

## Report of Multi-Stakeholder Forums in Region 7

This report has two parts:

- **Part One** (pages 1-6) comprises a summary of the 4 conversations held at the community level between March 12<sup>th</sup> 2006 and April 5<sup>th</sup> 2006
- **Part Two** (pages 7-19) is a summary of the outcomes of the Regional Conference held on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2006 as well as the outcomes of the community conversations.

The information in this report is based on the information discussed at the community and regional conversations. The information has not been verified through any research or follow up enquiries.

### PART ONE:

#### SUMMARY OF LOCAL COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Total Number of Consultations Held: 4  
 Total Number of Participants: 61      Average Attendance: 20

#### Summary Table of participation:

Area	Venue	Date	Attendance
Bartica Gardens	Bartica Gardens	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2006	23
Goshem River View, Bartica	Holy Name Primary School	19 <sup>th</sup> March 2006	30
Itaballi, Bartica Gardens	Itaballi, Bartica Gardens	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2006	8
Kamarang	Kamarang Primary School	5 <sup>th</sup> April 2006	Not given

### 1. What does Region Seven celebrate as Positives in Guyana?

Participants of three conversations in this region did not identify positives that could be celebrated in Guyana. However, participants in the Kamarang conversation identified the following:

- Despite financial constraints, the people of Kamarang are proud of who they are.
- The humility of the people
- Tolerance for others
- People's passion and commitment towards whatever they do.

## 2. What are Region Seven's Elements of a Vision for Guyana?

The most common themes recurring in Region Seven's vision of Guyana were those under the areas of Social Cohesion, National Pride, Access to Opportunities and Crime.

Under the area of **Social Cohesion**, all four conversations indicated that *racial harmony* was part of their vision for Guyana.

Under **National Pride**, three of the four conversations indicated that they wanted to see Guyanese living by the national motto "*One People, One Nation and One Destiny*".

Regarding **Access to Opportunities and Resources** participants wanted to see a Guyana where there were *sufficient opportunities for training and employment* for persons that will eventually make out of school youth employable. A *crime free society* was desired by all communities, as well as *improvements in the education system*.

## 3. Key issues raised by residents/participants:

The key issues that were important to all four communities were high unemployment especially among young people, some aspects of crime and the poor health care system. Poor water supply, inadequate boat transportation and education featured in two of the three communities. Of note is that poor water supply was not an issue in Bartica Gardens, Boat transportation was not an issue in Itaballi and education did not appear to be an issue in Itaballi.

A number of issues were particular to one community only. These were:

### For Bartica:

- Poor electricity
- No university
- Neglect of tourism as an industry
- Insufficient private enterprises
- Inefficiency in key service areas

### For Itaballi

- Land erosion and destruction of forests and vegetation
- Discrimination among different races
- Drugs
- Smaller loggers being bullied
- Strangers entering the community being involved in crime

### For Goshem River View

- Outsiders purchasing land and depriving original settlers from their right to land
- Coast Guard harassing members of the community
- Assistance with agriculture

### For Kamarang

- The non availability of micro-financing institutions in the community
- Low nutritional status of children
- Exploitation of mineral resources by foreigners
- Poor air transport arrangements for seeking medical attention and other general activities

With respect to the ideas for overcoming challenges, some of the suggestions made by one community could equally apply to the other communities in the region.

Participants gave more ideas to overcome challenges, but these ideas were not necessarily linked to the issues identified as having potential for conflict. For example, participants spoke about the need for prayers in Guyana and the need for a more proactive approach toward dealing with issues affecting young people.

See the **Summary Table of Issues** on page 4.

#### **4. Residents'/Participants' feelings about and expectations from the conversations:**

Only one community expressed the view that this was another "talk shop". Generally speaking participants felt the conversation was useful as a platform:

- To provide an opportunity for residents to be educated
- To commence more ongoing dialogue at the community level (there is the expectation of feedback)
- To allow residents to air their issues, which will be followed up by residents receiving assistance in coming up with solutions

Many residents expected that some form of action would emerge as a result of the conversations

#### **5. Process Issues:**

The attendance by the communities in this region was moderate. It was however, poor in Itaballi with less than 10 persons.

