

## GUYANA RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD ASSOCIATION

Date established	1973
Date and type of registration	1975- Educational and Training Institution under the Friendly Societies Act.
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Number of active members	71
Number of paid staff	35 Paid staff; 32 Full time, 3 Part time
Number of regular volunteers	296
Estimated annual budget	Seventy one million (G\$71,000,000.00)
Main sources of funding	International Planned Parenthood Federation Ministry of Health subvention.
Geographic scope of activity	Regions 1-10

### **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**

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| x Health               | x HIV/AIDS       |
| x Education/training   | x Counseling     |
| x Student/youth issues | x Women's issues |
| x Advocacy             |                  |

### **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.

**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** United Nations Children Fund.  
**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.

**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.

**Project partners** 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