

ST. FRANCIS COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS

Date established	August– 1986
Date and type of registration	Ministry Of Youth, Sports & Culture National Aids Secretariat – NAPS
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Number of active members	19 members and 21 Advisors
Number of paid staff	11 (eleven) full time
Number of regular volunteers	Hundreds at any given time and this increase with demands.
Estimated annual budget	Depending on number of projects. Last year 2003 – over \$50 M.
Main sources of funding	Donor community mainly international, income generated, fund raising, donations, grants, skills training opportunities.
Geographic scope of activity	Region # 6 and # 5. The Club also works with groups from Region #4, 10, 3

Aims and Objectives:-

1. *To encourage and support the educational and moral upliftment of residents in target communities.*
2. *Provide recreational facilities for exercise, sports and to minimize anti-social behaviour among youths.*
3. *Reinforce better family life by using religion as a foundation.*
4. *Reduce the incidence and impact of drug abuse by reinforcing self-worth and self-development.*
5. *Facilitate the establishment and operation of small business ventures as a means of self-employment.*
6. *Provide skills training in various job related areas.*
7. *Reduce the cost of basic commodities through cooperative efforts of the members of the Club and associated organizations.*
8. *To provide a supporting and enabling environment for persons affected by HIV/AIDS, STIs and their families while executing community responsive projects/programmes.*
9. *Provide visionary leadership for community development by encouraging community initiative, democratic participation and mobilization of community resources for responsive actions to reverse the decline in the quality of life.*
10. *To support families and children at risk with responsive support, care, empowerment, empowerment opportunities and an enabling environment to cope with social issues.*

Main subject areas of activity or programmes

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| x Economic/income generation | x Health |
| x Social services/welfare | x HIV/AIDS |
| x Sports | x Welfare and relief |
| x Education/training | x Culture and art |
| x Professional | x Physical improvement of community |
| x Environment | x Counselling |
| x Housing | x Poverty reduction |
| x Student/youth issues | x Disabled |
| x Agriculture | x Women's issues |
| x Advocacy | x Employment |
| x Violence | |
| x Legal services | |

Other – explain: Consultancy, networking community groups

Major projects in last two years, including current projects

Project #1 Name/Goal	<u>Family, Youth and Children At Risk – Phase II</u>
Start date	December, 2001
End date	On going

Main activities

1. Providing counselling services – hotline and face to face on daily basis.
2. Operating a coordinating office along with eleven sub-offices in Region # 6.
3. Providing limited legal aid support to families in crisis.
4. Training community leaders and public sector workers to deal with social concerns.
5. Providing educational opportunities to residents so that a wider state of empowerment can be achieved and active participation.
6. Supporting over sixty NGO's and public offices to aid project objectives.
7. Manage a voluntary counselling and testing centre.
8. Providing an organised resource centre, Internet café, and training facilities in Region # 6.
9. Security technical support for project implementation through major formal networking system.
10. Managing umbrella organisation. Friends of St. Francis that coordinates efforts.

Main source(s) of funding	UNICEF, Food for the Poor Guyana, Canada Fund, President Youth Choice, Guyana Voluntary Consultancy, Peace Corps, Income generations and donations.
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Project theme or sector	Family, Youth and HIV, AIDS STI's
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Project partners

1. American Peace Corps.
2. UNICEF
3. USAID
4. PSI
5. Food for the Poor,
6. NAPS
7. President (VCT) Youth Choice

8. Ministries of Health Education and Human Services

Geographic scope

Region #6 and #5

Results of Project

The project commenced with Port Maurant as the pilot community but today we are networking with over 60 credible organisations and our efforts have international impact.

Project #2 Name/Goal

St. Francis Community Developers Outreach Project.

Start date

Ongoing

Main activities

1. Empowerment of NGO's to access funding for activities.
2. Securing funding or assisting with project identification, documentation and implementation.
3. Creating skills training and technical empowerment opportunities for residents.
4. Establishment the physical facilities to deliver social services.
5. Creating the foundation for effective management and sustainability.
6. Establishing the physical facilities/environment for sustainability and growth.
7. Sharing the success of St. Francis for the last eighteen years.

