

THE ALICEA FOUNDATION / MOTHERS IN BLACK

Date established	AF = Sept 1996 MIB = July 2000
Date and type of registration	AF = Jan 1997 (Companies Act 1991)
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Number of active members	Ten (10)
Number of paid staff	NONE
Number of regular volunteers	Fifteen to twenty (15-20)
Estimated annual budget	G\$100,000. (one hundred thousand)
Main sources of funding	The Alicea foundation
Geographic scope of activity	Georgetown, Guyana

Mission or primary goal of your organization:

To save lives and reduce injuries on Guyana roads.

“Slaughter on our roads will rapidly become worse unless strong and immediate action is taken in the field of traffic control and safety”.

Guyana has an approximate population of 700,000. Approximately 150 persons are unnecessarily killed on our roads every year..... mostly young children between the ages of 5-9 yrs.

Main subject areas of activity or programmes

- x Education/training
- x Human rights
- x Counselling
- x Women's issues

Major projects in last two years, including current projects

Project #1 Name/Goal

Start date

July 7, 2000

End date

November 2002

Main activities

Formation of Mothers in Black – July 7, 2000. Mothers (dressed in black) who had lost their children on our roads

joined the Alicea Foundation for a weekly vigil opposite Parliament Buildings or the President's Office for one hour every Friday for two and a half years!! We were demanding an end to the slaughter of our children and other loved ones on our roads. Men, and other interested persons also joined us. We named ourselves – MOTHERS IN BLACK

Main source(s) of funding
Project theme or sector

The Alicea Foundation
Revision and enforcement of the Guyana Vehicle and Traffic Act

Project partners
Geographic scope
Results of Project

Concerned members of the public
Georgetown, Berbice and Linden.
Four meetings with Commissioner of Police and the Traffic department. One meeting with the President of Guyana, and two with the Minister of Home Affairs. On the 19th and 22nd June, 2002 we were presented with drafts of proposed Traffic Legislation.

Project #2 Name/Goal

Start date

July 2002/03

End date

Annual

Main activities

Drive with care campaign. MIB anniversary campaign (July 2002 and July 2003). Members and supporters of Mothers in Black/ Alicea Foundation drove at the legal speed (30mph/48kph) in convoy, in and around Georgetown, for two hours (with police escort)

Main source(s) of funding
Project theme or sector
Project partners

The Alicea Foundation
Drive with care
Supporters and members of Alicea Foundation and Mothers in Black

Geographic scope
Results of Project

Georgetown
Public awareness from huge media coverage

Project #3 Name/Goal

Start date

July 18, 2001

End date

Ongoing

Main activities

To assist Ministry of Home Affairs in the drafting of the following new Traffic Laws:-

1. Safety Belt regulations
2. Breath analyser/ Drug testing/ Radar trap legislation.
3. Ticketing and points system
4. Mini bus regulations.

Main source(s) of funding
Project theme or sector
Project partners

Alicea Foundation – donated \$50,000 to GAWL
Traffic Legislation
Guyana Association of Women Lawyers

Geographic scope Guyana
Results of Project In January of 2003 the use of Safety Belts for Driver and Passenger Law was passed and enforced.

Major projects planned for at least next two years

Project #4 Name/Goal

Start date April, 2004

End date 5 year plan

Main activities

Main source(s) of funding PAHO/WHO

1. Re-introduction of School Road Safety Patrols throughout Guyana.
2. To promote improved Driver licencing standards and traffic safety education programmes.
3. Road Safety education throughout Guyana

Project theme or sector Safe roads

Project partners

1. PAHO/WHO
2. Mothers in Black/ Alicea Foundation
3. Guyana Police Traffic Dept.
4. Min. of Education
5. Min of Works
6. Min of Health
7. Road Safety Association
8. Red Cross Society

Geographic scope Guyana

Results of Project On-going

Networking

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

1. Any NGO wishing to support our Road Safety Activities.