

Asha for Education™

Site Visit Questionnaire

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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.

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Date: Jun. 5, 15

Name of the Project: Asha - Support A Child, Powai, Mumbai

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 20% Education 80% Health %
Other % (please specify)

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

there are 6 volunteers who are fully occupied in their own professions .They manage and give time to the project in their other time after the professional work. There is a coordinator, treasurer , project steward , skill development coordinator ,additional skill development associate and webmaster

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
N/A	

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? there are more than 2 thousand families in the area.

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

Street vendors, house maids, daily wage laborers ,autorikshaw drivers,construction labourers, etc.

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.)

Negligible. Occasional volunteers.

6. Are there any Government Schools in the area?

Yes ☒

No ☐

7. If yes, how far are the Government Schools from the community? As far as I know 3.

Asha center is situated near Tirandaj Municipal School. I met children from at least two more.

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

The Asha center provides tuitions in small groups with more individualized attention. The children like the camaraderie and the little play area. The volunteering teachers take time to "care" for the children. They encourage them to pursue their goals.

The children also get exposed to various co-curricular activities like organic planting, computer based learning etc.

9. When you visited, how many children were present in the class? 12-15 per class.

What is the regular class strength? 15-25

Comments: About 30 students were present at the center on a hot summer holiday.

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

Immensely. Even during the summer holidays children like to spend their time at the center.

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? 1 st to 12th

B. Non-Formal Education (NFE) ☒

do the students also attend formal school?

C. Vocational ☒

D. Other ☐. Please specify Yes children attend formal school and visit Asha for coaching.

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

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

All of them.

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)?

Yes. There was a computer center where students were engaged in online learning classes. Some of them were busy with learning PC based softwares.

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

At present students were taking vocational courses as part of their extra curricular activities. For example - students who learned organic planting visit nearby residential societies and volunteer to create kitchen gardens.

6. How many staff or volunteers are recruited from the community? 4-6

How many of the staff are women? 3-5

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

one as her husband had to shift for his job in telecom dept. It was difficult for her to commute.

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? organisation sends them to other NGO Navanirmiti to get trained in teaching Maths by innovative methods.

10. How much is the staff paid? they are paid the honorarium of rs for 3 and half hours of job and 8 thousands for full time .4000

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)

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: the project is very down to earth and reaches the desired goal.

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.

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

PART E: Comments

(Feel free to attach documents if necessary)

It was a delight, motivating and inspirational experience !!!

The ASHA flyer was an easy marker at the Powainook building. I was eager to meet the children as I walked through series of potted plants. The center premises had a small yet clean play area.

I walked in to one of the classrooms where the children were working on PCs. Some of them had the Indian maps opened and some of them were learning from online video sessions on youtube.

I briefly talked to the staff and the volunteers. We walked through the classrooms where each group was engrossed in their lessons. All the children gathered in one of the classrooms and looked very excited meeting their visitor (me).

Bubbling with enthusiasm each of them introduced themselves. Since it was their "English speaking course" they stuck to the rules of giving their names, school names, hobbies and ambitions in English. Some of them were confident and some giggled away their shyness. It was remarkable that each and everyone of them very polite and courteous.

Dr. Puniyani and I were joined by one of the volunteers under the awning over the little front yard. The front yard was recently cleared up for some outdoor activities.

Dr Puniyani explained how Asha works and introduced me to a few students. She explained how would my education sponsorship will be used. She provided me with the bank account details.

Also, I learned about various skill development projects like organic garden training, computer basics and beauty parlor courses which are being run at the center.

It was an enriching experience. I wish I could have discovered ASHA sooner.

I would definitely like to sponsor at least one girl child's education through ASHA's Sponsor A Child (SAC) program. Thank you for welcoming at the center. I would love to visit it again during my next trip.

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Regards, Nilanshu Dharma