#### **6. Any other observations**

None

## Summary Table of Issues

Present local conflicts/areas of tension	No. of Com.	Name of Communities which raised issue	Concrete commitments and ideas towards overcoming challenges
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>			
Poor telecommunications	2	Goshem River View Itaballi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request a phone booth in Kartabo and have the one in Itaballi repaired</li> </ul>
Poor water supply	3	Goshem River View Itaballi Kamarang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install water wells or pipelines in Kartabo and Itaballi; areas have been identified for a well at White Water Creek in Kartabo and four miles from the Itaballi landing</li> <li>Guyana Water authority (GWI) to address water situation</li> <li>Government needs to provide pipelines and community will provide labor force</li> <li>Building of a water storage facility, reservoir</li> <li>Installation of water purification and treatment facilities</li> </ul>
Poor electricity infrastructure	1	Bartica Gardens	
Inadequate and too expensive boat transportation: this affects everyone especially children. Residents feel they should not have to pay for this transportation	2	Goshem River View Bartica Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consideration should be given to payment for transportation expenses for the twenty-five (25) pensioners living in River's View</li> <li>It is suggested that boats with 40hp and down should be exempt from paying fees.</li> </ul>
The only source of transportation for both goods and people is via air which is very expensive	1	Kamarang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road networking linking key communities (however, there are safety and security fears)</li> </ul>
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>			
Land erosion	1	Itaballi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A wall could be built to reinforce the eroding land; boulders from Mazaruni Granite Quarrying can be used as a donation towards river defense.</li> <li>Placing pipes to drain off water near the walls</li> </ul>
Destruction of forest and vegetation	1	Itaballi	
<b>SOCIAL INCLUSION/COHESION</b>			
Discrimination among different races in the area	1	Itaballi	
<b>SOCIAL ISSUES</b>			
Drugs and alcohol abuse	2	Itaballi Kamarang	Welfare officer to visit and/or counsel residents affected by drug-related issues

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<b>ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High unemployment levels;</li> <li>Job opportunities are far away</li> </ul>	4	Goshem River View Bartica Itaballi Kamarang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve wages and economic opportunities for the community</li> <li>The opening of a canning factory</li> </ul>
Micro-financing not available	1	Kamarang	There is a need for an I.P.E.D or other similar financial organisation
<b>LAND ISSUES</b>			
Outsiders buying land and depriving original settlers from their right to the land	1	Goshem River View	
Smaller loggers are being bullied	1	Itaballi	
<b>HEALTH</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadequate and expensive health facilities;</li> <li>Lack of proper diagnosis advice and treatment facilities;</li> <li>In Kamarang air transport to obtain medical attention is expensive and is often subject to abuse from businessmen, who often prefer to transport merchandise, while leaving some patients and/or escorts for ill persons</li> </ul>	4	Itaballi Bartica Gardens Goshem River View Kamarang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contract/hire residential health workers; persons have already been identified for training in Kartabo, Itaballi and Kamarang</li> <li>The building of a functional malaria and typhoid lab (job opportunities can be created)</li> <li>Cancer and HIV Awareness programmes should be brought to Kamarang</li> </ul>
Low nutritional status of children	1	Kamarang	Preventative type health care programmes, particularly targeted at women
<b>CRIME</b>			
Coast Guard harassing members of the community	1	Goshem River View	
Police brutality	1	Kamarang	
Lack of government and police control over crime	2	Bartica Gardens Itaballi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop penal facilities</li> <li>More assertive approach by those in authority in dealing with drug and gun related crimes</li> </ul>
Strangers entering community involved in crime	1	Itaballi	

