

GEORGETOWN LEGAL AID CLINIC

Date established	16 February 1993
Date and type of registration	16 February 1993, company limited by guarantee
Primary contact person	Josephine Whitehead, Director/Secretary
Address, telephone and email	Cameron & Shepherd 2 Ave of the Republic, Georgetown Tel: 226 2671; email: j.whitehead@cameronandshepherd.com
Secondary contact person	Maureen Wray, Office Manager
Address, telephone and email	GLAC Maraj Building King & Charlotte Streets, Georgetown Tel: 225 9238
Number of active members	9 (the board of directors)
Number of paid staff	5 full time; 2 part time
Number of regular volunteers	None as such, but some attorneys do accept matters on a reduced fee basis
Estimated annual budget	G\$11m
Main sources of funding	Grants through Government of Guyana/Government of USA bilateral arrangements (PL480)
Geographic scope of activity	Clients accepted from all regions but we can only provide representation in courts in Georgetown, ECD, EBD, WCD & WBD

Mission or primary goal of your organization:

To provide subsidised or free professional assistance to persons who, faced with either criminal cases, civil disputes or the need for legal advice, are in danger of having their civil rights infringed or other legal needs unmet because of poverty and lack of means.

Main subject areas of activity or programmes

- x Women's issues
- x Violence
- x Poverty reduction
- x Legal services

Major projects in last two years, including current projects

The provision of legal aid services is an ongoing project, which consists almost entirely of recurrent expenses (staff salaries, utilities etc.). We owe our continuing existence to 'PL 480' grants, the current grant of \$13,354,550 having been received in late 2003. It is estimated that the funds will cover our operations until mid/late 2005

We are hopeful that a further 'PL480' grant will be made to us when the current grant funds are exhausted. Our efforts to find alternative sources of funding, both locally and internationally have proved fruitless.

Networking

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

We already collaborate and network with a number of other NGOs, including Help & Shelter and Red Thread, for the purpose of cross-referrals.

We have representatives of the TUC, the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the Guyana Council of Churches, the Bar Association and the Association of Women Lawyers on our board.