Poll - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ashasv-vol/surveys?id=3146523>

**Question**

Do you approve INR 5,73,000 for Sankalp Day Care for the year 2012-13? Link to renewal presentation and this year's budget - http://www.ashanet.org/projects-new/documents/1042/SankalpRenewal2013-14.pptx Link to site visit - http://www.ashanet.org/projects-new/documents/1042/SankalpSiteVisit2013.pdf

**Responses**

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Meeting Minutes - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ashasv-vol/message/9909>

Sankalp Daycare-renewal and review-Shekhar

\* this is a school for mentally disabled children in Kanpur

\* it is being run by Surabh Tiwari's sister

\* it focusses on assisting these children who have no hope in their life

\* the goal is to give them therapy, rehab and motivate the family of these

kids to consider them as children to be looked after

\* this is an Asha Stars project-only the funds that have been directed towards this project are sent to the project

\* bulk of the money for this project is sent through a few people

\* it appears that the school has money for the next two years.

\* the school does not have FCRA clearance so we send the money through Asha Kanpur

\* there are many challenges but getting a therapist is a huge one

\* the focus is mentally disabled children rather than handicapped children

\* they try and impart some fine mortar skills, interpersonal skills and other such skills that will help the children sustain their lives

\* the school has found that often the teachers who are tarined to do this

work are not empathetic and interested. so they are not brining in trained

teachers but rather teachers with degrees who they are now training

\* they have enrolled 6 kids in Grade 3 classes-a big achievement for the school

\* originally the goal was not to send them to regular schools but it appears that the kids can be trained

\* however sending these kids to a regular school has its own challenges that will cause the kids to get teased, etc.

\* the school now focussing on letting the kids guide the direction in which they want to study and do work

\* kids are routinely participating in outdoor activities but these are not

on a regular basis and not all kids cannot participate in these activities

based on their conditions

\* the saddest part of these childrens' lives is that the childrens' parents don't consider them worthy of time energy to be spent because they cannot

take care of them in the future.

\* the children have a of camps to participate in extra curricular activities

\* the school is also trying to make a bigger social impact by getting the

parents of mentally disabled children participate in meetings

\* the school also interacts with regular schools to expose these children

to the needs of special needs children

\* the school also empowers parents to understand the rights that the parents of disabled children

\* the school also goes into the homes of parents who will not come out to

the school and educate them about the possibility of helping improve the lives of these kids

\* they have a total of 47 kids right now

\* there are weekly sessions for teachers to continue training

\* there are parents who do pay fees if they can afford it but there are many rich parents who cannot afford

\* the school's efforts towards sustenance are to be commended

\* right now it appears that the school might be able to get a space for the children to have a more permanent school

\* so there will be two centers because the new space will be small initially. this means the project will be expanded

\* also in the vocational training center there are big plans-one is to split them into three groups-prevocational group, vocational trainee group and

the production group.

\* the production group will be an employment center where the children can work till they are 55 years old!! This will allow them to have a livelihood and not be dependent on their parents

\* the center will also have a kitchen where the kids can be taught basic hygeine and other skills that will make them less socially unacceptable

\* do the children have any outdoor activities? the current facility has a

pretty big outdoor field so that the children have enough outdoor activity

\* they are trying to sell some crafts and creations of the children to local women's clubs, they also connected with the indian council of women enterprenurs who are willing to consider employing these children in future

\* these are great developments in the lives of these children which will help these children move forward with more facilities and support

\* BUDGET-TOTAL EXPENSES INCURRED IN 2011-12 WAS Rs. 3 Lakhs 71 thousand

\* They are now asking for about Rs. 5 lakhs because of the expenses for therapists which is a huge need

\* Also computer teacher, craft teacher, occupational therapist.

\* The total required for this year is Rs. 5,73,000 and the Stars budget has the money for this year's funding.

\* it is anticipated that there will be an increase in the ask for next year because of the new space

\* some concerns are that there is no training for the therapists which is

relevant to the needs, employment for the children is also a concern, we need to get cross project experience or knowledge transfer.

\* the biggest concern till now was the space and hopefully it will be solved by the new space that we are hoping to get.

\* the site visits is pending-it has been done we are waiting for the site

report. once we get the site visit report, look for it in the vols list and

then look for the poll