GUYANA RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD ASSOCIATION

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<th>Date established</th>
<th>1973</th>
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<td>Date an type of registration</td>
<td>1975- Educational and Training Institution under the Friendly Societies Act.</td>
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<td>Primary contact person</td>
<td>Frederick Cox, Executive Director</td>
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<td>Number of active members</td>
<td>71</td>
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<td>Number of paid staff</td>
<td>35 Paid staff; 32 Full time, 3 Part time</td>
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<td>Number of regular volunteers</td>
<td>296</td>
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<td>Estimated annual budget</td>
<td>Seventy one million (G$71,000,000.00)</td>
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<td>Main sources of funding</td>
<td>International Planned Parenthood Federation Ministry of Health subvention.</td>
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Mission or primary goal of your organization:

Promoting Responsible Sexual Behaviour and family life through information, education, collaboration and services.

Main subject areas of activity or programmes

- Health
- Education/training
- Student/youth issues
- Advocacy
- HIV/AIDS
- Counseling
- Women’s issues

Major projects in last two years, including current projects

Project #1 Name/Goal: Reducing the incidence of tobacco use among young people in Regions 3,4,5,6 and 10 in Guyana.

Start date | August 1, 2002
End date   | November 30, 2003

Main Activities

- Baseline Survey among young people in regions 3,4,5,6 and 10.
- Training sessions with staff trainers and health and family life Educators on Tobacco control.
- Training sessions for young people on regions 3,4,5,6 and 10.
- Small action activities in Communities on Tobacco control.

**Main Sources of funding**  
Pan American Health Organization.

**Project partners**  
Pan American Health Organisation/ World Health Organisation.

**Geographic scope**  
Regions 3,4,5,6 and 10

**Results of Project**
- Level of awareness in communities on the danger of tobacco use has been increased.
- Young people have more knowledge on the dangers of tobacco.

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**Project # 2 Name/Goal:**  
**Strengthening HIV/AIDS specific information education and services for youth.**

**Start date**  
September 1, 2002

**End date**  
January 2003

**Main activities**
- Conduct a four-day workshop with Peer helpers in regions 3,4 and 5.
- Produce and purchase equipment for youth centre
- Conduct two (2) day workshop for staff members on working with youth.
- Strengthening youth friendly spaces and encourage youth participation.

**Main source(s) of funding**  
United Nations Children Fund

**Project partners**  

**Geographic scope**  
Regions 3,4 and 5.

**Results of project:**
- Ninety (90) Peer helpers were trained. Youth friendly spaces established with VCT services in relation to HIV/AIDS.

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**Project # 3 Name/Goal:**  
**Guyana STI/HIV/AIDS Youth project.**

**Start date**  
2000

**End date**  
Present

**Main activities**
- Risk Assessment surveys among youth.
- Identification and mobilization of groups at risk
- Training of members of Risk groups as Peer Helpers.
- Involvement of Peer Helpers in education and outreach activities.
- Information, education and communication activities
- Stigma and discrimination campaign.

**Main source(s) of funding**  
United States Agency for International Development

**Project partners**
- Lifeline counseling services.
- Youth challenge Guyana
- Artistes in Direct support
- Cry of AIDS – Volunteer youth core

Geographic scope: Regions 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10.
Results of project: Increased awareness of youths and groups at risk on HIV/AIDS.

Project # 4 Name/Goal: Fighting AIDS through training and education among youths 10-25 years old.
Start date: May 2003
End date: Present

Main activities:
- Conduct Mini-surveys/Baseline survey needs analysis.
- Develop IEC material for television and radio broadcasts.
- Conduct IEC campaign utilising developed IEC material.
- Train Peer helpers to work with youth.
- Conduct call-in radio programmes to discuss HIV/AIDS issues.
- Train health care providers to provide youth friendly services.

Main source(s) of funding: Canadian International Development Agency.

Project partners:
- Canadian International Development Agency.
- Caribbean Family Planning Affiliation Limited.

Geographic scope: Regions 2, 4 and 6.
Results of project: Peer helpers were trained and educated on issues relating to HIV/AIDS. IEC campaign is in progress.

Project # 5 Name/Goal: Advocacy Project: - To increase access of young people (adolescents) to sexual and reproductive health information and services.
Start date: June 15, 2003
End date: October 15, 2003

Main activities:
- Host a youth forum with fifty (50) young people to develop petition/pledge.
- Support youth initiative and outreach to mobilize young people to sign petition such as Rap sessions.
- Submit petition and findings from project implementation to the Minister of Health.
- Host one day national forum for sixty (60) community and religious leaders to inform and mobilise support.
- Host a Media workshop to mobilise and solicit support.
- Host a two (2) day forum for Health workers to inform and mobilise support.

Main source(s) of funding: The Carter Center Guyana

Project partners: -
Results of project:
Petition/Pledge was formulated and signed by approximately 10 to 214 youths. Position paper was shared with Minister of Health.

Project # 6 Name/Goal: Increasing youth and children participation in programme planning design
Start date November 2003
End date January 2004
Main activities
• Conduct focus group sessions with youth and children to determine problem and to develop proposal.
• Hold planning meetings and conduct training and discussion with project facilitators on the conduct of activities.
• Conduct monitoring and evaluation sessions with project planning team and facilitators.
Main source (s) of funding United Nations Children Fund.
Geographic scope Regions 3,4 and 5
Results of project:

Major projects planned for at least next two years

Project # 1 Name/Goal
Start date January 2004
End date Dec 2005
Main activities
• Promotion of VCT Services
• Increase supplies of VCT kits
• Training and capacity building.
Main source (s) of funding Population Services International
Project theme or sector Strengthening VCT Services
Project partners Population Services International
Geographic Scope: Georgetown

Networking
What other NGOs would you like to share information with or collaborate with in you activities?
1. Hope for All, Essequibo