

Year In Review Notes

Programme 1

- The Honourable Minister achieved over 100% of her planned Ministerial Outreaches in 9 Administrative Regions. This totalled over 60 communities with more than 20,000 persons having concerns personally addressed by the Honourable Minister.

Programme 2- Social Services

Pension

- There was a 17% increase in old age pension beneficiaries in the year 2024 benefitted from Old Age Pension assistance, exceeding the target of 76,000.
- Direct payment methods were implemented in most of Regions 7,8,9 and 5 to add to the over 1500 locations where beneficiaries can cash their vouchers, bringing a further ease to them.
- The formation of the centenarian club.

Public Assistance

- 28,012 persons throughout the year received public assistance, more than doubled the expected target of 14,000.

Persons Living with Disabilities

- Over 24,000 received their permanent disability books in 2024. This has reached 115% of the targeted amount.

Support Services for Persons Living with Disabilities

- 414 persons living with disabilities benefitted from the Learning Lab's training to the tune of \$29M. These courses included graphic design, JAWS, basic literacy, social media marketing and garment construction. This surpassed the target set for 2024.
- Construction of fence \$35.5M

Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Policy Unit

- 2 new hope and justice centres were commissioned by the Ministry in Regions 3 and 4.
- DV shelter in Region 1 to the tune of \$74M

- Dv shelter Region 2 fence was repaired to the sum of \$15M
- 914 currently has 16 operators working 24-hour shift. In 2024, 12,177 calls came in through this line.
- 293 calls of Domestic Violence
- 6 calls of sexual abuse
- 399 calls of child abuse recorded.
- 25 survivor advocates supported a total of 1863 survivors including 1532 men. This support has increased from 1348 (2022) and 1792 (2023)

Gender Affairs Bureau

- 559 regional and local leaders received specialized training on gender mainstreaming and the concept of gender and development as well as the CEDAW principles. This surpassed the targets set out for the year.
- 1788 participants across 35 sessions were engaged on areas of conflict resolution and anger management to further improve their leadership skills. This number more than doubled the target set for 2024.
- Across 13 sessions, the Ministry was able to engage communities and other faith based institutions on topical issues of Toxic masculinity, gender equality, human rights and shared responsibility, achieving 358% of the target for 2024.
- 121% of the target set out for sexual harassment workshops were also facilitated.
- WE LIFT 4 featured over 250 women-owned businesses on display at the largest women-entrepreneur centric event in the Caribbean, growing by 25% from 2023.

Counter Trafficking in Persons Unit

- Guyana maintained it's US TIP Tier-One Ranking.
- 665 persons were privy to the level 1 anti-tip training while another 300 were provided with structural awareness Anti-tip training to the tune of \$3.3M
- The promotion and increased general awareness reached 3,214 persons with a total of \$2.2M spent.
- 386 persons were rescued from surprise raids and rescue activities, all of whom were afforded psychosocial support with \$12.1M expended.
- Establishment of TIP shelter in Region 2

Difficult Circumstances Unit

- 1,145 Free tested spectacles were distributed across the regions totalling \$20.2M
- 38 business grants totaling \$1.8M
- 88 domestic grants totalling \$2M
- 6 educational grants to the tune of \$380,000
- 370 families were assisted to bury their loved ones to the sum of \$21.8M
- 69 persons were able to get a roof over their head with the assistance for shelters. This sum totalled \$9.2M

Guyana Women's Leadership Institute

- 5,679 persons from across all 10 administrative regions have completed training under the WIIN programme with just under 1000 currently in classes. This has surpassed those trained in 2023.
- 100 graduates from the WIIN in business clinic benefitted from the purchasing of appliances such as stoves, fridges, ovens and sewing machines to kickstart their businesses in the sum of \$8.2M
- GWLI rehabilitation (Pavement, Kitchen, Washroom, parking lot, electrical) totalling \$26.7M

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- Electrical upgrades \$1.6M

Palms

- Rehabilitation of Palm's fence \$11.7M

Night shelter

- Rehabilitation works was done at this facility including the kitchen (\$19M), Roof, fence, office (29M) and driveway (7.8M) totalling 55.8M
- On average, 105 persons are afforded shelter services at this facility with the month of February having the largest intake of 111. In total, 1,079 persons passed through the facility during 2024.
- In 2024, there was an introduction to psychiatric treatment for the residents with 63% of the males and 79% of females requiring

medication. These numbers drastically decreased from January to November. Weekly visits by a psychiatrist was provided with positive feedback coming from the residents.

- Weekly visits from the mental health unit were also done until September.
- A 34% increase in males seeking jobs from the shelter was also achieved

Programme 3- Child care and Protection Agency

- 346 Daycare facilities providing services countrywide
- 5,803 persons were afforded counselling services
- 250 women trained in early childhood
- 3848 reported cases of child abuse, 3727
- 74 children reintegrated with their families
- 38 locally adopted children
- 108 custody reports for the year surpassed target of 100
- 700 persons benefitted from the Childcare subsidy totalling \$35,000
- 50 women were on the receiving end of an investment grant of \$100,000 towards establishing their daycare.
- Day and Night care centre Region 3- \$98.8M (ongoing)
- Day and Night care Centre Region 4- \$89.3M (so far more than 60% complete, \$33.1M spent)
- Construction of fence at Mahaica Children's home- \$30M
- Rehab of Mahaica Children Home (cosmetic repair, kitchen- \$12.4M, ongoing)
- Sophia care centre cosmetic repair \$800,000
- Construction of childcare centre Mahaica \$37M (ongoing)
- Parental training completed (258 in 2023 and 255 in 2024)
- Teen pregnancy prevention 154 (2023), 187 in 2024
- 16 children homes, 3 belong to the state.
- 172 in foster care
- 38 adopted

Breakdown of Officers in the Regions

Region	# of Social Service Officers	Childcare Officers	Survivor Advocates
1	3	2	0
2	4	2	1
3	8	4	4
4	44	36	9
5	7	4	2
6	18	11	3
7	1	1	2
8	2	3	0
9	2	3	1
10	5	3	3
TOTAL	94	69	25