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<b>EDUCATION</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poor wages for teachers and absence of skilled teachers;</li> <li>Teachers do not return to serve their community on completion of C.P.C.E</li> </ul>	2	Bartica Gardens Goshem River View	
Absence of technical training facilities for young people – limited opportunities for self actualization and improved self esteem	2	Goshem River View Bartica Gardens Kamarang	Set up of a skills training programme in Kartabo and Itaballi (craft, sewing, computer training, stuff toys, floral and embroidery)
There is no university in Bartica	1	Bartica Gardens	
Need more secondary schools	1	Goshem River View	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add Forms 1,2 and 3 to the primary school in Goshem</li> <li>If a secondary school cannot be built, it is suggested that boats and engine with captain be provided and paid, so children can be dropped to schools</li> </ul>
Absence of free education	1	Bartica Gardens	
<b>ECONOMY/MARKETS</b>			
Tourism not being developed as an industry	1	Bartica Gardens	Community needs a guest house
Insufficient assistance is given to agriculture (insecticides)	1	Goshem River View	
Insufficient private enterprises in Bartica	1	Bartica Gardens	
High cost of living and poor salaries	1	Kamarang	Boost the agriculture-industrial drive
<b>PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Insufficient involvement of residents in the RDC;</li> <li>Lack of respect for Regional Officers;</li> <li>Insufficient representation and visits from government officials</li> </ul>	2	Goshem River View Bartica Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business men need to assist in community projects</li> <li>Administrative matters should be handled by Region 7 because the areas are closer to Bartica</li> <li>Local leaders should be notified when persons are visiting the community</li> <li>More community involvement in decision making</li> <li>More positive and approach from the community is required</li> </ul>
Inefficiency in key service areas e.g. Deed Registry	1	Bartica Gardens	

## PART TWO

### SUMMARY OF REGIONAL CONFERENCE REGION 7

DATE: May 17<sup>th</sup> 2006  
VENUE: Modern Hotel Boardroom, First Avenue, Bartica  
FACILITATORS: Karen Vanslytman, Chrishna Persaud, Arlene Dinally

#### ATTENDANCE:

##### 1. Key issues repeated from the local community conversations:

- Poor *electricity* infrastructure
- *Land erosion* on both the sea coast and river banks
- *Boat transportation* – one issue related to the costliness of the transport and the second issue related to the payment of fees by boat owners
- *Poor roads*
- *Land ownership*
- Poor *health facilities* and limited availability of critical health services
- *Crime* was highlighted at both the community and regional levels, however at the regional level a wider array of crime issues were put forward
- *Education* – the key area in education that was repeated at the local and regional level was the absence of skills based and adult learning training opportunities
- The lack of development and interest in the *tourism industry*
- The frustration related to *investing in the area* Bartica and Region 7 by private sector persons resulting in a lack of investment in the community.

While broad topic areas such as health, education, crime were repeated in many instances, conversations during the regional conference focused on different aspects from those at the local/community level.

##### 2. Other and new issues:

New issues were the following

- Residents sincerely hope that **small scale mining** would be continued, since the majority of the small miners depend greatly on it for their livelihood.
- The **price of land** is expensive. It needs to be decreased.

### 3. Participants' reaction to the Regional Conference:

Participants were happy to participate in the conference and found the meeting to be enlightening. There was clear evidence in the meeting that there was genuine dialogue and agreement among participants to make a commitment to continue discussions that would help them come to agreement on what needed to be done to develop their communities.

### 4. Process Issues:

Participants indicated that they had limited time for the conversation. The facilitators however connected very well with participants. **The media covered the forum.**

- The forum commenced with religious prayers and a cultural presentation.
- The Regional Vice Chairman opened the conference. The Chairman of the ERC then encouraged participants to speak out on issues that may have been missed at the local community conferences.
- Facilitators then explained the objectives of the exercise, the ground rules and agenda. They also explained how the summary regional reports compiled.
- In keeping with the original objectives of the MSF process, facilitators explained that the conversation sought to achieve the following:
  - i. To create a safe space for Guyanese to agree on strategies for overcoming ethnic and other differences; and
  - ii. To focus on how best Guyanese can contribute to the development of their community and country.
- Three participants presented the summary report (Part 1 of this report) by reading major sections of the report.
- Facilitators encouraged participants to break up in smaller groups around topics of their choice. These themes for the small group discussions were:
  - Education and Access to opportunities
  - Social Issues and Drugs and Alcohol
  - Infrastructure, Economy and Markets
  - Public Administration and Law and Order
  - Social Inclusion Cohesion

