

SEWA Guyana and United States Ambassador's Fund for HIV/AIDS Project

First Quarterly Report: Period – 22 April, 2006 to August 11, 2006

Dollar amount spent using Ambassadors' Fund: *One Hundred and Forty Five Thousand and Two Hundred and Fifty dollars (G\$ 145,250.00)*

Specification of expenditures:

Project Launch and Workshop # 1 – Saraswati Vidya Niketan Secondary School, Cornelia Ida, West Coast Demerara.

Product/service: <u>Snacks</u>	Amount: <u>G\$ 35,000.00</u>
Product/service: <u>Stationery</u>	Amount: <u>G\$11,500.00</u>
Product/service: <u>Project Banner</u>	Amount: <u>G\$ 18,700.00</u>
Product/service: <u>Invitations</u>	Amount: <u>G\$ 1,000.00</u>
Product/service: <u>Water/ Cups/ Juice/ Ice</u>	Amount: <u>G\$ 2,450.00</u>
Product/service: <u>Administration Costs</u>	Amount: <u>G\$ 10, 000.00</u>

Workshop # 2 – Cummings Lodge/ Industry Hindu Society # 1, Cummings Lodge

Product/service: <u>Facilitation/ Lecture</u>	Amount: <u>G\$ 5,000.00</u>
Product/service: <u>Culinary/ Logistical Support</u>	Amount: <u>G\$ 4,000.00</u>
Product/service: <u>Ingredients/ Logistical Support</u>	Amount: <u>G\$ 5,900.00</u>
Product/service: <u>Provision of Snacks</u>	Amount: <u>G\$ 8,500.00</u>
Product/service: <u>Transportation</u>	Amount: <u>G\$ 1,200.00</u>
Product/service: <u>Administrative Support etc</u>	Amount: <u>G\$ 6,000.00</u>

Workshop # 3 – Cummings Lodge/ Industry Hindu Society #2, Cummings Lodge

Product/service: <u>Facilitation/ Lecture</u>	Amount: <u>G\$ 5,000.00</u>
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Workshop # 4 – Leguan Secondary School # 1, Leguan Island, Essequibo River

Product/service: <u>Transportation of SEWA Volunteers</u>	Amount: <u>G\$ 10,000.00</u>
Product/service: <u>Trans. of Medical Professionals</u>	Amount: <u>G\$10,000.00</u>
Product/service: <u>Juice/ Water etc for Workshop</u>	Amount: <u>G\$ 6,000.00</u>
Product/service: <u>Invitation Cards for Leguan Outreach</u>	Amount: <u>G\$5,000.00</u>

Workshop # 5 –Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh, Cornelia Ida # 2

Product/service: Facilitation

Amount: G\$5,000.00

Training activities, information/training resources developed and distributed (i.e., curricula, manuals, leaflets):*

Workshop # 1

Training topic: Knowledge of HIV/AIDS; HIV/ AIDS and the Workplace; Attitude towards HIV/AIDS related Stigma and Discrimination

Target audience: Upper Form Students of Saraswati Vidya Niketan Secondary School and their Parents + Sevikas (Female Volunteers) of Hindu Sevika Samiti.

Number of people trained: Sixty-Four (64)

* Materials produced and amount of each distributed: No material has been produced to date. SEWA is in the process of developing these. These would be distributed from the next quarter.

***Please provide 2 copies of each to CDC GAP Guyana Office –Copies of the programme for the launching ceremony is attached; additionally materials used by Dr. Prem Misir (United Nations Development Programme Consultant) for workshop # 1 is attached**

*** Additionally, leaflets and flyers developed by Lifeline Counseling Services were distributed at the various workshops. See samples attached.**

Workshop # 2

Training topic: Knowledge of HIV/AIDS; Attitude towards HIV/AIDS related Stigma and Discrimination; HIV/AIDS and Marital Choices; HIV/AIDS and their relationship with Tuberculosis, Pneumonia, Malaria and other diseases.

Target audience: Members of the Cummings Lodge Industry Hindu Society - Parent, Senior Citizens, Youths.

Number of people trained: Sixteen (16)

Workshop # 3

Training topic: Knowledge of HIV/AIDS; Attitude towards HIV/AIDS related Stigma and Discrimination; Choice of Protection against HIV/AIDS and other STDs

Target audience: Participants of the Cummings Lodge Industry Hindu Society Annual Youth Camp - Parent, Senior Citizens, Youths.

