

GUYANA COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION PROGRAMME (National)

Date established	1986
Date and type of registration	August 16, 1995
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Number of active members	580
Number of paid staff	3 full time; 2 part time
Number of regular volunteers	220
Estimated annual budget	\$90,000 (US)
Main sources of funding	An Italian NGO – Amici di Raoul Follereau Foundation Other International agencies – BCCP, PAHO, UNICEF Local organisations and business enterprises Local fund raising activities
Geographic Scope	Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 9

Mission or primary goal of your organization:

The organisation promotes and supports community based initiatives that facilitate the development of persons with disabilities and their families in the mainstream of life in the society.

Main subject areas of activity or programmes

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x Economic/income generation x Social services/welfare x Welfare and relief x Culture and art x Environment x Housing x Women's issues x Violence x Indigenous peoples issues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x Health x Sports x Education/training x Human rights x Counselling x Disabled x Advocacy x Employment x Poverty reduction |
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Major projects in last two years, including current projects

Project #1 Name/Goal: **Mainstreaming of children with disabilities in primary schools in West Demerara**

To increase the level of acceptance and inclusion of children with disabilities in mainstream primary school system

Start date 2001

End date 2002

Main activities

- *baseline data and needs assessment collected*
- *training of teachers to work with children with disabilities in the regular classroom*
- *training workshops for principals from the pilot schools and representatives of Parent-Teachers Associations*
- *public awareness talks held at health centres*
- *adaptations done in some of the schools to ensure the safety and improved access to the school and toilet facilities*
- *visits to homes of children to encourage parents to facilitate the attendance of children at school*
- *orientation session with children from the participating schools*
- *coaching sessions with teachers*

Main source(s) of funding Building Community Capacity Project (BCCP)

Project theme or sector Inclusive Education

Project partners Ministry of Education

Geographic scope Region 3

Results of Project

- 40 primary school teachers trained in inclusion education strategies
- 36 children admitted in 12 pilot schools
- Training manual produced for use in teacher training
- Documentary video and PSA produced
- Increased acceptance of children with disabilities by their peers

Project #2 Name/Goal **Sewing Project for Indigenous Women**

To improve the quality of life of indigenous women and their families by increasing their access to school uniforms and other garments.

Start date 2000

End date 2003

Main activities

- Design of the training workshops
- Acquisition of sewing machines and materials for sewing project
- Transportation of machines and materials to 2 communities in Region 9
- Training of women in sewing of uniforms and other garments
- Training of women in maintenance of sewing machines
- Establishment of management team for use of machines
- Monitoring of sewing group

Main source(s) of funding Amici di Raoul Follereau Foundation
Project theme or sector Economic
Project partners Women's Group in Lethem
Geographic scope Karasibai and Sand Creek in Region 9
Results of Project

- Women trained in the use and maintenance of sewing machines
- School uniforms and other clothing more readily available in the villages
- Increased number of women with leadership and management skills

Project #3 Name/Goal: **Development of Disabled Persons Organisations**

To strengthen the self-advocacy movement to influence decisions that would impact on the lives of persons with disabilities and their families

Start date 2002

End date 2004

Main activities

- Meetings with regional DPO groups
- Planning sessions
- Training sessions for steering committee
- Formation of a National Network of Disabled Persons Organizations
- Training workshops for DPO executive
- Needs and resource assessment
- Development of work plans
- Implementation of work plans
- Quarterly meetings at national level
- Monthly meetings in the regions
- Leadership training sessions in the regions

Main source(s) of funding Circle of Solidarity, Raoul Follereau Foundation

Project theme or sector Leadership training & Advocacy

Project partners Regional DPO groups

Geographic scope Regions 2, 4, 5, 6

Results of Project

- The formation of a National Network of Disabled Persons Organizations
- Increased level of solidarity among persons with disabilities
- Increased leadership skills among persons with disabilities
- Increased level of participation of persons in decision making on disability programmes

Project #4 Name/Goal: **Global Study on the Impact of Community Based Rehabilitation in Ghana, Guyana and Nepal**

To assess the impact of Community Based Rehabilitation on the lives of persons with disabilities and their families.

Start date 2001

End date 2002

Main activities

- Interviews with persons with disabilities and their families
- Focus group discussions with persons with disabilities and families
- Interviews with key informants

- Transcription of information from interviews and Focus group discussions
- Analysis of material and preparation of report
- Dissemination of material

Main source(s) of funding World Health Organisation (WHO)
Swedish Organisation of Handicapped International Aid Association (SHIA)

Project theme or sector Social Inclusion

Project partners SHIA and WHO

Geographic scope Region 3, 4, 5, 6 in Guyana

Results of Project

- Assessment of the Involvement of persons with disabilities and their families in CBR programs
- Analysis of the change in quality of life of persons with disabilities after the implementation of CBR according to their own perception
- Identified CBR program strategies most helpful for improving the quality of life of persons with disabilities
- Global dissemination of study

Major projects planned for at least next two years

Project #1 Name/Goal: **Social Inclusion of Deaf Children**
To increase the opportunities for children and their families to be involved in the mainstream of life in the society.

Start date April 2004

End date March 2005

Main activities

- Selection of trainees - deaf children, peers from YWCA, family members, carers, and volunteers
- Preparation of training material
- Implementation of training workshops on sign language and social skills development
- Educational Tours
- Recreational activities
- Formation of Deaf Club
- Television Programmes
- Project Monitoring and Evaluation

Main source(s) of funding International Society for Deaf Children

Project theme or sector Social Inclusion

Project partners Young Women's Christian Association

Geographic scope Regions 3, 4 & 5

Results of Project

- Increased opening of opportunities for deaf children to be involved in community life
- Increased number of persons with sign language skills
- Improved social skills among persons with disabilities and their peers
- Empowerment of deaf children, their families and carers
- Increased solidarity among the deaf children, their families and carers
- Increased level of public awareness on deafness issues

Project #2 Name/Goal:**Enabling Environment Project**

To increase awareness and understanding among children of the role of the community in creating an enabling environment for the social integration of persons with disabilities

Start date

September 2004

End date

January 2005

Main activities

- Mobilisation and establishment of project teams in all regions
- Set criteria for competitions (art & essays) in the school system
- Dissemination of information on competitions
- Judging of entries in the regions
- National exhibition of best pieces from the regions
- Judging of pieces at national exhibition
- Publication and dissemination of booklet with entries from national winners

Main source(s) of funding

Local fund raising initiatives

Project theme or sector

Social Integration

Project partners

Ministry of Education

Geographic scope

All regions

Results of Project

- Increased awareness among children about disability issues
- Material developed for use as resource material in public awareness programmes
- Identified ways of creating a supportive environment for persons with disabilities

Project #3 Name/Goal:**Social Theatre Project****Start date**

June 2004

End date

November 2004

Main activities

- Promotional activities on social theatre in identified regions
- Workshops on social theatre
- Development of presentations
- Presentation of social theatre programmes in identified communities
- Production of video
- Presentation of video on T.V.
- Assessment of impact
- Dissemination of reports

Main source(s) of funding

UNDP Local initiatives

Project theme or sector

Culture and Arts

Project partners

Ministry of Culture, Youth & Sports

Geographic scope

Region 3, 4 (including Georgetown), 5

Results of Project

- Increased level of respect and acceptance of persons with disabilities by peers without disabilities
- Increased self-esteem and confidence among persons with disabilities in participating in social theatre
- Increased community awareness and response to disability issues

Networking

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

1. Guyana Volunteer Youth Corps
2. Red Cross Society
3. St John's Ambulance
4. Guyana Association of Social Workers