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Project Proposal Submission Form

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Project Name.:

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Project Contract		Asha Contract
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Part I : Information about your group/organization

Please feel free to attach any additional sheets and/or information such as brochures, press reports etc.

1. Name of the organization requesting funds : Raghunathpur Sri Ramakrishna Vivekananda
Pathachakra

2. When was the group established ? 1984

3. Briefly describe the motivation for starting this group.

Ans : A few young teachers and students, being inspired by the ideals and teaching of Swami Vivekananda, started the study circle in guidance of Swami Ameyanandaji Maharaj (Secretary, Sri Sri Matri Mandir, Joyrambati, Dist. Bankura) at Raghunathpur, P.O. Nangulpara, Dist.- Hooghly in 1984.

4. Briefly describe the aims of your group.

Ans.: Spreading Basic literacy with vocational training through mass-education and social education. Health - services for treatment and relief of the poor-class and promotion of Health education amongst the common people of the village and area.

Development programme for the welfare of children and women of the village and surrounding area.

5. Does your group have any religious or political affiliation ? If yes, please describe the type of affiliation and the reason for it.

Ans.: Affiliated by Ramakrishna Vivekananda Bhabaprachar Parishad, guided by Ramakrishna Math & mission, Belur Math, as this organisation has the goal to fulfil the ideals of Vivekananda for reconstruction of India.

6. What non-education-related community development activities is your group involved in ?

- Ans. :** a) Vocational training in different trades for self-employment of unemployed youths.
b) Free distribution of clothes, rags and food to the needy and poor.
c) Jungle-cutting and repairing of village roads by earthwork.
d) Running of a charitable dispensary.

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Part II : Details about educational project/s

7. List the school/s run by your groups, and their locations. If you are requesting funds for only a few of several schools, please specify which one/s.

Ans.: The school run by our organisation for providing education to the children who are employed as labourers in different sectors of our society at night in the campus of the organisation at village Raghunathpur, P.O. Nangulpara, P.S. Khanakul, Dist. Hooghly.

8. Location of school/s Urban Rural Other

9. Specify the type of education provided (e.g. basic literacy, vocational training etc.)

Ans.: Basic literacy with vocational training and cultivating the ideas of humanity with guidance in moral and spiritual upliftment.

10. Please tell us about your teaching techniques (conventional vs. alternative).

Ans.: a) For providing basic literacy → conventional techniques.
 b) For Vocational training → Practical methods.
 c) For development of humanity → Regular discourse on the teaching of Swamiji and other great men of the world.
 d) For moral & spiritual upliftment → Guidance and demonstrations by the monks of Ramakrishna order of Belur Math.

11. What is the literacy rate in the local community ?

Ans.: Approximately 50% (in average)

12. Describe the socio-economic background of the children and their parents (e.g. education, occupation). If any of your students are employed, please tell us about that as well.

Ans.: Most of the children come from the families of agricultural labourers, who employ their children as labourers in different trades with a minimum wage and naturally they are deprived of formal education.

13. In addition to education, does your group provide any other services to the children in your schools (e.g. food, health care, clothing, etc) ?

Ans.: a) They practise Bratachari.
 b) They act as volunteers in different natural calamities for management of crisis.
 c) They involve themselves in gardening for beautification of the campus of the organisation, which develop their aesthetic sense.

14. Does your school have :

Its own building(s) : Yes No Number One

Number and type of classroom (e.g. Pukka) : 2 (two)

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
Toilets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playground	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toys	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chair & Tables	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blackboard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Library	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drinking water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electricity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Computers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Laboratory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teaching aids (e.g. books/slates)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. How many children are currently enrolled in your school(s) ?

Male 63 Female 58 Age Range 5 to 15

16. How many staff are employed at your schools ?

Teachers 3 Minimum Qualification Graduate
 Other staff Nil

17. Average distance the children travel to attend your school 2 km.

18. How many children have gone through your programme in the past five years and what are

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they doing currently ? Please tell us about their future education and employment possibilities.

Ans.: More than 150 students are now self-employed in different trades like tailoring, cycle-repairing, pumping-machine-repairing, weaving etc and our organisation helps them for starting this business. Our organisation aims at following up their education by organising Regular course in each of the trades.