### 5. Any other observations

The conversation gave the Ethnic Relations Commission good coverage



▪ Summary Table of Action to be taken on issues

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		Issue	Person/Agency to Assist	Issue	Person/Agency to Assist
<b>Land</b>					
Land fees				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High land fees for poor people (they are mainly farmers (small))</li> <li>Titles for land take to long, to be obtained</li> </ul>	Government and the Land Commission
Bullying of small loggers					
Outsiders buying land depriving original settlers					
<b>Environment</b>					
Garbage disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sensitize resident's about garbage disposal and encourage each other to care our environment as a community and township as well</li> <li>Come together as a community to burn and/or bury garbage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proper Garbage system for disposal</li> <li>Sensitise residents on garbage disposal using flyers, skills, news paper and TV ads</li> </ul>	Business community, C.D.C, Youth groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support to present and implement community initiatives</li> </ul>	Non-govern-mental organizations
Awareness raising		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Programme and television advertisements to promote the beauty and types of recreation one can have on beaches</li> </ul>	Influential community personalities		
Sea and river defense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plant Bamboo - to secure land and river banks for the River Defense</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain Sea Defense, because of flooding and erosion that affects residents</li> </ul>	Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Place pipes to drain off water near walls</li> <li>A wall could be built to reinforce the eroding land; boulders from Mazaruni Granite Quarryng can be used as a donation towards river defense</li> </ul>	

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Legislation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stiffer enforcement of environmental laws and strong penalties for breaches</li> </ul>	
<b>Transportation</b>			
Boat transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents should lobby through the R.D.C for the Transport and Harbour Dep't Ferry Boat to work from Parika to Bartica three days per week</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They decided to arrange a delegation to meet with the E.R.C. where by a process will be facilitated between the delegation and the maritime to find if an amicable solution can be agreed upon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The cost of privately owned transportation is exceedingly high, therefore the Parika-Bartica Ferry Boat Run by T&amp;H.D should return to its three (3) days a week service-</li> </ul>
Courtesy of Boat personnel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boatmen need to be more courteous to senior citizens; training can be provided through churches and N.G.Os to teach and help boatmen in courtesy and etiquette.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On the spot visits should be made by in charge at boat landings (For speed boats, captains and Hands) without notification</li> </ul>
Payment of license fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agatash residents will meet with Mr David Williams of the Amerindian Ministry to deal with maritime problem of 25 H.P engines downwards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transportation Private boat owners who are farmers and own small engine boats feel they should not pay licenses for their boats nor for a captain; since they are not operating their vessels/boats as a business. They mainly transport their produce and move from one place to another in riverain areas of the region</li> </ul>	
<b>Infrastructure</b>			
Electricity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents can erect poles to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agatash village has developed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extend Electricity service to</li> </ul>

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	facilitate the extension of electricity to Agatash	quickly and largely but is without power; need G.P.L's head office to liaise on with Bartica to extend electricity to Agatash and assist in the improvements to services in order to bring an ease to blackouts .		Agatash, West Indian Housing Scheme and four miles (4 mls) Housing Scheme as far as 4½ mls. Bartica Potaro Road	G.P.L.
Drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community will provide labour if equipment for drainage works provided by authorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment for drainage to be provided</li> </ul>			
Road				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repair road from Bartica to 5 mls. B'CA – Potaro – Urgently. Along this area or stretch of road there are Housing Schemes and a large population with many school children-</li> </ul>	Government:
Inadequate and too expensive boat transportation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consideration should be given to payment for transportation expenses for the twenty-five (25) pensioners living in River's View</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is suggested that boats with 40hp and down should be exempt from paying fees</li> <li>Road networking linking key communities (however, there are safety and security fears)</li> </ul>	
Poor telecommunications		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request a phone booth in Kartabo and have the one in Itabali repaired</li> </ul>			
Poor water supply	Community will provide labor force for laying of pipelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install water wells or pipelines in Kartabo and Itabali; areas have been identified for a well at White Water Creek in Kartabo and four miles from the Itabali landing</li> </ul>	Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Address water situation</li> <li>Installation of water purification and treatment facilities</li> <li>Building of a water storage facility, reservoir</li> </ul>	Guyana Water Authority (GWI)

