

# Technical Report – PEPFAR Regional Program - Local Capacity Initiative (LCI)

Name of Grantee: Ashe Company

Date: March 26, 2017

## Achievements to Date:

- The CSO Residential Workshop took place at the Royalton Resorts in Trelawny Jamaica from January 30, 2017 – February 1, 2017.
  - This capacity building exercise was engineered to enhance the skill set of key staff members who were directly involved with interacting and providing intervention to key population members, further enhancing the provision of care and support offered by these organizations. A total of 36 participants were present from different CSO organizations across the island who are involved in the national HIV response.
  - Of the 17 CSOs that were contacted and invited a total of 15 were represented. The CVC had indicated that they had several other events within the time of the training and were unable to send any of their staff to represent. Aphrodite's PRIDE was unable to send a representative as their co-founder expressed that at present their organization was dormant due to a lack of human resource and as such could not participate. Since that meant at least 3 spaces would have been available preference was given to allowing the other organizations who had expressed interest in having additional staff participate to send the additional persons.
- CSOs Attendees:
- Ashe – 3 participants
  - Jamaica Aids Support for Life (JASL) – 6 participants
  - Children First - 3 participants
  - Hope Caribbean – 1 participant
  - Eve for Life – 2 participants
  - Rise Life Management (Rise) - 2 participants
  - Jamaica Youth Advocacy Network (JYAN) - 2 participants
  - Jamaica Network of Seropositives (JN+) - 2 participants
  - Colour Pink Foundation – 1 participant
  - Jamaica Forum for Lesbians, All-Sexuals and Gays (JFLAG) - 3 participants
  - Jamaica Red Cross - 2 participant
  - Sex Worker Association of Jamaica (SWAJ) - 2 participants
  - Jamaica Community of Positive Women (JCW+) - 2 participants
  - FAMPLAN Jamaica – 1 participant
  - Parish AIDS Association – 4 participants
- The workshop met its objectives. Of the total participants who completed the final evaluation 61% rated it as "Excellent" while the other 36% rated it as "Very Good" or "Good".
  - Participants reported that they found the experience to be very useful and felt the tools provided were practical for use with their target populations.
  - Since the workshop, technical support has been provided to the organizations to support their planning of session to incorporate the Empowerment GPA system including the use of specific GPA tools/activities. The facilitators will also provide one-on-one support for individuals and agencies who may have difficulty with any concept or activity.

- Organizations who indicated that they did not usually do large group interventions with the key populations expressed some concerns about how they would incorporate the GPA system in their work outside of on a one-on-one basis with clients. Several participants suggested conducting interventions with their staff and the facilitators offered support where necessary.
- Eleven (11) organizations have already set the dates for their interventions in April with the exception of SWAJ, JYAN and JN+ who have indicated that they have had some challenges (delay in receiving funding, change in management structure, lack of a physical space from which to operate) which has hindered their ability to provide a concrete date for their intervention. However, like all the other organizations they have commenced planning their intervention and have been provided with assistance in designing what their intervention will be around as well as working out what specific activities they will incorporate. Follow-up will continue with to determine how these organizations will complete an appropriate intervention.
- To date, Eve for Life and the Trelawny Parish AIDS Association have completed a residential training and community based interventions respectively in which they have incorporated the GPA system. They are in the process of completing their reports on these events which they will share with the Ashe Company.

**Major Challenges:**

- A late start on the first day due to the delayed arrival of participants and the length of time for check in.
- While at the training persons were unable to provide a date for follow up to evaluate their use of the GPA within their organizations as they indicated their organization's calendars were already set or they would need to consult with their teams.

**Challenge Mitigated**

- Persons were asked to have working breaks to facilitate maintaining a reasonable end time.
- It was agreed that persons would follow up with Ashe after consulting with their respective teams. The project manager has kept in contact with participants to ensure that dates are provided and technical assistance given where needed.

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**

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