19. Do you help your students with their future education efforts after they have passed of your school ?

Ans.: Yes, we follow up their activities and provide necessary guidance in their self-employment.

20. Are there any other schools (Kindergarten/Balwadi, Elementary School, High School) in the area ? If so, please list the schools and the range of classes each of them offers.

Ans.: 1. Rammohun Vidyabithi – A English medium Kindergarten School [For Primary Level]

2. K. K. Jnanada Institution – Higher Secondary School [For Secondary and Higher Secondary Level]

3. Sekendarpur R.K.P pal Bahadur High (H.S.) School – Higher Secondary School [For Secondary and Higher Secondary Level]

21. Is your programme different from that provided at these schools ? Please explain.

Ans.: Yes, we provide job-oriented education and man-making education, not traditional one.

22. Why are the children in your school/s not attending government/other schools in the local area?

Ans.: As they are employed as labouress at daytime. They are unable to enter formal educational syatem.

23. Do you try to involve the parents of the children in the running of the school (e.g. in setting the syllabus etc.) ? Please specify.

Ans.: We consult the parents in searching the basic knack of the family and try to divest the student to the concerued trade with proper training.

24. What are your expansion plans for the future (e.g. adding more classes or schools) ?

Ans.: a) We like to provide computer education to the students of the local schools at our campus.

b) A building with necessary equipments is essential for this purpose.

25. Do you have any suggestions on how asha can be a positive in changing the education scenario in India ?

Ans.: Asha can be involved in job-oriented and humanism-oriented education to build the nation with self-sufficiant citizens with high moral background.

26. If possible, please provide us with the contact information of two individuals from your community who can describe of your program.

1	Name	Parsanta kumar Ray	2	Name	Nemai Prasad Sarbadhikari
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27. Asha for education requires reports from its projects every six months to continue funding. Please provide the contact information for the person from your group who will be responsible for these reports.

Name	Himansu kumar Mukherjee
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Part III : Financial Details

Please feel free to attach any information such as annual reports, budgets etc.

28. What sources fund your group's activities at present ? List the sources and the current and future funding from each of them. If these funds are meant for a specific part of your group's activities, please describe those restrictions.

Ans.: a) Public donations are the main source of our fund. As we work in an economically backward and flood-stricken area such donations are irregular and uncertain and naturally our effort hampers.

b) A minimum assistance from Ramakrshna Math, Mayal-Ichapur is received by us to continue basic literacy programme.

29. Please provide us with details of your projected budget for the next 3 years.:

Year(s)	Recurring costs	Fixed costs
2007-08	Rs. 20,000/- per month Rs. 2,40,000/- for the year	Rs.40,000 for the initial costs of building and purchase of furniture.
2008-09	Rs. 25,000/- per month Rs. 3,00,000/- for the year	Rs. 4,00,000/- for purchase of equipment and book for library.
2009-10	Rs. 30,000/- per month	Rs. 5,00,000/- for extension of building and purchase of furniture.

30. Salary expenditure details.:

	Number	Salary Range
Teacher	3	Rs. 4,000/- each
Paid staff	1	Rs. 2,000/-
Volunteer Staff	5	Without salary

31. Please provide details of the fixed costs of your school/s for the next three years.

2007-08 → Three classroom (pucca) and benches, tables chairs and other teaching equipments which will cost Rs. 4,00,000/-.

2008-09 → (a) Four computers with UPS and printers (b) ten tailoring machines for vocational training (c) two diesel pump machinery (d) one wearing plant, which will cost Rs. 4,00,000/-.

2009-10 → (a) Extension of building for 3 more rooms in first floor and two new rooms in ground floor (b) purchase of furniture. which will cost Rs. 5,00,000/-.

32. How many of your students pay school fees ? Please provide details.

Ans.: No student has to pay any fee.

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33. What amount are you requesting from Asha, and for what specific purpose ?

Items	Amount	One time/Annual
(a) Assistance for construction of class-rooms and purchase of furniture and teaching equipments	Rs. 1,00,000/-	Annual
(b) Asssistance for continuing recurring costs for running the school by payment of salaries to staff etc.	Rs. 1,20,000/-	Annual.

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