

Project Pearl
Uniforms for Pearl School Students, Thiruvallur Dist.
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Background:

Asha Chennai has been working with 28 schools in Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli and Tenkasi districts of Tamilnadu. Asha Chennai supports these schools in a variety of ways,

1. Appointing trained teachers to work alongside the government teachers at schools where there aren't sufficient number of teachers.
2. Send computer teachers to the schools to teach them computer science as well as teach them Maths, English etc. using contents on the computers.
3. Provide essential stationery and other materials to students and schools. Paint the blackboards at the schools.
4. Maintain the computers in the schools and where possible augment it with computer donations from Corporates.
5. Make learning joyful by sponsoring excursions and supporting the annual day functions at the schools.
6. Provide nutrition support to villages which are the most backward and thus in most need of such support through Project Arogyam.
7. Where we are able to repair and build new toilets for schools that need them through project Sugadharam.

Uniforms for Children

About 8-9 years ago, we provided a set of uniforms for children in the few schools at Pearl we were supporting back then. More recently, in Project Sangamam, Asha provided a set of uniforms to the children under support from Hyundai Glovis. Government provides uniforms for the children. However these are of poor quality and don't even last the full year. However, we have ensured that the quality is good enough to last a full school year certainly and we have observed that children continue to wear the uniforms we provided for several years after too!

After a long gap in Pearl, we would like to do that once again in the beginning of the coming academic year.

Here is a picture from PUPS Athivakkan (school in Project Sangamam) taken in April 2023 of the 4th std children still wearing these dresses. You can see that the majority of them have still preserved this dress so well after these years. We hope to give the children something of similar value to them this year as well.



Proposal

The plan is to do the following,

- Provide shorts and T-shirts similar to above for class 1 to 5 boys.
- Provide skirts and T-shirts similar to above for class 1 to 5 boys.
- Provide full-pants and T-shirts for class 6 to 8 boys.
- Provide a chudidhar set (dark grey bottom and dhuppatta and white top) for 6th to 8th girls.

The number of students in the 28 schools is as follows

Class	Total
1	560
2	409
3	426
4	499
5	534
6	151
7	154
8	165
Total	2898

There are a total of 2898 children. But note that these are the current number of children. We hope to deliver the dresses at the start of the next academic year (2023-24). The number is likely to change a little.

The cost of the dresses vary from Rs 290 for 1st std boys to about 430 for 8th std boys. We are assuming an average cost of Rs 360 per student.

Project Budget

#	Description	Cost Details	Cost for Pearl schools
1	Cost of Dresses	Rs 360 * 2900	₹ 10,44,000
2	Transportation and Miscellaneous	There will be some extra costs associated with transportation, organizing function for distribution etc.	₹ 20,000
		TOTAL	₹ 10,64,000