

**HELP SHELTER
UNIFEM GBV PROJECT**

**REGION 4 WORKSHOP - LOVE & FAITH MINISTRIES
27th JUNE 2009**

PARTICIPANTS' EVALUATION

Participants: A total of 15 participants filled out evaluation forms. Fourteen (93%) were female participants and one (7%) male. The age ranged from 31 -53 years with a breakdown as follows:

- 14-20 years – Nil
- 21-30 years -Nil
- 31-40 years – 6 persons or 40% of all participants
- 41-50 years -6 persons or 40% of all participants
- 51-60 years – 3 persons or 20% of all participants
- 61-70 years -Nil
- 71-80+ years-Nil

Aim of the Workshop: Participants expressed in their own word the aim of the workshop as follows:

- To understand what is domestic violence and child abuse
- To empower and educate
- To educate, build capacity and teach skills on how to deal with domestic violence and child abuse
- To let us understand that children have the right to be heard
- To equip us with relevant tools to make a change and be changed
- To sensitize and raise awareness

Topics covered at this Workshop: Domestic Violence, Domestic Violence Act, Child Abuse, Child Sexual Abuse

Participants' Evaluation

In evaluating the workshop all of the participants, 100%, definitely agreed that the aim of the workshop was achieved, information was presented in a way they could understand and the facilitation of the workshop was good. The majority of participants, 93%, also definitely increased their knowledge and understanding of domestic violence, the DVA and child abuse including child sexual abuse. Workshop activities also definitely helped 93% of participants to think about topics in a different way. The venue for the workshop was also given a 93% definitely good rating. The areas which rated the lowest rating were the learning of new ideas and skills, however a sizeable majority, 87%, of all participants thought that they had definitely learnt new ideas and skills.

Analysis of Workshop Sessions by Participants

	Yes, Definitely	Somewhat	No, Not at All	No Response
Do you think the aim of the workshop was achieved?	100%			
Was information presented in a way you could understand?	100%			
Did you learn new ideas or skills?	87%	13%		

Did you increase your understanding about Domestic Violence?	93%			7%
Did you gain new knowledge about the DVA?	93%			7%
Did the workshop increase your understanding & knowledge about child abuse & child sexual abuse?	93%			7%
Did you activities help you to think about topics in a different way?	93%			7%
Did you like the way the workshop was facilitated?	100%			
Did you think the venue for the workshop was good?	93%	7%		

Participants' favourite part of workshop:

- Child abuse, child sexual abuse, domestic violence and the DVA
- The entire workshop was excellent
- The role plays and interactive sessions
- The interactive sessions and the friendly and knowledgeable presenters
- Discussing the anatomy of the mind, the sub-conscious mind and other stages
- DVA and its importance to our life

Participants' least favourite part of the workshop: The majority of participants said they enjoyed the entire workshop or did not respond indicating likewise. Other specific comments were:

- Sexual abuse and domestic violence

Ways in which participants will use knowledge gained in this workshop:

Participants identified the following:

- To strengthen my family and help others in situations of abuse
- Work on myself, help others who are in abusive situations and those who are vulnerable
- Share knowledge I received with my core group at Church
- Empower other women who are experiencing similar situations
- Share what I have learnt with friends, family, people I work with so they can be empowered and knowledgeable to make decisions which can enhance and benefit their lives
- To be a better parent to my children and to help stop child abuse and domestic violence
- To impact youth in my community
- Knowledge gained will be important for counselling sessions

How to prevent domestic violence in your community:

- Get the participation of the Police
- Educate people about the DVA and the impact it can have on their life
- Allow people, give them places where they can speak out and know they will be heard and protected
- Empowerment of men and children at an early age
- Reporting abuse to the Church, Help & Shelter, Police Station, Welfare Department
- Put what we learn into practice
- By having the relevant authorities take domestic violence seriously; rules must not be bent for anyone

How to prevent child abuse & child sexual abuse in your community:

- Looking out for children in the community by listening to any suspicious behaviour and reporting it immediately to the necessary group or organization or Police Station
- Talk to your child and let them know the reality of what is happening to other children
- Both parents must attend similar workshops to expose them to relevant knowledge about child abuse and preventative methods should be taught in schools at an early age
- Better communication and relationships with children. Teach children their rights and encourage parents in better parenting skills
- Implement serious penalties for perpetrators and bring awareness and sensitization to our communities
- Stand up and speak out against child abuse
- Have seminars in schools, communities and workplaces