

**Ministry of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs
Community Development Fund**

Status Update Report

Carenage Combined Computer Services

PROJECT TITLE: COMPUTER LAB AND COMPUTER PRINT SERVICES	
APPROVAL DATE MARCH 01, 2004	PROJECT START DATE: AUGUST 2004
PLANNED END DATE	PROJECTED END DATE: August 2005
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS: \$180,000	CDF FUNDING: \$69,100
ACTUAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE: \$44,808	BALANCE ON ALLOCATION: \$14,292
DATE OF VISIT : MAY 02,06	
PERSONS INTERVIEWED: Ms Susan Ramadhin, Coordinator	
CDF PERSONNEL ON VISIT: Nerle Robertson, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer	

Reason for Project Visit

Routine monitoring visit

Project Objectives

- To upgrade the computer lab to a certified computer school
- To diversify and expand the programme/curriculum including computer repair and maintenance and services that is lacking in the community.
- To provide training to 120 persons in computer applications and 30 persons in PC repairs and maintenance
- To expand the internet café, and provide fax and photocopying services to the community
- To generate income towards the sustainability and subsidizing of the organisation's programmes.

Current Status of Project:

The computer lab has been upgraded. The facilities have been upgraded to include 13 computers with upgraded software and networked. The computer lab has since been certified by NESC and training of personnel and supervision of the courses are done by the NESC. Certificates are endorsed by the Ministry of Education. The computer lab expects to offer Advanced computer training having recently trained one of the tutors.

Currently, there is no computer class being done, Eight persons completed the last course which was conducted between November and December 2005. The classes are usually held on Mondays and Wednesdays and Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The PC repairs and maintenance course has not been mounted and is yet to be planned.

The internet café is accessible from Monday to Friday between 8am and 4 pm and used by all members of the community especially students. Kindergarten children also use the computer facilities 2 days per month.

The current computer class started on May 01 with 7 persons attending. Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5.30 -7.30 pm. The charge of \$150 per student is used to cover the NESC costs for material and certificates.

The cost of upkeep of the facility is subsidized by the church. The recently acquired photocopier would also be used to generate revenue.

Constraints

The coordinator did not identify any factors which are negatively affecting the project.

Inventory of Items

13 computers, 1 photocopier, 1 fax machine, 1 line conditioner.

Other information:

A request was made for a security system given the location of the project and the value of the equipment in the lab. It has been proposed that funds remaining from the project (\$4628.09) could be used to purchase the system.

Comments & Recommendations

This project has achieved most of the objectives except the component which deals with training in computer repairs. The computer lab is well organized and should be an asset to members of the immediate community. Even with advertising, the facility is not fully utilized and further efforts should be made to attract more persons to use the computer lab.

The request for funds to be used for a security system for the facility can be justified and this is recommended pending the submission of the requisite documentation.

Signature and Date of Report