

**REPORT ON COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SENSITIZATION FOR THE SAMSAM
COMMUNITY IN GA WEST, ACCRA**

(16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GBV; INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE)

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) affects women more than men. A recent UN report revealed that, the most dangerous place for a woman is in the home as most of the murders committed against women were by family members or intimate partners. Thus, the rationale behind the 16 Days of Activism being to drum home the need for women's right to be respected and protected. Ark Foundation as part of the 2018 celebration embarked on a two tier project to the SAMSAM community to educate them on IPV as well as make a donation of stationary to needy students in the community.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this outreach were to;

- Sensitize the community on issues relating to Intimate Partner Violence.
- Donate stationary to needy students from the community.

3.0 ACTIVITIES

Sensitization

The outreach begun with the introduction of the Ark Foundation, what we do and our location by Rex Delanyo. He then took time to explain to the participants the idea behind the 16 Days of Activism and the need to tackle this canker.



Presentation

Mr Rex took participants through a presentation on IPV. He outlined the acts that constitutes IPV and drew the attention of participants to watch out of certain acts that could constitute IPV. He entreated participants to watch out for ‘warning signs’ and seek help before it get outs of hand.

The presentation also showed viewers pictures and news articles of abused women to show participants that domestic violence is a real phenomenon that affects women the world over.



Interaction/Questions

Participants were very much alarmed to learn about what constitutes IPV and were yearning to learn more. Some questions asked although not related to IPV were worth noting. A participant wanted to know whether a father not taking care of a child constituted IPV. Rex explained that it does not constitute IPV but rather, non-maintenance and can report to the department of social welfare.

Donation of stationary



- After the presentation, the assembly member of the area thanked the team for the presentation and reiterated the reason for the visit. He thanked the Ark Foundation and its donors for the gesture to donating to needy students in his community and encouraged community members to look out to each other and report any form of abuse to the relevant authorities.
- He also encouraged participants to be mindful of how they treat their kids.
- He then called the awardees to stage for the presentation of items.

- The Ark foundation team then presented the stationary to the assembly member and the beneficiaries. The stationary includes Exercise books, Note 3, Mathematical Sets, Erasers Pens and Pencils.



Closing

Parents and Beneficiaries thanked the team and sponsors for the gesture and promised to do all they can to excel in school.

They called on the continued support from Ark Foundation to help kids in the community as well as address cases of IPV in the community.

4.0 FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATION

While the outreach targeted women and children, men were also present to engage and learn. Some issues raised by participants included promiscuity among the youth leading to teenage pregnancies amongst others. This tend to lead to the risk of abuse and violence as well as the spread of STI's.

There, more of such community sensitization and engagement is needed to help curb this menace.

Also, there are many needy students in need of support in terms of stationary supplies. It is recommended that, the Foundation secures donor support to identify

5.0 CONCLUSION

The outreach achieved its objectives of identifying and donating to needy students in support of women in the community. Above all, participants were educated on IPV and given the knowledge to identify and report cases when they do occur. The outreach gave the community a boost in being each other's keepers and reporting suspected cases of child battering and molestation by parents to the relevant authorities.

APPENDICE

LIST OF BENEFICIARIES (STATIONARY DONATION)

1. Clement Addey
2. Bernice Zormelo
3. Bismark Keteku
4. Christopher Eklu
5. Ishmael Zormelo
6. Stephen Eklu
7. Joshua Ametefe
8. Elijah Mensah
9. Daniel Azilefu
10. Kaleb Dele
11. Seth Addey
12. Prince Akpavor
13. Jonathan Obodai
14. Emmanuel Otoo
15. Hose Dotse
16. Isumaila Razak
17. Ivy Aborfra
18. Emmanuella Dusornu
19. Christiana Aklamenu
20. Ayorkor Obodai
21. Ebenezer Amenudzie

22. Florence Aklamenu'Rhoda Kpordzio
23. Cynthia Coffie
24. Asare Emmanuel
25. Esther Otobia
26. Olivia Amenudzi
27. Adama Abotsi
28. Sarah Amenuabi
29. Sylvia Akorli
30. Betty Aryetey
31. Benedicta Tekpor
32. Victoria Tsidi
33. Dennis Dusornu

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