Main source(s) of funding

- Donor community
- Fund raising
- Income generation
- Donation

Project theme or sector

Project partners

- Government
- Private sector
- NGO's
- Residents of project area.

Geographic scope

National and International

Results of Project

The success of project is so outstanding that it ensured Club won three national awards, three Commonwealth Awards, several other status/certificates for performance and ensures that Club is presently accredited to the United Nations in New York.

Project #3 Name/Goal

Sustainability, Management and Business Plan

Start date

Ongoing

Main activities

1. Training programmes and workshops for staff, leaders and volunteers.
2. Establishment, development and management of economic ventures such as public restaurant, printing section, catering etc.
3. Implementing the framework for continuity of efforts by documentation of findings, experiences and methods.
4. Streamlining management systems
5. Securing funding and technical support for expansion and sustainability.

Main source(s) of funding

- UNICEF
- Canada Fund
- Self

Project theme or sector

Sustainability and group capacity building.

Project partners

- Peace Corp
- Guyana Professional Social Workers
- UNICEF
- Friends of St. Francis

Geographic scope

Regional

Results of Project

St. Francis and its counterparts are making great headway to document our weakness, strength and possibilities for future actions and have created some amount of sustainability efforts.

Project #4 Name/Goal

Skills Training Opportunities and Micro Credit.

Start date

Ongoing

Main activities

1. Offering over 25 different forms of skills training programmes.
2. Upgrading physical facilities, equipment, tools and equipment on an ongoing basis.
3. Training an elite and professional group of tutors and service providers.
4. Offering a micro credit scheme in collaboration with CYC1.
5. Expanding physical facilities and planning for future involvement.
6. Coordinating classes and business ventures at several centres for effectiveness.
7. Finding and assisting students to find employment after training.
8. Acquiring support for very poor students.

Main source(s) of funding

- British High Commission
- UNICEF
- Canada Fund
- Food for the Poor Guyana

Project theme or sector

Skills training and personal empowerment.

Project partners

- Peace Corps
- Carnegie School of Home Economics
- Commonwealth Youth Programme
- UNICEF
- DIFD
- GRPA
- President Youth Choice
- GVC
- FFP

Geographic scope
Results of Project

Regional/National
On December 5, 2003 our last graduation ceremony 422 students graduated with 652 certificates and a career day with over 30 business offices.

Major projects planned for at least next two years

Project #1 Name/Goal **Establishment of Community Development Village for grass root developers.**

Start date Presently
End date Next 5 years

Main activities

1. To acquire adequate land for project implementation.
2. To get enough donors to fund entire project.
3. Construction of fourteen main buildings and supporting features for complex.
4. Trains the professional staff to deliver services.
5. To create adequate sustainability ventures for project upkeep and expansion.

Main source(s) of funding

- International donors
- Government
- Self

Project theme or sector

- Reduction of poverty
- Capacity building, sustainability, training

Project partners

- Donors
- Friends of St. Francis

Geographic scope

International

Results of Project

This will create a training complex to train professional grassroots developers to implement community development activities in a complex environment.

Project #2 Name/Goal **Enhancement of service delivery to cope with reality/demands.**

Start date June 2003
End date Ongoing

Main activities

1. Review of present activities.
2. Creating an enabling environment to implement findings.
3. Upgrading services.
4. Consultation with beneficiary.
5. Preparing the necessary project documents.
6. Finding and training an elite professional service.

Main source(s) of funding

- Donors
- Income generation

- Technical support provider

Project theme or sector Social Services

Project partners

- UNICEF
- Canadians
- Food for the Poor
- USAID/PSI
- Friends of St. Francis

Geographic scope National

Results of Project Only time and lot of hard work will tell.

Project #3 Name/Goal **Upgrading, expansion and collaboration with government and NGO's nationally.**

Start date October 2003

End date Ongoing

Main activities

1. Establish formal relationships with key partners.
2. To document operations, systems and mode of operations.
3. Finding donors and partners to implement programmes.
4. To get government to accept to NGO's as partners in development.
5. Establishing a physical presence in regions across Guyana.

Main source(s) of funding

- Donors
- Self
- Partners

Project theme or sector Networking and sustainability

Project partners

- Canadian High Commission
- USAID

Geographic scope National

Results of Project To share our success and build on present gains.