

COMMUNITY HEALTH INFORMATION EDUCATION FORUM (CHIEF) 2005 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Community Health Information Education Forum (CHIEF) was, established on the 4th of August 1998, with registration number 11364. The organization mission is to bring health information, education, communication and PHC services to the doorsteps of individuals, families and communities through community involvement participation promoting ownership and sustainability of health and related issues. Offering alternatives to harmful socio-cultural practices affecting health, our primary target audience are disadvantaged and vulnerable women, the girl-child youths especially the out-of-school-youths, Children under five.

CHIEF vision is to promote grassroots health development, communication and care, in order to reduce morbidity and mortality in a community setting, rural, semi-rural and the urban dense population/slums.

CHIEF conducts health/ advocacy baseline studies, plan, implement, monitor and evaluate its health projects/advocacy. CHIEF an advocacy champion sensitises stakeholders in government, policy makers at national, state and local governments, also involving the traditional settings e.g. traditional, opinion and religious leaders, market men and women leaders, trade masters, women/youth clubs or organizations, the community development committees (CDC) Community Development Associations (CDAs), on health and related issues affecting women (promoting safe-motherhood), youth (STI/HIV/AIDS) and children (GOBIFF), on dangers of communicable and non -communicable diseases.

CHIEF encourages stakeholders to mobilize local resources towards solving their health problems and health projects geared towards ownership and sustainability. CHIEF also collaborate and network with other NGOs/CBOs.

Since the establishment of CHIEF, year 2005 was the busiest for the Project Management Team (PMT). We give glory to god for the vision, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and strength to carry out coordinated integrated health projects.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CHIEF strategic work-plan (2004-2007) has been the pillar upon which the Project Management Team (PMT) had been developing health proposals and carrying out the on-going projects as the Primary Health Clinics (PHC), AIDS prevention and safe-motherhood projects.

PRIMARY HEALTH CLINICS (PHC)

The Primary Health Clinics (PHC) at Gbara and Oke-Ira Nla both in Eti-osa LGA, continue to cater for the basic health needs of both communities and environ.

The Primary Health Clinic (PHC) offers friendly child and adolescent/ health clinics, Maternal Child Health (MCH) including Family Planning (FP) and tends to the health needs of men also. The health services provide walk- in at convenience, which is acceptable, affordable and accessible to clients in the principles of Primary Health Care (PHC) and also promoting the millennium goals.

280 clients accessed the Primary Health Clinics (PHC) run by CHIEF this reporting year. Fifty -eight children both new and old were seen at the clinic and the total number of immunization given for the year was 431 oral polio 109, DPT vaccine 109 measles 47, vitamin a 50, and yellow fever 55 as against 170 immunization given in year 2004, oral polio 40, DPT 40, Vitamin A 50, Yellow Fever 20.

The total adult cases seen, was 124. Malaria is still the leading ailment that brought clients to the clinic 150 cases of malaria were recorded. Those who had malaria were successfully treated. Acute respiratory infection (ARI) is second leading ailment recorded 30 cases were recorded lower than 36

recorded in year 2004. Third leading disease condition is diarrhoea 25 cases were recorded an improvement over 36 cases recorded in 2004.

Family Planning contraceptive acceptance is still very low however, nine clients made suitable family planning contraceptive choices.

Eighty-four (both Old and new) Women of Reproductive Age (WRA) attended the antenatal clinic, however only four delivered at the clinic. The reason was due to the fact that the clinic currently does not run twenty-four hour services. However services are extended to six o'clock in the evening and the Community Health Extension Workers (CHEW) can be called on mobile. Also CHIEF collaborates with the skilled TBAs within the communities, as prompt referral and linkages clearly state.

Community mobilization and health education heightened on immunization, childhood and other prevailing diseases, prevention, and the need for community to take responsibility for their health and those of family members.

Clients from neighbouring communities also benefited from the services offered at the PHCs. The clients however, still patronizes the traditional healers and the patent medicine vendors (PMVS) other reason for low patronage is poverty. It is CHIEF Project Management Team (PMT) intention in the future to solicit support to sensitise Patent Medicine Vendors (PMVs) on effective treatment of minor ailments.

GRANTS FOR YOUTH AND WOMEN'S HEALTH DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

CHIEF built on past experience implementing health projects, such learning experience as gradually built the capacity of the organization to handle scale-up of health development projects and face other challenges. The seriousness, best practices and result-oriented value of chief has endeared chief to grant supporters.

Our organization hereby expresses its gratitude to the following organizations and individuals who provided support grants to CHIEF AIDS prevention project among out-of-school-youths and disadvantaged women, reproductive health/safe-motherhood projects for women of reproductive age (WRA). Also we appreciate the donation of utility Nissan bus by the chairman board of trustees. This in no small measure facilitated effective project implementation in the rural areas also reduction in cost and time wasted on public transportation. Listed are the organizations and individuals that supported CHIEF health projects in 2005.

- National action committee on AIDS (NACA)
- Lagos State AIDS Control Agency (LSACA)
- GHAIN
- Centre for development and population activities (CEDPA)
- COMPASS
- Individual donors

It is all about partnerships, integrity, trust, transparency and accountability of the health project funds you entrusted with us, and organization is highly appreciate

NATIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE ON AIDS (NACA) SUPPORTED PROJECT

The project STI / HIV & AIDS prevention project for highly disadvantaged women and out- of school-youths in Eti – Osa, Ibeju- Lekki LGAs, Lagos State and Sagamu LGA, Ogun State, commenced august 2004 and ended in October 2005. It was also a scale-up to the family health international (FHI) supported project in Ojo, Ajeromi-Ifelodun, and Lagos-Mainland LGAs, Lagos state, which was carried out between 2001 and 2004

At the end of the scale-up project, 150 peer educators were trained. The field officers and the trained peer educators reached 49,263 out-of-school-youths and disadvantaged women, one-on-one and through group counselling in the three implementing LGAs exceeding the 40,000, target set to reach.

