

## YOUTH CHALLENGE GUYANA

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Date and type of registration	
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Number of active members	8
Number of paid staff	7 Full Time; 5 Part time
Number of regular volunteers	40+
Estimated annual budget	
Main sources of funding	USAID, CIDA, UNICEF International Alliance Partners
Geographic scope of activity	All 10 administrative regions

### Mission or primary goal of your organization:

*To facilitate the development of youth and communities in Guyana through meeting the challenges of work, social action and cultural exchange.*

### Main subject areas of activity or programmes

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| X Economic/income generation | x Health               |
| X HIV/AIDS                   | x Education/training   |
| X Culture and art            | x Environment          |
| X Counselling                | x Student/youth issues |
| X Employment                 | x Poverty reduction    |

Other – explain: Inter - Cultural Sensitivity

### Major projects in last two years, including current projects

#### Project #1 Name

**Rural Women's Skills & Networking Conferences – Region # 9.**

#### GOAL:

To Acquire Greater Social, Economic and institutional empowerment for women through increased income opportunities, decision-making and collective mobilization.

#### Start date

August, 2003

#### End date

May, 2004

#### Main activities

The activities covered over a five days duration comprised of workshops on the following subject areas.

#### **Health**

Health and Hygiene, HIV /AIDS/STI's, Teen Pregnancy & Family Planning

## **Catering and Food Services**

Catering for a function or a group, **Unique** and **new** cooking ideas based on local food supplies, and Healthy diet planning

## **Sewing and Tailoring**

Cutting patterns, Machine repair and maintenance, Embroidery and Sewing new designs

## **Women In Small Business**

How to run a small business, How to apply for funding, Strategic planning and Successful networking

## **Empowerment of Women**

Women's Rights, Domestic Violence, Gender Issues, Empowerment, Leadership skills, Conflict resolution and Effective communication

### **Main source(s) of funding**

CIDA Gender Equality Program

### **Project theme or sector**

Empowerment of Rural women

### **Project partners**

Youth Challenge International (YCC, YCG, YCA) and CIDA

### **Geographic scope**

**Region # 9:** South Pakaraimas, North Rupununi, Deep South, Wai Wai, South Central, Central Rupununi

### **Results of Project**

Six Sub District Conferences were held over the past four and a half months in the six sub-districts. Two hundred and eighty participants benefited from knowledge and skills imparted by trained professionals in the different subject areas. (Health Issues, Catering and food services, Sewing and Tailoring, Small Business Management and Issues related to Gender and Development). Those topics were well received by the participants.

These six sub-district conferences will now feed into a Regional Conference enabling participants/groups to showcase their new skills & techniques by facilitating workshop sessions, teaching skills and other activities.

### **Project #2 Name**

### **HIV/AIDS Project**

#### **Goal**

To develop and implement awareness and prevention strategies in a collaborative manner to reduce the incidences of HIV/AIDS/STI within Guyana. YCG

#### **Start date**

June 2000

#### **End date**

August 2004

#### **Main activities**

- ✓ Training of Peer Educators and Trainers of Peer Educators
- ✓ Providing Care and Support for PLWHA's in Georgetown
- ✓ Implementing of Major Events to promote HIV/AIDS awareness and sensitisation
- ✓ Work with CBO's in region 1,2 and 8 to deliver skills training and confidence workshops while focusing on HIV/AIDS prevention
- ✓ Implement anti-stigma campaign in 4 secondary schools  
Parent workshops
- ✓ Work with CSW's and Gold Miners to promote HIV awareness
- ✓ Advocacy

### **Main source(s) of funding**

USAID

### **Project theme or sector**

"Ready Body" Is It "Really Ready"

### **Project partners**

NAPS, USAID, Artiste In Direct Support, Comforting Hearts, GRPA, Hope Foundation, Life Line Counselling Services, Linden care Foundation, The Network of Guyanese Living with HIV/AIDS, Volunteer Youth Corp, Regional

Administration Regs. #1, 2 and 8, General Programming Department National Communications Network Incorporated, GUM Clinic, Ribbons of Life

**Geographic scope**

**Results of Project**

- Expansion of project from one to three administrative regions
- Increased number of active peer educators in regions 1,2 and 8
- Increase number of persons accessing services from YCG
- Expanded audiences from youths to parents, CSW's, Gold Miners, PLWHA's, children orphaned as a result of HIV/AIDS

**Project #3 Name/Goal**

**Start date** August 2002

**End date** March 2003

**Main activities**

1. To empower youths to experience quality life and attain their full potential through the provision of Life Skills education programs
2. To educate teens on the transmission of HIV/STI
3. To work with parents and teachers to support Youth Programs in their communities
4. To sustain existing initiatives aimed at reaching underserved groups including CSWs, truckers, miners, and speed boat drivers with HIV prevention services
5. To actively involve the media to capture and broadcast on television, radio, and in the print media YCG's collective response to HIV/AIDS

**Main source(s) of funding**

UNICEF

**Project theme or sector**

Youth Life Skills

**Project partners**

The Regional Bodies, Parents and businesses of Regions 1,2,3,8 and 9.

**Geographic scope**

Regions 1,2,3,8 and 9

**Results of Project**

- The media was actively involved to provide full media coverage for all activities of the Life Skills Development Project
- The project sustained existing initiatives aimed at reaching underserved groups including commercial sex workers (CSW), truckers, miners, and speedboat drivers with HIV prevention services.
- Over 1500 young people are educated on HIV/AIDS/STI prevention information
- Youth from regions 1,2,3,8 and 9 successfully planned and implemented their own HIV/AIDS prevention and behaviour change education strategies to their communities
- Youth Networks are form with young people between regions 1,3,8 and 9
- Youth of Regions 1,2,3,8 and 9 are actively involved in voluntary activities in their home and surrounding communities

## Major projects planned for at least next two years

### Project #1 Name/Goal

- Expand HIV/AIDS Programme to include VCT
- Citizenship Programme
- Expansion of Women's Development programme

**Start date** April 2004

**End date** April 2005

### Main activities

- Training
- Counselling
- Providing Hampers
- Removal of Blood samples for HIV testing
- Providing referral services
- Youth Exchanges
- Women's Economic Initiatives
- Youth Internships
- Youth and Women's Networking Conferences

**Main source(s) of funding** To be announced

**Project theme or sector** Make a Connection

**Project partners** Same as Above

**Geographic scope** Regions, 1,2,4,8,9

**Results of Project**

## Networking

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

1. Hope for ALL (Essequibo)
2. GAPSW – Guyana Association of Professional Social Workers