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MEN REACHED THROUGH TRAINING PROGRAMMES

The training arm of the National Family Planning Board has again placed men as a priority group deserving of attention on its programme of activities for the financial year. This underserved audience, has been the beneficiary of workshops both directly and indirectly.

Sessions for parents and caregivers, entitled "Sex and your children – worth talking about" have so far been hosted in St. Mary, Westmoreland and Kingston. These workshops are aimed at equipping the audience with information on adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) issues so that they will be better able to communicate with their child(ren)/ward(s) on sensitive issues.

Channelling messages through health personnel, the NFPB has and continues to train service providers and Community Health Aides (CHAs) to impart information to men. CHAs in St. James, Westmoreland, St. Ann, St. Mary and Portland have been challenged by the trainers to recognise the importance of involving men in reproductive health initiatives. Through regional sessions on 'Gender Dynamics in Reproductive Health Relationships', service providers such as nurse practitioners, midwives and public health nurses of Westmoreland, St. James, St. Ann, Portland and St. Elizabeth have been given the opportunity to articulate their own role in offering services to couples through counselling as well as to examine gender relations, dynamics and contraceptive services provision.

Training continues in the advancing months with the following dates already secured.

| Date | Title | Audience | Venue |
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| July 8 | Sex and your children – worth talking about | Parents/Caregivers | Manpower & Maintenance Services, Kingston |
| July 9 | Gender dynamics in Relationships & Contraceptive Use | Service Providers | Hotel Tim Bamboo, Portland |
| July 16 | Gender dynamics in Relationships & Contraceptive Use | Service Providers | Hotel Versailles, Clarendon |
| July 30 | Transforming men into Clients | CHAs | Hotel Tim Bamboo, Portland |
| August 26 | Transforming men into Clients | CHAs | Manchester (Venue to be decided) |
| August 30 | Sex and your children – worth talking about' | Parents/Caregivers | Manchester (Venue to be decided) |
| August 31 | Gender dynamics in Relationships & Contraceptive Use | Service Providers | Manchester (Venue to be decided) |
| September 14 | Transforming men into Clients | CHAs | Clarendon (Venue to be decided) |
| September 29 | Transforming men into Clients | CHAs | Port of Call, St. Elizabeth |
| September 30 | Gender dynamics in Relationships & Contraceptive Use | Service Providers | Port of Call, St. Elizabeth |

Additional information related to the workshops can be obtained from the National Family Planning Board, 5 Sylvan Avenue, Kingston 5, Telephone (876) 968-1632-3, Fax (876) 968-1626.

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