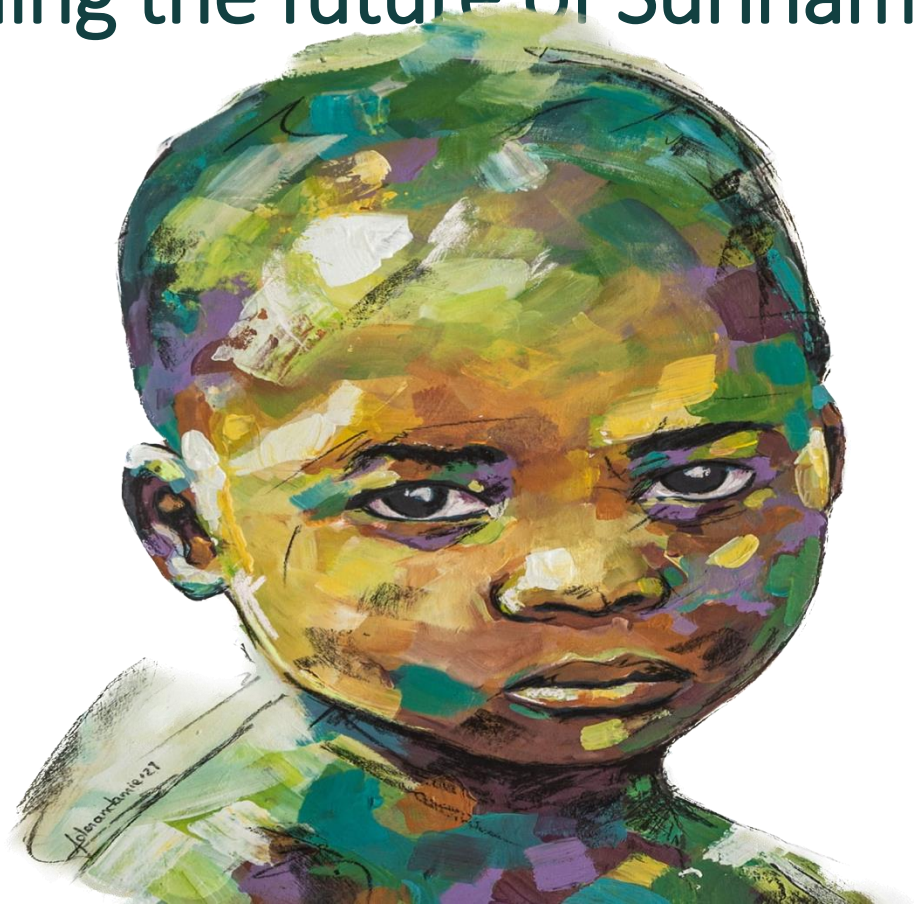


Building the future of Suriname



“Strengthening the general practitioners and nurses of Paramaribo in dealing with violence against children”



