

Annual/Final Report for the Pre-Primary School Education Program for the period from March 2010 to February 2011.

Title of the Project:

MAGJS- ASHA PROJECT (PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR THE NEEDY AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN WITH A PRIME FOCUS ON THE GIRL CHILDREN BELONGING TO SC, ST AND MINORITY COMMUNITIES IN MURSHIDABAD DISTRICT IN WEST BENGAL).

Name of the Implementing Agency:

MURSHIDABD ADIBASHI GRAMIN JANAKALYAN SAMITY (MAGJS)

Name of the Funding Agency:

Asha for Education (Sun-Francisco) US

Location of the Project:

State – West Bengal

District – Murshidabad

Blocks-

a) Jalangi, b) Raninagar – II

Targeted Villages-

- i) Parashpur village under Jalangi P.S. in Jalangi Block
- ii) Babultali village under Raninagar P.S., in Raninagar-II Block.

Project Duration: 1 Year

Reporting Period: March,2010 to February 2011.

Main Objectives of the Projects:

- To spread pre-primary education among 70 poor children with a prime focus on the girl children.
- To increase accessibility of primary education to the girl children belonging to tribal and minority communities.

- To reduce the high rate of drop-out in the primary level as education in the target area.
- To mainstream the targeted children into the formal primary schools after their pre-primary education is complete.
- To improve the nutritional status of 70 needy and neglected children.
- To give the targeted 70 children of two school access to primary health-care facilities.
- To create scope of proper mental and physical growth of the targeted 70 children belonging to BPL families.

Main beneficiaries of the project:

70 children within the age-group of 3-6 years and belonging to SC, ST and minority communities are the target-groups of the proposed project. 40% of the targeted children are the girl children belonging to backward communities. All the targeted children belong to poor families. Their fathers are the landless labourers whose income is too meager to meet the educational expenses of their children. Due to extreme poverty, the targeted children suffer from severe mal-nutrition and have no access to primary health care facilities.

Main Activities conducted during the reporting period:

During the reporting period the following activities have been conducted:

- **Mobilizing the parents of the targeted children to send their children to school.**

In general, the parents of the targeted children are illiterate and are quite ignorant about the needs of education of their children. They live in extreme poverty and engage their children in different odd occupations to somehow supplement their families' meager income. They hold an apathetic attitude to send their children to school. To change this attitude of the parents of the targeted children 22 motivational camps have been conducted at Parashpur and Babultali villages. In the motivational camps the guardians of the targeted children have been made aware about the desperate need of receiving education of their children. They have also been motivated to be the members of the Parents-Teachers Committee already formed at each of the targeted school. In particular, the guardians of the girl children were made conscious about the need of education for the girl children in the motivational camps.

- **Pre-primary Education Program**

With a view to spreading quality-based pre-primary education among the targeted 70 children, 2 pre-primary schools have been started at the following 2 villages:

- 1) Parashpur
- 2) Babultali

At Parashpur Pre-Primary School there are at present 35 children within the age group of 3-6 years. They are receiving pre-primary education in a children friendly atmosphere from 2 teachers attached with this school. Out of the targeted 35 children 16 are girls and the remaining 19 are boys. Out of the total 35 students 4 belong to SC communities, 2 belong to OBC communities and the rest 29 belong to minority communities. The students are regularly provided with training and learning materials. They are receiving education in Bengali Medium. The process of teaching is very simple, children friendly and participatory. The teachers have already developed a cordial relation with the children. They are also provided with dress as school uniform. The students are very happy to receive education in a cordial atmosphere. To monitor the progress of the children 1 Teachers-Parents Committee in each of Schools has been formed. The following pictures give a glimpse of the school and its students at Parashpur:



Parash Pur Pre Primary School



Parashpur Pre Primary School 35 Students

At Babultali presently 35 children (3 to 6 years) are receiving pre-primary education from 2 teachers in a cordial atmosphere where the teachers are very much responsive to the needs and moods of the children. Out of the targeted 35 children 14 are girls and the remaining 21 are boys. Out of the total 35 students 13 belong to SC communities, 11 belong to OBC communities and the rest 11 belong to minority communities. They are provided with training and learning materials and also school dress as uniform. The response of the children is very positive. One Teachers-Parents Committee has been formed at the school to monitor the progress of the children. The following pictures give a glimpse of the school and its students at Babultali:



Students are playing at Babultali Pre Primary School

vision of nourishing Tiffin to the students:

70 children of the said 2 schools are regularly provided with nourishing Tiffin to improve their nutritional status. The Tiffin consist of different nutritious food items like eggs, bread and butter, banana or guava taking into consideration the nutritional needs of the children. The Tiffin are also made palatable to suit the taste of the children. However, the children are very much relishing the Tiffin provided by the school.

- **Health Check up program for the students:**

1 M.B.B.S. doctor has been attached with this program on a part-time basis. During this period of the project the doctor has checked up the health of the students on every month. The children found suffering from different diseases have been given medicines and some of them have also been given referral services for further treatment.

- **Sports, Games and Cultural programs:**

During this period of the project different games suited for the children within the age group of 3-6 years have also been arranged for proper mental and physical growth of the children. Besides, 5 Cultural Programs have been arranged during this period to give relief and recreation to the children.

Main Achievements of the Project:

The main achievements of the program are highlighted below:-

- ⇒ Spread of quality-based pre-primary education among 70 children belonging to distressed and down-trodden segment of the society.
- ⇒ Enrolment of the girl children in the pre-primary school.
- ⇒ Removal of negative attitude of the poor people to send their girl children to school.
- ⇒ Development of a cordial and friendly relationship between the Teachers and Students.
- ⇒ Participation of the guardians of the children in the monitoring of the progress of their children in the schools.
- ⇒ Improvement in the nutritional status of the mal-nourished children.
- ⇒ Encouragement of the children to attend the pre-primary school.

- ⇒ Enjoyment of the students to receive education during school hours.
- ⇒ 5 students have already admitted to primary school with glorious achievements

Total sanctioned amount:Rs. 296,561.68

Total expenditure incurred during the reporting period:

Income and Expenditure Account for the period 1st March to 28th february – 2010

Expenditure	Amount (Rs.)	Income	Amount (Rs.)
Cost for Educational Aids	10,000.00	Grant Received from Asha for Education	1,47,829.10
Cost for School Uniform	17,500.00	direct transfer of our Bank A/c-2396 on the	
Cost for Nourishing Tiffin	1,52,880.00	dated 29.03.2010	
Cost for Teaching aids	28,800.00	2 nd Installment	
Cost for Sports, Games, Cultural Activities	10,000.00	Received on 25.11.10	1,48,732.58
Cost of Visit, Parents teacher meeting	15,000.00		
Health check up camp	9,600.00		
Cost of Medicine	12,600.00		
Payment of remuneration teacher	36,000.00		
Yearly Audit	3,000.00		
Closing Balance as on 15.08.2010	1,181.68		
G. Total:	2,96,561.68	G. Total:	2,96,561.68

Date: 18.08.2010

Signature of the Project Holder:
(Jahangir Fakir)
Secretary