

EVERYCHILD GUYANA

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Number of active members	Six (6)
Number of paid staff	Six (6) Full Time
Number of regular volunteers	
Estimated annual budget	
Main sources of funding	UK Sponsorship
Geographic scope of activity	Region 4 and 10

Mission or primary goal of your organization:

Not given.

Main subject areas of activity or programmes

X HIV/AIDS

X Education/training

Other: Care and support project will be implemented in April 2004

Major projects in last two years, including current projects

EveryChild Guyana is a non-government organisation (NGO) brought about by the merger of the Christian Children's Fund of Great Britain (CCFGB) and the European Children's Trust (ECT). In the past the Christian Children's Fund in Guyana offered a range of direct aid projects which included capacity building for children and parents, skills training for parents, youth groups, distribution of uniforms, hot meals, children vocational camps, the distribution of textbooks to schools and IT programme for primary school children. These projects were designed to meet the needs of children in Agricola and East La Penitence. The newly formed organisation is aiming to increase its impact by developing a more strategic approach that addresses the unfulfilled rights of the most vulnerable and isolated children in the community. EveryChild Guyana aims to be a transparent and accountable organisation, working in partnership not only with other NGOs, Government ministries and departments but also with parents and children themselves to bring about sustainable changes in their lives and the communities in which they live. We have since implemented one project in 2003 and will launch another on February 13, 2004, please see below:

Project #1 Name/Goal**Agricola after-school Literacy Project**

The literacy capacity of children in Agricola and it environs is strengthened enabling them to take more control of their own lives. (UNCRC: Article 28)

Start date

April 22, 2003

End date

April 30, 2006

Main activities

- Engage the Ministry of Education for approval of the project proposal and the use of the school building.
- Recruitment of reading specialist.
- Recruitment and training of teachers (resource personnel) and volunteers
- Acquire reading books, reading aids, videos, textbooks for other subjects and stationery.
- Reading Specialist, Resource Personnel and volunteers meet with the sponsored children to diagnose the children's reading level.
- Group according to reading ability in groups of twenty to facilitate reading program.
- Teaching manual produced for use by teachers and parents (end of pilot phase/project)
- Re-group according to school class levels after the reading programme to do other subject areas, e.g. Maths, English, Science, Social Studies, (there will be 4 – 1½ hours sessions per week) Level 6 will spend one year in this project, level 5, two years and level 4 three years.
- Developmental sessions done by resource personnel at Teachers Staff Meetings in Agricola, St. Anne and Eccles Primary to cascade training to other teachers.
- Parents Teachers Association development sessions to increase parents' capacity to help their children with their schoolwork.

Main source(s) of funding

UK Sponsorship

Project partners

Ministry of Education

Rotract Club of Georgetown

Geographic scope

Region 4 Agricola and it environs

Results of Project:

To increase functional literacy level and school attendance of sponsored children, eight to eleven years old within a minimum period of eighteen months and a maximum period of three years and to enable these children to have a better opportunity to attend a prominent high school thus, enhancing their life choices.

Project #2 Name/Goal**Better Parenting**

The best interests of children are the primary consideration of guardians (UNCRC Art 3).

Start date

Feb 13, 2004

End date

Feb 2005

Main activities**Design Phase**

- Baseline gathering through questionnaires and FGDs with children, guardians and teachers from Agricola and East La Penitence Primary Schools.
- Contract parenting skills educator to coordinate training sessions for guardians.
- Request approval from church and school to utilize buildings for conducting community-training sessions.
- Make arrangements to print Parenting Manuals for all participants of the formal training.

1.0 Parental Training

5-day Parenting skills course for 17 guardians from ELP

Course content:

- Remembering your Childhood
- Child Growth and development
- Learning/Using play
- Teaching a child to read
- Nutrition, Health and Safety

- HIV/AIDS
- Separation Anxiety and Problems
- Thinking and talking about discipline
- Self Knowledge
- Lifelines

5 day Parenting Skills course/workshop for 17 guardians from Agricola

Course Content:

As above.

34 Parenting Manuals produced and disseminated to participants

2.0 Community capacity building

Training cascaded by guardians who took part in initial training

8 follow up/support sessions for guardians in ELP and Agricola during first 12 months

3.0 Awareness Raising

4 TV campaigns

1 radio campaign- Viewpoint

3 poster campaigns

6 newspaper articles

Manuals circulated to church, schools and community health centres

600 leaflets on Parenting

Main source(s) of funding

UK Sponsorship

Project partners

Ministry of Education, parents and teachers of both communities.

Geographic scope

Region 4 (East La Penitence and Agricola)

Results of Project:

Guardians of Agricola and East La Penitence are equipped with the skills to care for their child/ren in a way that maintains their best interest.

Major projects planned for at least next two years

Project #1 Name/Goal

East La Penitence Literacy Project (proposed)

Start date

April 2004

End date

March 2005

Main activities

- Engage the Ministry of Education for approval of the project proposal and the use of the school building.
- Recruitment of reading specialist.
- Recruitment and training of teachers (resource personnel) and volunteers
- Acquire reading books, reading aids, videos, textbooks for other subjects and stationery.
- Reading Specialist, Resource Personnel and volunteers meet with the sponsored children to diagnose the children's reading level.
- Group according to reading ability in groups of twenty to facilitate reading program.
- Teaching manual produced for use by teachers and parents
- Manual handed over to the Ministry of Education to distribute to schools in all 10 regions.

Main source(s) of funding

UK Sponsorship

Project partners

Ministry of Education, East La Penitence Community Group

Geographic scope

Region 4 (East La Penitence)

Results of Project

A more literate community (proposed)

Project #2 Name/Goal	<u>Care and Support for children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS (PROPOSED)</u>
Start date	April 2004
End date	April 2007
<u>Main activities</u>	
PROPOSED	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign MOU with Linden Care Foundation • Recruit and train a childcare counsellor who will be available to children of the Foundation during normal working hours. • Supply vitamins to all children enrolled at the foundation • Supply medication for children with opportunistic disease due HIV/AIDS at the foundation. 	
Main source(s) of funding	UK Sponsorship
Project partners	Linden Care Foundation, Ministry of Human Services and Social Security, UNICEF
Geographic scope	Region 10
Results of Project	(PROPOSED) To increase the quality of life of children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.
Project #3 Name/Goal	<u>(PROPOSED) High School Vocational Skills</u>
Start date	Sept 2004
<u>Main activities</u>	To be confirmed
End date	July 2007
Main source(s) of funding	UK Sponsorship
Project partners	Ministry of Education, Ministry of Human Services and Social Security
Geographic scope	Region 4 (East La Penitence and Agricola environs)
Results of Project	Equipping high school students with skills for employment.
Project #4 Name/Goal	<u>(PROPOSED) Street Children</u>
Start date	Nov 2004
End date	Nov 2007
<u>Main activities</u>	To be confirmed
Main source(s) of funding	UK Sponsorship
Project partners	Drop-in-Center through Ministry of Human Services and Social Security
Geographic scope	Region 4 (Central Georgetown)
Results of Project	To be determined
Project #5 Name/Goal	<u>(PROPOSED) Life story Books for Institutionalised children</u>
Start date	March 2005
End date	July 2006

<u>Main activities</u>	To be confirmed
Main source(s) of funding	UK Sponsorship
Project partners	Ministry of Human Services and Social Security Orphanages (to be decided)
Geographic scope	Region 4 (Central Georgetown)
Results of Project	To be decided

Networking

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

1. Linden Care Foundation
2. Lifeline Counselling Services
3. Orphanages
4. Guyana Responsible Parenthood Association