GUYANA ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS (GAWL)

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Mission or primary goal of your organization:

To educate citizens about their rights, to address legal issues of concern to women and children, and to provide limited legal aid services.

Main subject areas of activity or programmes

- Education/training
- Advocacy
- Women’s issues
- Human rights
- Children issue

Major projects in last two years, including current projects

Project #1 Name/Goal: Constitution Education
Start date: Feb. 2001
End date: July 2002
Main activities
1. Serves of outreach Seminars conducted countrywide
2. Educating citizens about their constitutional and other legal rights
Main source(s) of funding: NDI
Project theme or sector: Education
Project partners: NDI, GAWL
Geographic scope: Country Wide
Results of Project

Goal of educating citizens about their constitutional rights achieved. Facilitators were well received.

Project #2 Name/Goal: Constitution Booklet
Start date: 2002
End date: 2003

Main activities
1. Spin off from Project 1, which had intended the publication of a booklet on the constitution of Guyana
2. Members volunteered to prepare material / information
3. Booklet give an updated position of the Constitution of Guyana, 1989 as amended in respect of the following laws:
   (i) The President
   (ii) The Judiciary
   (iii) Fundamental Rights
   (iv) Human Rights

An explanation of key terms is also given.

Main source(s) of funding: National Commission on Women (NCW)
Project theme or sector: Education
Project partners: NCW, GAWL
Geographic scope: Country wide

Project #3 Name/Goal: Legal Education Project
Start date: 2003
End date: 2003

Main activities
1. Facilitating
2. Counselling
3. Training
4. Educating with one of the NGO partners of the Carter Center, St. Marks Mothers Union, at Alness Corentyne, Berbice
5. Educating members as to their rights and the law, particularly in relation to Estate / Succession; Divorce; the Married Person’s Property Act and the Family Dependants & Provision Act
6. Training of women for exposure to public life and decisions making.

Main source(s) of funding: The Carter Center (TCC)
Project theme or sector: Educational Training
Project partners: The Carter Center
Geographic scope: Region 6 (Corentyne)
Results of Project: Response excellent and facilitators well received.
Project #4 Name/Goal: Reprint of “Law and You” “Booklet I, with amendments.

Start date: Sept. 2002
End date: Feb 2004

Main activities:
1. The “Law and You booklets I and II provide information on the laws of Guyana in simple language with pictorial illustrations. This booklet is a reprint of Vo. I with latest amendments to the respective laws stated therein. Members of the Association volunteered to edit the previous booklet, type and submit to printer for correction and type setting.
2. Members also edited before the final print.

Main source(s) of funding: UNICEF
Project theme or sector: Education
Project partners: UNICEF, GAWL
Geographic scope: Country wide
Results of Project: Booklet entitled “The Law and You” I (Reprint) received as at 9th February 2004. To circulate countrywide, mainly by posting to organizations.

Major projects planned for at least next two years

Project #1 Name/Goal: “Women in Decision Making”
To facilitate training of women for exposure to public life and decision making.

Start date: 2002
End date: 2004

Main activities:
1. The constitution
2. Media / Public Speaking
3. Project Budgeting and Finance (Central & Local Government)

Main source(s) of funding: Organization of American States (OAS)
Project theme or sector: Advancement / Education / Training
Project partners:
1. OAS
2. Antigua & Barbuda
3. St. Kitts – Nevis
4. Guyana Bar association and GAWL

Geographic scope: Regions 4,& 6, Regional Caribbean Sub-Region
Results of Project: Approximately 75% complete. Final phase is to complete outreach programmes in Regions 8 and 10.

Project #2 Name/Goal: Draft “Children’s Bill”, 2002
Start date: Aug. 2002
End date: Ongoing

Main activities:
1. As a result of Cabinet’s approval of the recommendations by the Bernard committee Report for improving laws and policies affecting children. The
Minister of Labour, Human Services and Social Welfare has authorised the drafting of the Bill. The Bid is “Draft for Discussion Only”.

2. GAWL is one of the organisations consulted for submissions / recommendations on the Draft Bill.

3. Groups of members have volunteered to address different sections / areas of the Draft Bill.

**Main source(s) of funding**
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**Project theme or sector**
Consultation

**Project partners**

**Geographic scope**
Countrywide

**Results of Project**
Not yet completed.

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**Project #3 Name/Goal**
“The Revised Constitution of Guyana”. *(Booklet # 2)*

**Start date**
November 2003

**End date**
2004

**Main activities**
Material / information is being completed for this second Booklet in the series which will address the following:

1. What is a Constitution?
2. Defence and Security
3. Powers and functions of the Elections Commission
4. Role of the Opposition Leader
5. The Service Commissions
6. Parliamentary Standing Committee on Constitutional Reform

**Main source(s) of funding**
NCW

**Project theme or sector**
Education

**Project partners**
NCW, GAWL

**Geographic scope**
Countrywide

**Results of Project**
Not yet completed

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**Networking**

What other NGOs would you like to share information with or collaborate with in your activities?

1. Mainly with Women’s NGO’s
2. NGO’s situated in rural areas, also those which can access interior locations and the indigenous peoples
3. With Women’s Bar Associations internationally.