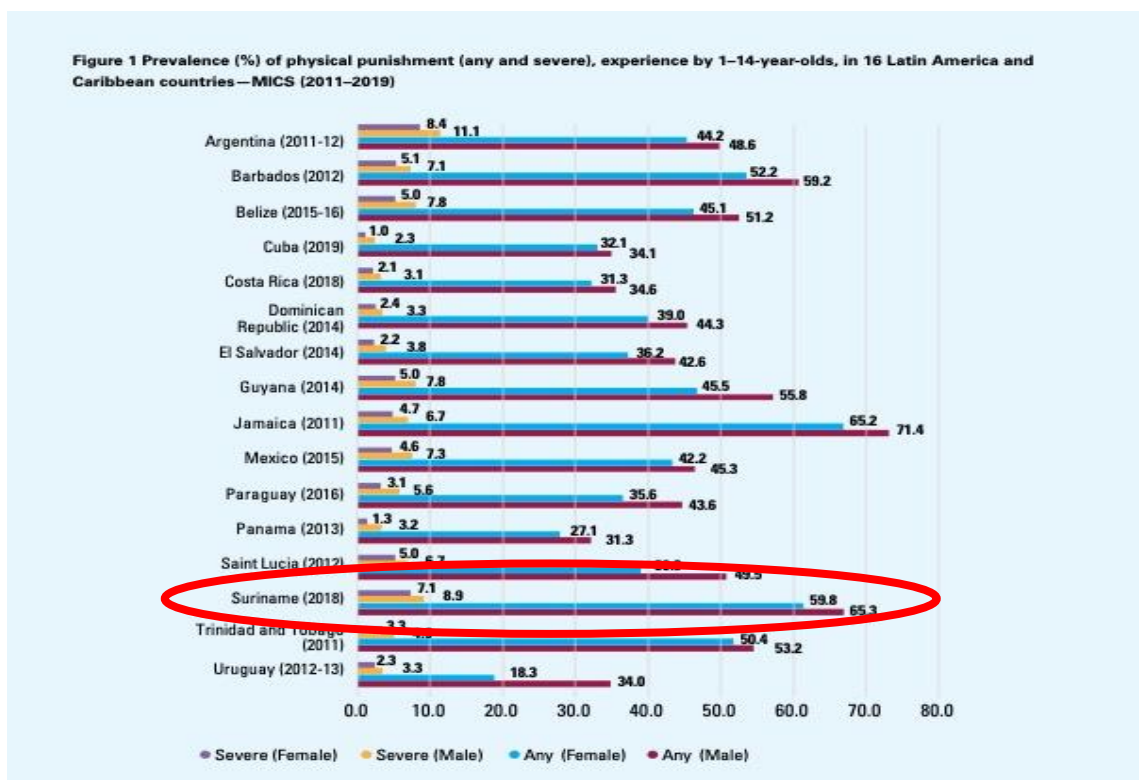
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Background

Suriname is a developing country in south America plagued by corruption and poverty. 600.000 people live in Suriname of which 200.000 children. Child abuse is a major problem in Suriname. Regionally Suriname is second to Jamaica in victims of child abuse (figure 1)¹. According to figures from 2017², in Suriname at least 70.000 children become victims of violence every year. Unfortunately, the majority of these victims never receive the guidance and therapy they need. Research shows that children who remain in violent situations have an increased risk of poor school performance, committing suicide and developing chronic diseases such as cardiovascular disease and certain types of cancer later in life³. In the district Paramaribo there are approximately 200,000 inhabitants, of which 20,000 are children. The general practitioners and nurses of this district are trying to implement better care but lack the training in dealing timely and effectively with child abuse. This pilot project aims to empower these health professionals and in so doing improve the systems response to child abuse. This is one of the main goals of the Kibos foundation ⁴.



¹ From: www.unicef.org/lac/media/29036/file/Violence-against-children-in-Latin-America-and-the-Caribbean-2015-2021.pdf

² van der Kooij, I. W. (2017). Child abuse & neglect in Suriname

³ Felitti VJ, Anda RF et al Relationship of childhood abuse and household dysfunction to many of the leading causes of death in adults. The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study. Am J Prev Med. 1998 May;14(4):245-58. doi: 10.1016/s0749-3797(98)00017-8. PMID: 9635069.

⁴ www.kibos.nl

Objectives

Primary objective:

1. Organise a 1 day seminar with the aim of equipping 75 professionals of the police force and the educational system living and working in the districts of Paramaribo. Technically, the whole is assisted by a multidisciplinary team consisting of a child abuse paediatrician, a nurse, a child and youth psychologist and two social workers, all affiliated with the Kibos foundation. The 75 participants will be trained in:
 - What the short and long-term effects of child abuse are
 - How to recognize and document the physical symptoms of child abuse
 - What to do with children who exhibit problematic sexual behaviour
 - Culture sensitive communication when having suspicions of child abuse
 - Referral system in cases of child abuse

Secondary objective:

2. Form a cohort (using objective 1) for follow-up on these professionals.
3. Extrapolate data from 1 and 2 to make reliable correlations between the number of trained professionals and the timely management of child abuse in the districts Wanica and Para in Suriname.

