

GUYANA ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS (GAWL)

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Number of active members	30
GAWL's e-mail	guyasnl@yahoo.com
Number of paid staff	-
Number of regular volunteers	Active members volunteer to do work (In few cases Honorarium paid)
Estimated annual budget	-
Main sources of funding	Donor Community: UNICEF; USAID; NDI, CIDA and OAS
Geographic scope of activity	Countrywide, except Regions 1 and 9 (accessibility / cost factor)

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

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| x Education/training | x Advocacy |
| x Women's issues | x Human rights |
| x Children issue | |

Major projects in last two years, including current projects

Project #1 Name/Goal	<u>Constitution Education</u>
Start date	Feb. 2001
End date	July 2002
<u>Main activities</u>	
	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

Results of Project

Booklet entitled "The Revised Constitution of Guyana" published, and launched on 14th July 2003. (Small scale production. To reprint when funding accessed).

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

