

PANCAP/GTZ Project Development Workshop

Multi-Country Experiences working with Migrants in the Caribbean

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What Is CARISMA?

A project funded by the German Government, through PANCAP, partnering with local social marketing organizations to promote reproductive health activities (including HIV and AIDS prevention) and fostering increased collaboration across the Caribbean.



Objectives

1. Increase RH knowledge, attitude & behaviour among target populations
2. Improve supply & access to affordable high quality contraceptives
3. Support PANCAP's Caribbean Regional Strategic Framework ("Prevention" focus)

CARISMA's Target Countries

Belize.....the Dominican
Republic....Haiti.....Jamaica...
....Suriname8 Countries
in E. Caribbean

(St. Martin, Antigua/Barbuda, Dominica,
Grenada, St. Kitts/Nevis, St. Lucia, St.
Vincent/ Grenadines, T & T)



Main Target Populations

MSM: Openly gay men & closeted/bisexual

CSW: Fixed-site, ambulatory, transactional,
Spanish-speaking & male sex workers

At-Risk Youth: Both in and out-of-school

Other mobile populations

Capturing Best Practices

- CARISMA serves as a resource for a variety of social marketing organizations in the region, and globally
- Promote regional collaboration
- Brokering partnerships



3 CARISMA Projects Focusing on Migrants

- 1) Spanish-Speaking CSW's
Eastern Caribbean
- 2) Haitians living in “Bateyes”
Dominican Republic
- 3) Dominican CSWs
Haiti



Spanish-Speaking CSWs in E. Caribbean (Context)

Limited formal research available regarding economic situation of migrant CSWs

Baseline SRH Research

- High knowledge of HIV transmission (although some misconceptions persist)
- High use of condoms (although CORRECT use still an issue)

Spanish-speaking CSWs E. Caribbean (Context)

**Limited access to affordable health care
(especially public health clinics)**

Key reasons:

- Criminalization of the sex work (precarious immigration status)**
- Contend with discrimination & patronizing attitudes from providers**



CSW Activities in E. Caribbean

Training:

In 2007 PSI Caribbean subcontracted Centro de Orientación e Investigación Integral (COIN) and Centro de Promoción de Solidaridad Humana (CEPROSH) to conduct Field Monitor/Educator training

CSW Activities in E. Caribbean

BCC:

- PSI Caribbean adapted Spanish language promotional and educational materials from the DR and other regional programmes
- Condom promotion activities with Spanish-Speaking Beauty Salon Owners & their Clients



DR & Haiti (Context)

- Border between the Dominican Republic & Haiti is porous. Resulting in continuous flow of migrants between the 2 countries
- Large impoverished communities are created in DR, populated by Haitian migrants (“Bateyes”).
- Dominican CSWs working in Haiti

Activities: Haiti/DR

Training:

PSI Haiti partnered with COIN to help train Spanish-speaking Dominican CSWs working in Port-au-Prince

(a group that had previously been hard to reach due to language and cultural differences)



Activites: Haiti/DR

Training:

PSI Haiti provided NGO training for Creole-speaking NGO health promoters and project supervisors working in the bateyes



Activities: Haiti/DR

BCC:

- PSI/DR educators adapted Creole-language communications materials for use within the bateyes
- Develop TV & Radio soap opera highlighting HIV risks (Amor de Batey) ¹⁵



Activities: Haiti/DR

Regularized exchanges of information & visits between PSI staff in both countries

NOTE: Collaboration has increased significantly since the earthquake on 12th of January

Future Perspective

Continue to implement
successful migrant-based BCC &
training activities

Provide support to innovative
new interventions

Gracias
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Thank You!