

Asha for Education™

Site Visit Questionnaire

Dear Volunteer

Thanks for conducting this site visit.

The following set of questions is only a suggested guideline. Some of the following questions may not be relevant or applicable to the particular project you are visiting, but please do try to answer as many of them as possible. Please note that Part's B & C necessitate that the information be gathered through conversations with the children and their parents, and not simply the group's teachers and staff. Also please include your overall impressions and opinions in the comments section

Please feel free to attach any documents/photos you feel are pertinent to the project.

Thanks.

- Asha for Education

Date:

Name of the Project: ACCELERATED LEARNING PROGRAM.

Name of the Organisation Running the Project (if different):

Was your site visit announced? Yes, it was planned No, it was a surprise visit

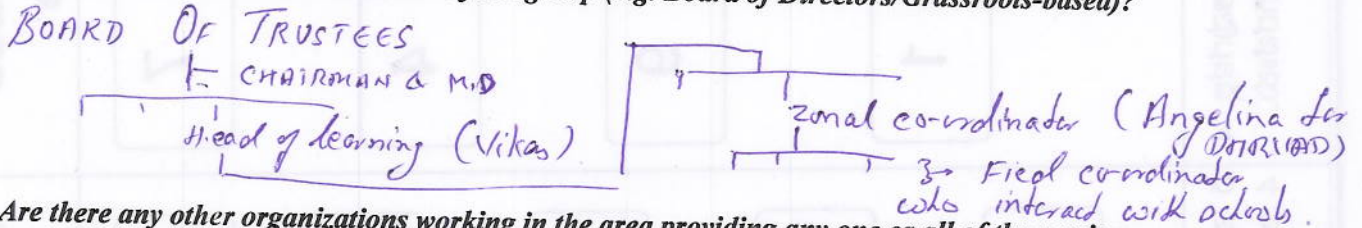
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PART A: Particulars about the organization and its environment

1. What are the different focus areas of the organization? (give a rough estimate of the % of their total effort/funding)

Community development ___% Education 100 % Health ___%
 Other ___% (please specify)

2. What is the administrative structure of the group (e.g. Board of Directors/Grassroots-based)?



3. Are there any other organizations working in the area providing any one or all of the services provided by the visited organization? (Briefly mention their names and their objectives)

Organization	Objectives of the organization
No	KNOWN SIMILARLY
INVOLVED	ORGANISATION

PART B: The organization and the community it serves

(Information to be gathered from parents and children)

1. Approximately how many families live in the area?

2. What do the parents do for a living? (Agricultural worker, Daily wage laborer etc.)

Agricultural worker, Daily wage

3. At the time of enrolment, does the school ask for the names of both parents?

Yes No, just the father's name ___ No, just the mother's name ___

4. How often do the teachers meet the parents?

GENERALLY TWICE A YEAR, AT THE TIME OF HANDING OF EXAMINATION RESULTS.

5. How do the parents participate in the organization's activities? (e.g. by contributing their time, money or labor in the school's activities etc.)

NO DIRECT INVOLVEMENT. MOSTLY TO ENQUIRE ABOUT THEIR WARDS.

6. Are there any Government Schools in the area? Yes No

7. If yes, how far are the Government Schools from the community?
SCHOOL WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

8. Why did the parents choose this school over the Government School?

ALL THE SUPPORTED SCHOOLS ARE GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS.

9. When you visited, how many children were present in the class?
What is the regular class strength?

Comments:

N/A

10. Do the children seem to enjoy coming to school?

YES. ALSO INFLUENCED BY READING CARDS.

PART C: Project particulars

(Information to be gathered from students and staff)

* 1. What is the mode of teaching in the school? (Check the appropriate choices)

- A. Formal (State Board, Central Board etc.) till what class?
B. Non-Formal Education (NFE) do the students also attend formal school?
C. Vocational
D. Other Please specify

2. If A (Formal), up to what grade (LKG, 5th, 7th etc.) does the school conduct classes?

PROJECT INVOLVEMENT FROM 1ST TO 7TH.

* 3. If B (Non-Formal Education) how many of the children also attend formal schools in the area?

If none do, does the project plan this for the future?

4. If Non-Formal Education, does the organization create its own study material (books, games)?

5. If C (Vocational), what do the children do after they finish training?

6. How many staff or volunteers are recruited from the community?
How many of the staff are women? 100% WOMEN 14 OUT OF 17.

7. How many teachers have left the school in the past one year, and why?

OUT OF 5^{TEACHERS}, 3 HAVE GONE, 2 STAYED.
2 → ANGANWADI
1 → FURTHER STUDY.

8. How many new teachers have joined in the past year?

12 VOLUNTEERS FIELD CO-ORDINATORS.

9. Does the organization train the teachers?
If yes, how do they provide the training?

Yes No

Selected teachers from schools in the area are trained by experts from AIKSHARA. These teachers in turn train other teachers under guidance of experts from AIKSHARA.

10. How much is the staff paid?

Is it on par with the salary paid to the staff in the Government schools? Yes No

PROGRAM RUN IN GOV. SCHOOLS

PART D: Financial resources of the organization

(Feedback from the person conducting the site visit)

1. Do you think the proposed amounts in the budget are reasonable? Yes No Maybe

2. Are all items covered in the budget? Yes No Maybe
Comments:

LAST YEAR → SCHOOL RECOGNISATION NOT ADDED.

"NO SIGNIFICANT ADDITION"

3. Is there anything you think should be added or removed from the budget?

Yes ___ No ___

If you recommend any changes to the budget, please explain your reasons for this.

"NO MAJOR CHANGES"

4. Did you discuss the proposed changes with the project? If so, please describe their response.

INTEREST IN EXTENDING BEYOND
MURZI - DHARVAD

- DHARVAD - KALAGHATAI, NAVALGUND, NARGUND.

PART E: Comments

Please describe your overall impressions and views of the school
(Feel free to attach documents if necessary)

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The site visit was not conducted at the actual school or site of the project. I had an opportunity to interact with Vivek Maniar of the Akshara foundation who coordinates the "Accelerated learning program" on the ground in Dharwad and surrounding areas. I was also able to talk on phone to the field coordinator of the program who works with the schools in the region. The overall impression that I got was that the project has been very effective and there is lot of enthusiasm to further extend it to other regions and schools. As per the people involved in the project, there has been a marked improvement in the reading ability of the kids and has also led to reduction in the drop out rates.

One point to note is that there was some confusion on the way ASHA is actually involved. Initially Vivek was not aware that ASHA has actually funded anything in the past but the person who handles the account confirmed that they have indeed received funding from ASHA. It seems like ASHA is not directly involved and provides funds to Akshara foundation.

I will be glad to provide any other information that may be needed in this regard.

Clarifications

On question (9) : The answer is NA because this site visit was conducted at Akshara Foundation's office. Akshara folks are implementing this project in Hubli and Dharwad regions and the funds from Asha will be dispatched to Akshara foundation and not the schools directly.