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<b>Community Development</b>					
Unity among residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents should have one-mind set at community level</li> </ul>				
Multi-purpose centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Self help for the fencing of the Multi-purpose building</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Itabali</u> - Hand over of completed Multipurpose centre therefore the community is requesting an early visit by SIMAP Georgetown officials to hand over building to C.D.C committee, before building is completely vandalized</li> <li>Need resources to fence multi-purpose building at Itabali and Kartabo</li> </ul>	Vice chairman will make contact with regional SIMAP official		
<b>Law and Order</b>					
Community Policing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incorporate members of the public in every community to form policing groups; to help in maintaining law and order</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist community members in forming community policing groups</li> </ul>	Police		
Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make Crime the Enemy</li> <li>Residents to report misdemeanors to relevant authorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong enforcement of laws and severe penalties for wrong doings.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More rigid check points</li> <li>Develop penal facilities</li> </ul>	
Strangers entering the communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No tinted window screens</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amnesty for all unlicensed firearms</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More patrols spending more time in the areas being patrolled (River communities etc)</li> </ul>	
Equipment				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More sophisticated police radio, telephone Radar etc</li> </ul>	
Drug and gun offences				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special court for gun offences and speedy trials.</li> </ul>	

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Removal of Security Department from Region				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of security dept. from region to be investigated</li> </ul>	Ministry of Labour
Police brutality and Coast Guard harassing members of the community					
<b>Social Issues</b>					
Drug and Alcohol Abuse		Visit and/or counsel residents after drug-related issues	Welfare Officer		
Domestic Violence and other abuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify persons with expertise within the community to deal with issues such as drug and child abuse, domestic violence, sexual abuse, violation of rights of child and women etc</li> <li>Involve children and youths in friendly activities</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need for information on issues such as domestic violence to be provided to communities</li> <li>Educate members on same</li> </ul>	
Sensitisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N.G.Os visit organizations to sensitise people on social activities</li> </ul>				
<b>Health</b>					
Health personnel		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Train community personnel as health care workers</li> <li>Contract/hire residential health workers; persons have already been identified for training in Kartabo, Itaballi and Kamarang</li> </ul>	Pan America Health Organisation (P.A.H.O) and Ministry of Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need medical specialist and medical workers /staff, health care workers, hospitals and health posts.</li> </ul>	
Health facilities, equipment and medication (Inadequate and				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need more health services and medication for Kamarang</li> <li>Need more technical</li> </ul>	

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expensive) and lack of proper diagnosis advice and treatment facilities;				equipment and testing labs and medications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Bartica Regional Hospital should be improved to a state of the art Medical Centre /complex. – needed are: Malaria Testing unit, ultra sound testing unit, typhoid testing etc.; resident surgeon, dentist, and other qualified staff and medical equipment</li> </ul>	
Handing over of Hospitals				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The hospital has not been handed over since being refurbished by S.I.M.A.P, residents want it to be handed over to the R.D.C.</li> </ul>	
Air transport to obtain medical attention is expensive and is often subject to abuse from businessmen, who often prefer to transport merchandise, while leaving patients and/or escorts for ill persons					
Cancer and HIV Awareness		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Programmes should be brought to Kamarang</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	

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Low nutritional status of children		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preventative type health care programmes particularly targeted at women</li> </ul>			
<b>Education</b>					
Attendance at educational programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents must attend Educational programmes for Adults and other training that is offered by learning centres</li> <li>Community has persons to teach standing by.</li> <li>Learning centers which offer training can utilized, e.g. computer training and other skills by residents of the various communities</li> <li>Can have an each one teach one system; where family member can teach others e.g. parents can teach each other, children can</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need for continued learning to be in place</li> <li>A community development programme to fund a career centre - building and equipment to facilitate adult and youth educational programmes.</li> <li>Training- in technical areas, for adults and young school leavers including those pushed/forced out of schools because of financial, learning and other disabilities</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided free access to educational programmes for adults and youths e.g. computer and skills training</li> <li>Financial Help- should be provided for poor secondary students to fund exams (CXC) and practical studies</li> </ul>	
Technology				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide more access to access to information Technology in secondary schools.</li> </ul>	
Educational facilities for differently able persons Mentoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Those involved and benefiting from the above can encourage others to do the same and can even give back to others by teaching at the centre in their spare time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A special school for differently able children/persons</li> </ul>			