LAGOS -STATE AIDS CONTROL AGENCY (LSACA) SUPPORTED PROJECT

CHIEF, implemented the six -months project from March-October 2005, to prevent the spread of STIs/ HIV&AIDS, increase knowledge and to promote safer sex practices among the out-of-school youths in ten LGAs of the five divisions of the Lagos State - Badagry, Epe, Ikorodu, Ikeja And Lagos- Island (in ten implementing LGAs)

The project goal was to scale up, increase the knowledge of STI/HIV/AIDS and promote safe sex practices among out-of-school youths within six months in the five divisions of Lagos State: Badagry, Epe, Ikeja, Ikorodu and Lagos Island.

Out-of-school-youths, as the artisans, shop assistants/attendants, traders, footballers, commercial motorcycle riders, bus drivers, conductors, youth council/clubs, and area boys/girls

150 peer educators were trained, the chief field officers and the trained peer educators, reached 28,269 out-of-school-youths, one-on-one and through group counselling with the message of hope promoting abstinence and safer sex practices. The set target of reaching 25,000 out-of-school-youths was exceeded.

GLOBAL HIV/AIDS INITIATIVE NIGERIA (GHAIN) SUPPORTED PROJECT

The project is also scale-up to the previous executed project in Ojo, Ajeromi-Ifelodun and Lagos-Mainland LGAs with support from family health international (FHI), which ended in 2004. The current project, STI/HIV/AIDS prevention program for out-of-school youths in the same LGAs, commenced April 2005 and it is still on going. Already 300 peer educators were trained as at December 2005. The peer educators are committed and active on one-on-one and group counselling of peers and secondary stakeholders.

CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND POPULATION ACTIVITIES (CEDPA) SUPPORTED PROJECT

The aim of the CEDPA supported project is to raise awareness on safe-motherhood and community preparedness for emergency obstetric care among women of reproductive age (wra15-49 years) and families in Agbowo Community, in Ikosi-Ejirin Local Government Area (LGA) Of Lagos State.

The project, which started January 2005 is still on going and expected to end December 2007. Already the women of reproductive age (WRA) are benefiting from the project. CHIEF believes in training that is an instruction of the mind for effective behavioural change. Also when a woman is trained you train a whole nation; therefore the project management team (PMT) trained 10 safe-mother-hood advocates (SMAS) and 15 safe-motherhood volunteers (SMVS). In turn the trained SMAS/SMVS have reached 17,332 and still on going.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FOR ACTION IN THE SOCIAL SECTOR (COMPASS) SUPPORTED PROJECT

The project is to promote improved health status of women of reproductive age (wra15-45 years) in Ibeju-Lekki LGA of Lagos State through integrated reproductive/child health behavioural change communication and mobilization programs. The project that started October 2005 is expected to end March 2006 (six month). As at December 2005, 30 women health advocates (WHAs) were trained, three from each of the 10 implementing communities, ten of the thirty were also trained as advocates. 20 health workers were re-orientated and 200 stakeholders sensitised to create an enabling environment, thereby increase health facility utility and ensuring quality services

CAPACITY BUILDING

For effective management of project activities, CHIEF Project Management Team (PMT) of the entire different support agency highlighted above held capacity building trainings, which the PMT benefited from. All the knowledge gained is positively promoting best practices in CHIEF. Highlights of skills acquired are the following; FHI/GHAIN project development workshop

HIV/AIDS in-depth Training, Start up workshop for the Macarthur project by CEDPA; LSACA HAF funded project start up workshop, Sensitisation seminar for stakeholders of safe-mother hood, Importance of data collection/Launching Of the UNICEF/Lagos State Plan of Action, Management and co-ordination workshop of decentralised HIV&AIDS responses, COMPASS stat-up workshop. All activities attended are as listed insert.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The board of trustees meeting held at the Golden Gate restaurant on the 28th March 2006. The meeting centred on CHIEF achievements and successes, challenges and constraints. The forum was an opportunity to remind the trustees of their expected roles and responsibilities towards the growth and development of the organization. The trustees commended the efforts and integrity of the executive director and the Project Management Team (PMT). They promised their continued unalloyed support of the organization. Also the PMT at the meeting thanked the board of trustees for their unalloyed support, love of the board of trustees and advisors, they sought after the interest and the growth of the organization.

ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS

CHIEF operates its organization accounting and banking system and different project accounts based on different supporter's guideline and instructions. Accounts officer and assistant manage the accounts with transparency and accountability as the watch- word. Income generated from the PHCs is N380, 000 and expenditure 260,000 naira. Total support grant for women and youth development projects is 28 million naira, expended on project activities is 19 million while few project activities are still on-going

The accounting details are obtainable from the organization headquarters on request.

CONCLUSION

CHIEF is gradually achieving its broad goal to reduce morbidity and mortality in community settings, through health information, education, and communication (For my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge) and care. In all over 150,000 estimated youths, disadvantaged women and stakeholders were reached in year 2005. Again to God is the Glory for the vision, the enabling strength knowledge, wisdom and understanding.

NOTE

To support the organization call at our headquarters and any of its Youth-Friendly- Resource-Centres (YFRCs)

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