

Zanmi Lasante / PIH Canada GBV Project: Implementing Activities

Quarterly report Jan – March 2015

PIH Canada's gender-based violence project in Haiti aims to ensure good quality of care and services to victims of sexual violence by building strong linkages between public authorities, community groups and the health care system. The initial phase of the project is centered on capacity building and health system strengthening. Major activities in January 2015 focused on health facility assessment and staff recruitment, and moved into improvement of documentation and staff trainings in February and March. Overall, 189 community-based and facility-based staff across the Central Plateau and Lower Artibonite Departments received training during this period. Principal activities for the quarter included:

January

- Health centers assessment plan; recruitment and job description for social worker assistants; refinement of project indicators; review of existing GBV documentation practices.
- Initial assessment at six hospitals found that fewer than 15% of staff in emergency room and Ob-gyn services in lower Artibonite were trained in specific GBV protocols. Up 80% of staff in Central plateau are trained, but GBV service delivery is poor.
- Only two of six health centers had existing GBV protocols available, and half (three of six) had a specific GBV register. In five of six health centers, sexual assault victims received only medical care, but no psychosocial care and no community accompaniment.
- There is no specific case file for victims of GBV, so documentation is poor, as are existing referral systems.
- Six social workers assistants exclusively focussed on GBV were hired and integrated into hospital psychosocial staffs.

February

- Stakeholder meetings with project leaders and team leads (head of psychosocial department, head of outreach and prevention, head of community health) to discuss training plan
- Initial training for psychosocial team held on Feb. 19, in Mirebalais, conducted by Eddy Eustache, head of mental health, and Dr. Eddy Jonas, head of women's health; 27 of 41 members of the psychosocial team are trained on psychological and medical care of victims of gender-based violence. Pre- and post-training test scores rose from 12.3 (out of 20) to 18.
- Meeting between data officer and data manager to do data entry and capacity inventory, and to create template for monthly reporting related to project tracking. Registers, medical certificates and forms for monthly report are distributed to each health facility in six communes.
- From February 24th to February 27th, 131 female community health workers (CHWs) from six sites (Hinche, Belladere, Mirebalais, Petite-Riviere, Verrettes and St-Marc) were trained on community outreach and prevention, community and psychosocial support and medical care and follow up regarding GBV. Pre- and post-test scores moved from 10.4 (out of 20) to 17. Those training sessions provided gender-based violence training for close to 100% of female CHWs in the ZL network and almost one third of all CHWs, male and female.

| SITE | CHWs TRAINED BY SITE |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Hinche | 11 |
| Mirebalais | 30 |
| Belladere | 7 |
| Saint Marc | 44 |
| Verrettes | 12 |
| Petite Riviere | 27 |
| Total | 131 |

March

- 31 staff, nurses and doctors, from six health facilities participate in the training sessions. Focus was put not only on medical care and follow up but also on psychosocial and community supports for victims of GBV to make the health system strengthened for a comprehensive care.

| Date | site | # staff trained | Note |
|----------------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Artibonite | | | |
| 11/03/14 | Saint Marc | 8 | 4 nurses, 4 doctors |
| | Verrettes | 3 | 2 nurses, 1 doctor |
| | PRA | 6 | 1 doctor, 1 auxiliary nurse, 1 nurse |
| C. Plateau | | | |
| 12/03/14 | Hinche | 4 | 4 doctors |
| | Mirebalais | 4 | 3 doctors, 1 nurse |
| | Belladere | 6 | 1 doctor, 4 nurses, 1 auxiliary nurse |
| Total staff trained | | 31 | |