Number of people trained: Twenty-Four (24)

Workshop # 4

Training topic: Knowledge of HIV/AIDS; Attitude towards HIV/AIDS related Stigma and Discrimination; HIV/AIDS and Marital Choices; HIV/AIDS and their relationship with Tuberculosis, Pneumonia, Malaria and other diseases

Target audience: Citizens of Leguan Island attending Health Outreach Clinic Organised by SEWA.

Number of people trained: Sixty-nine (69)

Workshop # 5

Training topic: Knowledge of HIV/AIDS; Attitude towards HIV/AIDS related Stigma and Discrimination and HIV/AIDS in the Workplace

Target audience: Swayamsevak (Male Volunteers) of the Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh attending the annual training camp at Saraswati Vidya Niketan Secondary School.

Number of people trained: Twenty-Four (24)

Other activities, information/products developed and distributed (i.e., productions, video/CD/DVD, books, etc.):*

Topic _____

Target audience _____

Estimate of number of people reached _____

Materials produced and amount of each distributed: No material has been produced to date. SEWA is in the process of developing these. These would be distributed from the next quarter.

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Organizations supported (NGOs, FBOs, PLWHA networks): *No support was provided to any other organisation*

Publicity related to Ambassadors' Fund for HIV/AIDS to include media appearances, articles published, radio airtime (include topic, i.e., human rights, stigma and discrimination):*

- 1. Kaieteur News – Monday April 24, 2006 – Page 11 (See attached) – Article covering the HIV/AIDS Project Launch**

***If available, please provide 2 copies of each to CDC GAP Guyana Office (See Attached)**

Summary of Ambassadors' Fund for HIV/AIDS activities:

At the end of the first reporting period, 22 April, 2006 to August 11, 2006, five workshops have been completed at a cost of *One Hundred and Forty Five Thousand and Two Hundred and Fifty dollars (G\$ 145,250.00).*

Two workshops each has been completed in the original areas that were targeted for the project viz. two workshops at Cornelia Ida and two workshops at Cummings Lodge. Additionally, one workshop was done on the Island of Leguan, Essequibo River. Though this was not in the proposal as one of the target areas, SEWA had planned, several months ago, a medical outreach via medical clinic to Leguan Island. Since the professional medical volunteers were all skilled in the area of HIV/AIDS and HIV/AIDS awareness, SEWA decided that HIV/AIDS awareness would also be aggregated as part of the medical clinic, under the auspices of the United States Ambassador's HIV/AIDS Project.

The participants at the various workshops were from different age groups and there was participation from both genders. However, an analysis of the participants list shows that young people were in the majority. This is not accidental as SEWA has taken the opportunity to liaison with the various NGOs and FBOs with which it is in partnership and has requested participation in the youth activities of the organizations to be able to carry the awareness programme to the young people. To help in the achievement of this objective, SEWA members Omar Bissoon, Keeran Persaud, and Devindra Bissoon, all young people in their twenties and all graduates of the University of Guyana, and who have been exposed to various levels on HIV/ AIDS training, facilitated the workshops with the young people to establish a better rapport and to create a conducive and comfortable atmosphere for free and open discussion. This strategy has worked well thus far.

For the other workshops of mixed age groups, three medical doctors have provided splendid support in the awareness and general health areas: Dr. Jitendra Mohanlall, Manager of the National Tuberculosis Programme, and also attached to the Chest Clinic, Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation (GPHC); Dr. Julian Amsterdam, Co-ordinator of the National Malaria Programme and also of the GPGC and Dr. Errol Bassoo, Phd., MBA., MLT., BA., of Multi Tech Reference Laboratory. All these individuals have specialist knowledge in HIV/AIDS and have worked extensively in the area of HIV/AIDS awareness. They have all been volunteering their services in the various workshops and have assisted SEWA in the acquiring of drugs and other medical supplies for the various clinics. They have pledged to continue supporting SEWA throughout the duration of the programme.

Because of the level of support that SEWA has received from various professionals and organizations, the expenditure for the five workshops conducted so far has been kept to a minimum.

For the next quarter the main focus will be on the creating of brochures/ leaflets/ flyers to be used at the various workshops and for national distribution, and the completion of at least four (4) additional workshops. SEWA has already started the designing of these instruments and the main emphasis of these flyers will be to provide accurate, simple, user-friendly information on a broad range of HIV/AIDS related topics within a cultural framework to increase effectiveness and appeal.

Some of the venues for the next workshops have already been identified and programmes are being planned to have these conducted at the earliest convenient date.

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