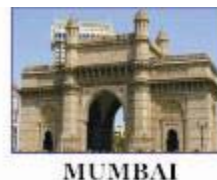




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Asha Mumbai Center Project proposal

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Information about group/organization:

Asha Mumbai Center was founded by Asha Mumbai volunteers to further the mission and cause of Asha. The volunteer felt a need to have our own grassroots project to channelize our energies than merely involve in the chapter administration activities. Also present Asha Mumbai leadership believes in the innovative methodologies of teaching which can easily be practiced only in our projects and then shared with other non-profit organizations.

Details about educational project

1. Location:

Asha Mumbai Center is located near Powai Slums, opposite IIT Mumbai main gate, 2 km from Kanjurmarg railway station. The slum dwellers work in surrounding city, generally in unorganized labor jobs and few of them are class-IV employees of local government bodies like IIT. They live in very old small chawls and living conditions are very poor.

2. Need:

Teaching quality in municipal school of Powai slum is very low. Overall environment is not supportive for education. The parents wish to teach their children but because of their poverty and illiteracy they are not able to change the environment. As a result of this, children don't get opportunity to learn new things.



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Since Dr. Smita Puniyani, Asha Mumbai Co-ordinator has been very community friendly doctor in powai slums; we have easy access to community and we motivate parents to send their children to our centre for learning.

3. Activities: [Photos](#)

Our activities involve after-school tuitions to primary and secondary school students, Computer training, extra-curricular activities and community development.

- i. We undertake the regular classes for children to develop their basic literacy skills in three batches viz. Morning, Afternoon & Evening. We are also conducting computer training classes for higher 5th to 9th std children mainly on Saturdays and Sundays.
- ii. We conduct demo classes on science, environment, social science and general knowledge with the help of most dedicated volunteers who interact with our children on regular basis.
- iii. We have library facility and reading material for the kids and are collecting the books on various subjects to improve children's ability to read and learn by themselves.
- iv. We conduct English speaking course in evening session.
- v. We arrange workshops on Activities like Drawing, Crafting etc. to motivate children's ingenuity. Children are taken on outing trips to places like National Park, Nehru Science Center etc. to experience the nature and science along with the fun.

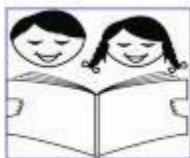
Teaching Techniques:

As described in above, our teaching techniques are more interactive, information oriented using modern tools. Eg.

- vi. We use Tata Sky English Teaching Module in addition to regular teacher and that has proven to be very effective method.
- vii. We have started IT-enabled learning methods, new software & Programmes like LOGO, learning games to encourage students to think creatively.

4. Students:

All students attend the BMC or private schools nearby. We started with 3 students in clinic of Dr. Smita Puniyani and now we have more than 110 students in our centre. We admit child who wish to join our centre. We have 1st std to 9th std students with Teacher: student ratio approx. 25:1 as we have 8 part time teachers. Boy: Girl ratio is approx. 10: 7. We don't provide students any other services like food, health care, clothing etc. (They get it from BMC School in free of cost).



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Kids (mostly girls) help their mothers to cook, household work etc. Children are not engaged in child labour as such. But they help their families to help in work after the school timings.

5. Staff Members:

We have one Principal and 9 paid part time female teachers. Mrs. Neerja Tripathi is working as Principal at centre. She is retired Teacher. All teachers are completed or pursuing B. Ed. And get Rs. 3000/- per month as salary. We also have good team of volunteers who help in administration and teach students (5 Volunteers) enthusiastically.

6. Infrastructure:

We have tuition centre on rent. It contains 3 rooms with 2 toilets. Area is enough to take in 130 students. It is furnished with 2 blackboards, benches, 5 computers, Library of academic and story books, good drinking water facility, electricity (1 fan & 1 tubelight in each room), TV with TATA Sky English teaching module, DVD player with speakers.

7. Financial Details:

- a. The organization doesn't have FCRA clearance from the Indian Government.
- b. The Past Funding details are as follows: (Annual Reports are available on ashanet.org)

Year	Funds Disbursed (Rs.) \$1=INR 46.50	Chapter/Organization
2008-09	1,18,895 (\$2556.90)	Asha Mumbai
2009-10	2,87,419 (\$6181.05)	Asha Mumbai

- c. The proposed expenditure is as follows:

No.	Details	Amount (for Year; Rs.)
1	Rent (17,000/- per month)	2,04,000/-
2	Telephone + internet (1200/- per month)	14,400/-
3	Furniture	10,000/-
4	Electricity (800/- per month)	9,600/-
5	Cleaning (1000/- per month)	12,000/-



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6	Stationary (1000/- per month)	12,000/-
7	Teacher Salaries (22500/-per month for 9 teachers)	2,70,000/-
8	Workshop, Picnics	1,00,000/-
9	Miscellaneous	50,000/-
8	Total	6,82,000/-

8. Future Plans:

- We wish to start Open School for children or people who cannot attend the regular school. They will attend classes at our centre in night after their working hours.
- To enhance theatre skills of students, we want to start the Drama, Dance and Music classes at centre. First, we will have small workshops in all these disciplines for all students to know each student's interest. Then we promote children to learn that art. It will also help to personality development of children.

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Asha Children after winning the Prize in Drama Competition at NMIMS



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