

First 15 minutes - Images of India planning

PROJECT MEETING: Mera Sahara

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Mera Sahara

- Nithari, Section 31, Noida, UP
- Urban
- Primary school serving Nithari
- Founded by Joint Women's Program
- Pre-primary and primary education, non formal education for women/girl dropouts over 12 (~**160 adolescent girls**)
- Staff
 - 1 headmistress, 1 creche, 7 teachers (3-5, 6-9, 9-12 y/o kids), one cook and attendant, more staff
- Objectives
 - Tailoring & design training, durry making (carpets) for school dropout adolescent girls and young mothers so they become self sufficient through a vocation
 - Healthcare, interaction w local govt, recreational programs, child care
- Monitoring
 - 6 month semi annual eval
 - 80/160 kids enabled to get admission in mainstream schools
- Women Skill Training & Community Programme (~**25 women**)
 - 25 women, vocational training
 - Adult education classes
 - Occasionally fathers and local leaders invited
 - 2 skill training courses based on diploma course
 - 9 women started their own businesses?
- **Requested amount:** Rs. 18,24,000/- = \$27,360
- JWP trying to get more funding; needs a ton for Mera Sahara → we share \$\$\$ responsibility with another Indian company (*unspecified*, corporate responsibility initiative)
- Need for funds seem urgent
- Last visit 2014
 - Moved to a bigger house
 - Computers destroyed by flood but new ones being donated, transition to mainstream school, new rooms being built, extra money for newsletter and trips
- We have \$2000 specifically donated for Mera Sahara
- **Questions**
 - How long have we been funding? 5 years

- How much do we give them usually? Requested around 20k, we gave around 10k
- Can we ask them about the way their budget was used last year?
- Why the increase this year? Salaries of staff have increased after 2 year period (adjusted w living wage, staff double up as counsellors), new position (project director)
- What are their efforts to find new sponsors? How much is “the other Indian company” (and who?) funding? M/s. Intercontinental technocrats Pvt. Ltd. granted INR 3,60,000/- toward Mera Sahara = \$5400
- Why did the girls from the public school drop out?
- Voting options:
 - Full amount (~\$27,000), Half amount (~\$13,500), Quarter amount (~\$6,750)
 - Also, 2000 have directly already been set aside for this project, so really we are sending 25,000/12,500/6,250
- Voting next week!

Voting Results: 10/13/2016

Full: 0

Half: 5

Quarter: 6

No money/abstain: 3