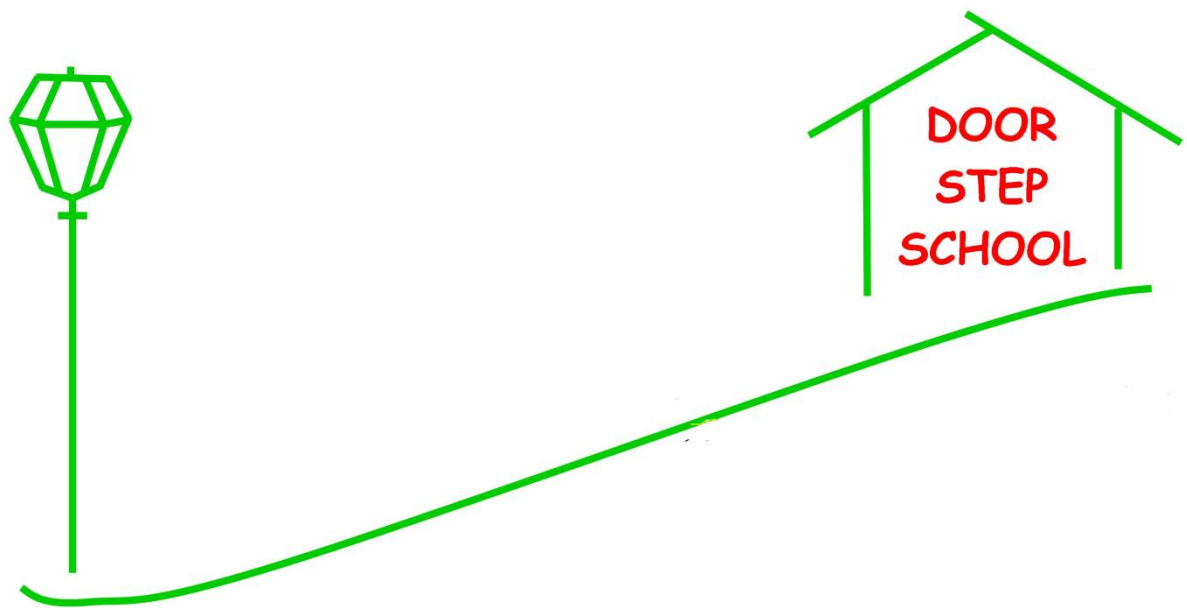


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Direct Education Program (Project Foundation)
School Transportation Facilities
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Executive summary

Door Step School would like to thank **Asha for Education Canada** for sponsoring School Transportation, which is an important support activity of our “**Project Foundation**” Program, since April 2010.

“**Project Foundation**” is part of the **Direct Education Programme** of Door Step School which addresses the needs of children in the age group of 6 to 14 who do not have access to formal schools. DSS runs Educational Activity Centers -EAC (Literacy Classes) and study classes for these children, supported by Balwadis and Day Care Centres. Making provision for school transport for children is an essential supportive service of this Program. Transport is needed for bringing the children to municipal schools as well as for collecting them from different construction sites to one location for conducting classes. This also encourages children to attend school regularly.

This report presents a report of the School Transportation activity funded by **Asha for Education Canada** covering the period April 2010 to Sept 2010.

We look forward to continued association with you. The key metrics of the programme supported by you are summarized here.

Total No of Construction Sites covered	28
Total No of Children Transported between April and Sept 2010	810
Average Cost per Child per Month	INR 200



1. Door Step School – At a glance

All children deserve an education. An alarming number of India's urban poor still remain without an opportunity to receive formal education.

Door Step School (www.doorstepschool.org), an NGO working in Mumbai and Pune, has a vision to be an instrumental force that brings development to these children.

Our mission at Door Step School is to bridge the divide between children who do not have access to school and the formal education system which already exists. We use innovative programs that facilitate in bringing education to the children and help them make the transition to literacy and brighter future. **Our key goal is primary education to all children up to 14 years of age.**

Our programs are divided in two main categories:

1. Direct education program - Project Foundation

Children of construction site labourers do not go to school for various reasons. Door Step School sets up temporary education facility with the help of the builders at the construction site. The following programs are run in these facilities:

- Educational Activity Centers – (Literacy Classes)
- Pre-primary Education (Balwadi)
- Study Classes (for School Going Children)

To support these programs, we also run a Day Care Center (Crèche) at the construction sites. A transport facility is also provided to children who are enrolled in mainstream schools. Details about all the services are given on our website.

2. School Intervention program – Project Grow With Books

Door Step School works with Municipal Schools to conduct 90 minute reading classes in the primary schools. The main goal of this program is to enhance reading capabilities of the children and to inculcate reading habits in the children.

DSS also runs 2 **Community learning Centers**, to cater to urban slum communities. A Community Library, Reading Room Facility, Computer Classes and Science Laboratory are run at these Centers. These Centers also serve as an umbrella for many other extracurricular activities that are conducted by our Volunteers.

DSS has a dedicated **Training Center**. The training centre “**Parivartan**”, which was initiated in October 2007, focuses on training new teachers to teach in the non-formal education setting, this being the need of the organization as a part of Project Foundation. Refresher trainings for all levels of the team are also part of the annual training calendar.

