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 sB & C necessitate that the information be gathered through conversations with the children and their parents, and not simply the group's teachers and staff.

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

Thanks.

- Asha for Education

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| **Date:** **May. 6, 17** |
| **Name of the Project: Asha Mumbai Center** |
| **Name of the Organisation Running the Project (if different): Asha For Education** |

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

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| ***1. What are the different focus areas of the organization? (give a rough estimate of the % of their total effort/funding)***  Community development    % Education 90% Health 10%  Other    % (please specify) |
| ***2. What is the administrative structure of the group (e.g. Board of Directors/Grassroots-based)?***  Asha does not work on the basis of the formal hierarchy. There is a chapter coordinator , project coordinator, Treasurer and Teacher in charge for the project .All these appeared to be for the sake of operability and they all work hand in hand without being one above the other..Even the senior students were participating in carrying out administrative work ,and accounting. Some of them are paid the Honorariums.And most of them are voluteering. |

***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)***

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| **Organization** | **Objectives of the organization** |
| .Sugom trust | supporting the 10 th 12 th grade students from the underpriviledged section for scoring well so that they can get into professional studies. |
| Dodheja trust | same as above |
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**PART B: The organization and the community it serves**

*(Information to be gathered from parents and children)*

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| ***1. Approximately how many families live in the area?*** more than 15000 |
| ***2. What do the parents do for a living? (Agricultural worker, Daily wage laborer etc.)***  Auto Rikshaw driver, welder, carpenter, plumber, electrician , veg vendor,milk distributer maid servent , |
| ***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?***  once a month |
| ***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.)***  Sometimes the parents like carpenters, plumbers, help in repairs etc. Mothers of the students help in cooking occaisionally,and they are paid for doing the Job. |
| ***6. Are there any Government Schools in the area?*** Yes  No |
| ***7. If yes, how far are the Government Schools from the community?*** 1 to 2 kms |
| ***8. Why did the parents choose this school over the Government School?***  children are attending Asha Center for after school studies. |
| ***9. When you visited, how many children were present in the class?*** 68  ***What is the regular class strength?*** total students enrolled are 110 to 120.  ***Comments***: there are 15, 16, 10 ,7 ,12 etc nos per class.The students are comimg here in batches and almost all the classes are full in the afternoon batches .In the morning also all the four rooms are ocuupied but not full. In the afternoon students are sitting in the open space outside the class rooms and it is covered by the foldable tent. This way the classes remain less crowded. two to three groups sit out for studies,as inside classrooms are not sufficient for the no of students. |
| ***10. Do the children seem to enjoy coming to school?***  Children do want holidays at Asha .They are all very entusiastic to come to Asha even on Sundays and holidays. |

**PART C: Project particulars**

*(Information to be gathered from students and staff)*

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| ***1. What is the mode of teaching in the school? (Check the appropriate choices)***  A. Formal (State Board, Central Board etc.)  ***till what class?*** 5 th std to college going  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?***  yes |
| ***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?*** no |
| ***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?***  try to get a job or self employed. |
| ***6. How many staff or volunteers are recruited from the community?*** 4  ***How many of the staff are women?*** 4 |
| ***7. How many teachers have left the school in the past one year, and why?***  one as he was from PUNE and had some family problems there ,hence he moved to PUNE. |
| ***8. How many new teachers have joined in the past year?*** 2 |
| ***9. Does the organization train the teachers?*** Yes  No  ***If yes, how do they provide the training?*** They are sent to the designated training centers.e g for Teaching Maths the teachers were sent to NAVNIRMITI , organisation primarily devoted to Maths education 2) They were sent to St Xavier's college for training in teaching basic English. |
| ***10. How much is the staff paid?***  ..5 to 30 thousands depending upon the qualifications and time devoted.  ***Is it on par with the salary paid to the staff in the Government schools?***  Yes  No |

**PART D: Financial resources of the organization**

*(Feedback from the person conducting the site visit)*

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| ***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:  there are teachers two of whom , are from IIT One PhD and Other Msc.statistics and they are teaching at Asha with full involvement and leaving the better opportunities in the traditional jobs.They are paid 30 thousands per month at Asha recognising their devotion of time ,skills and interest.Oother teachers are graduates, post graduate and 12 th passed,.One is groomed at Asha to be a teacher who was the student at Asha.They are paid Rs 3000 to 7000/- per month depending upon the time they devote and their skill levels.  There are 7 computers , a laptop and there is one screen in each room for audio visual use for teaching. This uses up lot of electricity.  The rent paid is Rs 17,500 /- per month which the owner is wanting to raise to Rs 20000/- |
| ***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.***  NA |
| ***4. Did you discuss the proposed changes with the project? If so, please describe their response.***  NA |

**PART E: Comments**

*(Feel free to attach documents if necessary)*

I am a retired person and have been involved with lots of socially oriented acivities in and around Powai. I knew about Asha center since the time it has started. I am myself on the various citizen commitees like President Giants Group Of Powai, Hon Trustee of Young environmentalist group,Hon Trustee of NIsarg Swachh Sansthan.I have been interacting and supporting the activities at Asha intermittently.In my observation the facilities and teaching offered at Asha Center are not only upto the mark,but I can say they are unique as far as NGOs I have seen so far.

I am very much Impressed by the way teachers and students interact at Asha. And observed the students fully involved in their studies with full discipline. There is an environment of freedom to study here.

Some of the students are quite computer literates and most from 9 th 10 th are speaking in english.

Asha center seems to have ignited the thurst for academic achievement in the children especially when there is no background back home.

Asha Mumbai center is very encouraging experience and I intend to be connected with them in our future activities.

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