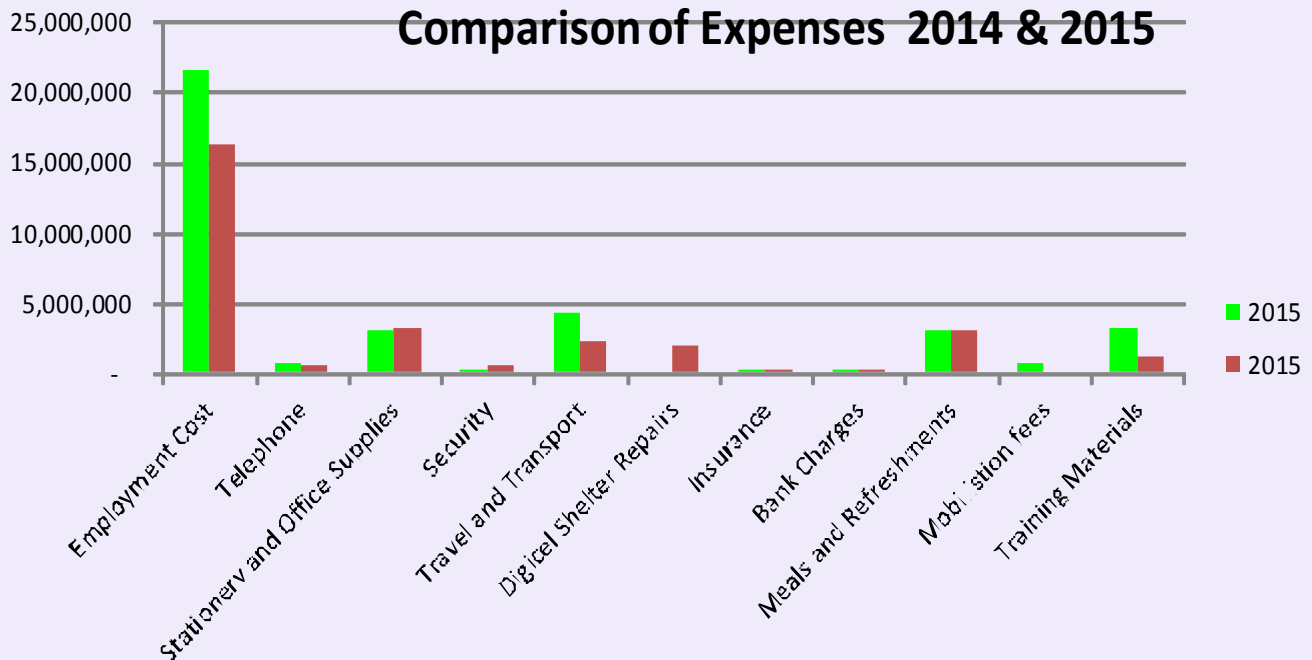
Comparison of Income 2014 & 2015



Expenses 2015



Comparison of Expenses 2014 & 2015





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