2. Direct Education Program – “Project Foundation” at Door Step School

The **Direct Education Programme** of Door Step School addresses the needs of children in the age group of 6 to 14 who do not have access to formal schools.

Since its inception, Door Step School has seen a steady increase in the number of sites covered and the number of children brought under its network.

Under **Direct Education** the following four programmes are conducted-

- **Pre-Primary Education (Balwadi)** –This programme is for preschoolers in the age group of 3 to 5 years.
- **Educational Activity Centers -EAC (Literacy Classes)** – This programme covers non-school going children in the age group of 6 to 14 years.
- **Study Classes** – This programme caters to school going children in the 1st and 2nd standard.
- **School on Wheels** - These are buses that serve as mobile classrooms to enable us to reach difficult areas or to collect children from smaller sites to one location. The School on Wheels is also useful to jump start classes at a site when facilities are being made ready.

We also have other **Supporting Activities** under our **Direct Education Programme**. The following programmes are conducted-

- **Day Care Centers (Crèche)** – This programme caters to children in the age group of 0 to 3 years.
- **School Transportation** - It is an added service provided to bring children to municipal schools as well as collecting them from different construction sites to one location for conducting classes.

The **Direct Education Program** also assists in **age certificates, school enrolment** and **external examinations**.

Currently Door Step School has its Direct Education Programme at 90+ construction and urban community slums in Pune.

Making provision for school transport for children is an essential supportive service particularly in Pune because of the heavy and undisciplined traffic in the city. This also encourages children to attend school regularly. We use our own vehicles as well as auto rickshaws to transport children to municipal schools.

Over the years many funding agencies have been supported the Direct Education Program (“Project Foundation”) and support services at Door Step School and we thank **Asha for Education Canada** for supporting the School transportation services since April 2010.

3. Partnership with Asha for Education Canada

3.1 Profile

The School transportation facilities under “Project Foundation” programme have been partially funded by **Asha for Education Canada** since April 2010 and this sponsorship has helped in ensuring that more children attend Door Step School as well as Municipal schools regularly.

The maintenance and running costs of one of the vehicles being used for School transportation is being totally funded by **Asha for Education Canada**. The details of the Construction sites being supported by this vehicle, number of children transported as well as the expenses incurred are given in the following sections.

3.2 Quantitative Data

28 centers were covered using one Transport Vehicle of Door Step School during the period April to Sept 2010. During the period April to June 2010, the vehicle was used for transportation of children at 12 construction sites in Kothrud, Karve Nagar, Sinhagad Road, Kondwa areas of Pune and. during the period June to Sept 2010, it was used at 16 centers in Aundh, Baner, Pashan areas.

A total of 810 children were transported to schools and other construction sites during the period April to Sept 2010. The Month-wise site wise details are listed in Appendix-A, Table 1.

3.3 Financial Report

Annual Sanctioned Budget : 4000 Dollars									
Amount Received : INR 1,73,920									
Particulars	Annual Sanctioned (INR)	Sanctioned Amount (6 Months INR)	April	May	June	July	August	September	Total (INR)
Administration									
Other Expenses	0	0	0	50	0	0	0	0	50
Programme Expenses									
Children - Transport	0	0	0	0	0	300	1,125	200	1625
Diesel	64,000	32,000	10,940	8,445	6,724	9,070	13,800	9000	57,979
Insurance *	13,920	NA	13,036	0	0	0	0	0	13,036
Snacks	0	0	0	210	0	0	0	0	210
Road Transport Authority Tax	0	0	11,440	0	0	0	0	0	11,440
Vehicle Maintenance	16,000	8,000	450	5,557	680	6,855	0	0	13,542
Salary									
Salary	80,000	40,000	10,160	10,173	9,875	11,805	10,571	10,327	62,911
Total	173920	80000	46026	24435	17279	28030	25496	19527	160793
* This item was not specifically budgeted. Hence applying the balance budget for the same.									
Notes: The expenditure is more than budgeted. Because the diesel prices have gone up and also the driver's salary when budgeted did not account for other payments such as Provident Fund, commuting expenses.									

Appendix-A

Table 1: Site-wise Details of Children availing School Transportation

No	Name of the Center	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
1	Special Class at Dattawadi	14	14					28
2	Special Class at Dattakrupa	14	12					26
3	Preyaja	7						7
4	Arista	18		18	16	11		63
5	Patil Construction	26		9	13	15		63
6	K.J Infrastructure				6	5		11
7	Green Land county	13						13
8	Grand view-7	11						11
9	Sinhagad college	9						9
10	Soba Optima	12						12
11	Viva	4						4
12	Ziggurat	7						7
13	Shivaji Nagar					24	27	51
14	Vidyarathi Sahayyak					24	29	53
15	Shivaji Housing					16	19	35
16	Hattikhana					13	13	26
17	Anand Park					30	85	115
18	Army Quarter					12	11	23
19	Sumashilp					29	26	55
20	Oravi					19	7	26
21	Concord Portia					16	21	37
22	Golden Trellis					6	6	12
23	Park Express					14		14
24	Green Zone					6	7	13
25	Anjor					7		7
26	Celista					33	23	56
27	Windsor Residency						23	23
28	Nandan Prospera						10	10
Total		135	26	27	35	280	307	810

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