Time schedule

Activity	Period
Selection of the professionals who will be participating in the seminar	1 st week of June 2024
Develop training packages regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognizing child abuse.• Culturally sensitive communication in case of suspicion of child abuse.• Children with problematic sexual behavior.• Referral system for the regions of Wanica and Para.	May -July 2024
Logistics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference room rental including laptop and projector for 8 hours	1 st -3 rd week of July 2024

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drinks and snacks for 75 participants • Notepads and pens for 75 participants • 75 Certificates 	
Trainers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 trainers for 3 sessions of 2 hours each 	1 st week of August 2024
Electronic devices; 2 tablets Samsung Galaxy 10.5 inch Tab 8A Tablet 4GB/64GB Silver SM-X205-64GB-SILV, 10,695 SRD SAMSUNG Galaxy Tab A8 Book Cover, Protective Tablet Case w/ 2 Viewing Angles, Magnetic Design, S Pen Holder, Slim, Lightweight, US Version, Dark Gray, 3000 SRD	1st week of January 2024
Administration regarding registration and correspondence	June 2024-October 2024
Seminar	1 st week of August 2024
Supervision/mentoring and evaluation session	1 st week of October 2024

Financial Plan

Activity	Price EURO	PRICE USD	Status
Selection of the professionals who will be participating in the seminar	In kind	In kind	Letters of invitation already sent to the different police departments and schools. Awaiting the exact number of participants
Develop training packages regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognizing and documenting child abuse. • Culturally sensitive 	2500 EURO	2625 USD	No funding

<p>communication in cases of suspicion of child abuse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to act in case of sexual misconduct. • Referral system for the district of Paramaribo. 			
<p>Logistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference room rental including laptop and projector for 8 hours • Drinks and snacks for 75 participants • Notepads and pens for 75 participants • 75 Certificates 	2000 EURO	2100 USD	No funding
<p>Trainers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 trainers for 3 sessions of 2 hours each 	1500 EURO	1575 USD	Trainers ready
<p>HP Pavilion TP01-0030 Desktop/Intel Core i3-9100/8G/1TB HDD Silver</p> <p>Forza smart interactive UPS</p>	1500 EURO	1610 USD	No funding
Administration regarding registration and correspondence	In kind	In kind	
Supervision, mentoring and evaluation session	In kind	In kind	
Total costs	7500 EURO	7910 USD	No funding

Management structure and procedures

Partners:

The Kibos foundation will prepare and coordinate the project in close collaboration with:

The ministry of health, for their access and expertise with local general practitioners and nurses.

Risks

1. Stakeholder Engagement: Engaging key stakeholders, general practitioners and nurses is crucial for the success of the pilot study. Ensuring their buy-in, collaboration, and support will facilitate the smooth implementation of the project and pave the way for potential future scaling.

Mitigation strategies

1. Stakeholder Engagement:

- a. Identify and engage key stakeholders early on.
- b. Organize regular meetings to update stakeholders and gather their input.
- c. Actively document and share the learnings and challenges encountered during the pilot study. This will contribute to scaling up of the program in the near future.

Impact

The impact of a pilot project in strengthening health professionals in Paramaribo can be significant in several ways:

1. Early Detection and Treatment: The pilot project allows for the early detection of cases of child abuse or children with problematic sexual behaviour. By identifying individuals at an early stage, appropriate treatment and management strategies can be initiated promptly. Early detection can potentially reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with child abuse, improving the overall health outcomes of affected individuals. In total the approximately **20,000 children** living in the district Paramaribo will benefit indirectly from this pilot project.
2. Capacity Building: The pilot project offers an opportunity to build local capacity in early detection and timely referral in cases of child abuse. This

capacity-building aspect contributes to the long-term sustainability in the management of child abuse in Suriname.

3. Policy and Advocacy: The findings and recommendations from the pilot project can inform policy development and advocacy efforts related to the prevention, detection and management of child abuse in Suriname. In the future we hope to install a child advocacy center in this district.



***It takes a whole village to raise a child.
-African Proverb***