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Parent involvement in education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guardian/ parents can monitor children closely, making a very special effort to attend all Parent Teacher's Association meetings to keep abreast with their children's behaviour, progress etc</li> </ul>				
No university in Bartica					
Insufficient secondary schools					
Insufficient qualified and committed teachers					
<b>Public Administration</b>					
Jurisdiction regarding service		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Security System – Conflict of interest in the award of contract which has now been outsourced to the Union, who is also still bargaining for the workers/security guards</li> </ul> <p><u>Recommendation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No union bargaining agent should be managing security department; should there be any problems in the work force who will represent the worker?</li> <li>There is need for recognition and help for this conflict of interest urgently from relevant authorities.</li> <li>Need for clarification of rules and regulations from C.D.C</li> </ul>	Ministry of Labour to assist after the removal of the security aspects from the Region is investigated		
Award of contract				Need to seek investigation on	President



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				contracts given out in Bartica that have been reported to the President on his visits and intervene	
RDC Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More community involvement in decision making</li> <li>• More positive approach required from community members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local leaders should be notified when persons are visiting the community</li> </ul>			
<b>Social Cohesion</b>					
Discrimination	Even though we come from different areas, we are working with one heart, one body, one soul for the benefit and development of region no.7				
<b>Economy</b>					
Promoting the potential of communities		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have more trade shows e.g. during Bartica town day, Bartica night,</li> <li>• National exhibitions and trade fairs externally.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include Tourism in the school curriculum starting from the lower primary level.</li> <li>• Set up language (foreign) centres in region 7</li> <li>• Venue could possibly be the resource centre in Region 7.</li> </ul>	The Ministry of Education  The R.D.C. in collaboration with the Ministry of Education  Tourism Association of Bartica and the National Tourism Authority
Farming		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small scale farmers need a functional agriculture station at Bartica</li> <li>• Send visiting officers to Bartica to assist in Agricultural projects</li> <li>• NARI and TV programmes: –to promote Agricultural projects and</li> </ul>	Government		

KEY ISSUES HIGHLIGHTED	WHAT RESIDENTS CAN DO FOR THEMSELVES	WHAT RESIDENTS NEED HELP WITH		WHAT RESIDENTS NEED OTHERS TO DO FOR THEM	
		Issue	Person/Agency to Assist	Issue	Person/Agency to Assist
		sensitise farmers on Agricultural development			
<b>Access to opportunities and resources</b>					
High unemployment levels/ Far away Job opportunities				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve wages and economic opportunities for the community</li> <li>• Open a canning factory</li> </ul>	
Micro-financing				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish an I.P.E.D. or other similar financial organisation</li> </ul>	

- APPENDIX ONE:

Representation- Region No 7  
For the National Conversation

	<u>Names of sub-divisions Region #7</u>		<u>Names of Representations</u>
1	<i>Goshen River view</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>Patrick Jeffery</i>
		<i>ii</i>	
2	<i>Byderebyd</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>Gerald Joseph</i>
3	<i>Itabali</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>Indira Robinson</i>
4	<i>Agatash</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>Sonia Simmons</i>
5	<i>Bativia</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>Hilary M<sup>c</sup> Watt</i>
6	<i>Kartobo</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>Francis Alphanso</i>
7	<i>Karoli</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>Theresa Braithwaite</i>
8	<i>Kamarang</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>Norma Thomas</i>
		<i>ii</i>	<i>Yvette Taffares</i>
9	<i>Bartica</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>Prem Persaud</i>
		<i>ii</i>	<i>Lynette Fraser</i>
		<i>iii</i>	<i>George Moore</i>
		<i>iv</i>	<i>Shabbir Ali</i>