

HELP & SHELTER

COUNSELLING, COUNSELLING TRAINING & ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT

(Funded by CIDA's Gender Equality Program)

Narrative Report 6

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Project activities comprise:

1. The expansion of our counseling services to Moruca, Region 1 (completed on 15th January 2010) and Leguan, Region 3 (the latter changed to New Amsterdam, Berbice Region 6 in October 2009) – extended to 15th March 2010
2. Building the organisational capacity of 2 Berbice-based NGOs, namely FACT and Comforting Hearts - completed
3. Providing counseling training to the Essequibo Coast-based NGO, Hope for All at Suddie - completed

Activities Report

Counselling in Moruca

The scheduled counseling activity was conducted by the counselor who did group session with 22 persons, 11 adult female and 11 adult male, in Kamaka. The topics discussed were Cycle of Abuse, Communication and Gender; handouts were given to the participants the response was that the information was well received. The counseling activity would have come to an end on the 15th January 2010.

Counselling in New Amsterdam, Berbice, Region 6

An additional day (Monday) was agreed on for the counseling service as feed-back received from clients was that 1 day a week was not enough.

5 new female adult clients accessed the service, one of whom is now a resident at the shelter.

Sessions with the students and teachers from Vryman's Erven Secondary School started on 18th January 2010 after an incident involving a physical assault by one student on another. As a result of our intervention the offending student was not sent to the NOC but he, his guardian and the father are now receiving counseling.

Monitoring & Evaluation

Analysis of completed forms has been done by the M&E officers.

Project Management

Project personnel comprises of three counselors, an accounting officer, joint M&E officers and the project coordinator. The project coordinator had made several visits to New Amsterdam during the month to monitor the progress of the activity and to advertise the service through TV press release and interviews using Little Rock TV station.