

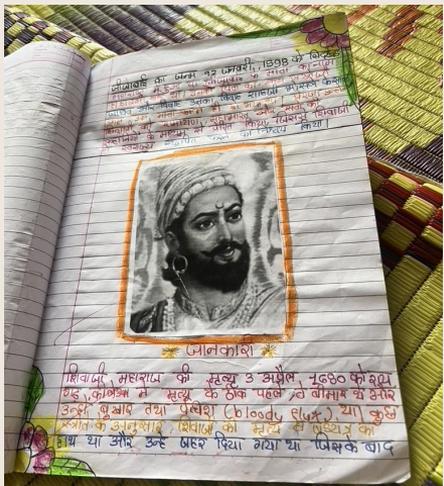


Door Step School Foundation, Pune

Budget Proposal: 2026 - 27

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About Door Step School

- Started in 1989 in Mumbai by a Social Work Professor (Rajani Tai) & her student
- Expanded to Pune in 1993
- Branched out from DSS in 2018. Called Door Step School Foundation (DSSF)
- Supported by SV since 2011
- Impacted more than 1.5 million children since inception
- Annually reach 7000+ children through 80+ construction sites in Pune



Mission & Impact

- Provide literacy to children (3 - 14 years) from the marginalized sections of society - construction workers, pavement dwellers, slum dwellers
- Direct community & school based interventions
- Focus on non-enrollment, drop out & low learning levels
- Bridge programs to help children transition into formal schooling
- Vocational guidance & counselling to create pathways to employment

PROJECT FOUNDATION

Background

- Rapid urbanization & demand for cheap labor
- Migration of laborers from rural areas
- Inadequate living conditions, low wages, limited access to social welfare programs
- Most parents are illiterate or school dropouts

Challenges

- Constant migration of parents disrupts the education of their children
- Age appropriate enrollment mandated by RTE results in poor academic performance
- Lack of pre-primary education system
- Lack of parent awareness - children miss out on available resources, educational opportunities leading to low academic performance or increased dropout rates

Goal

- Education Activity Centers (EACs) at construction sites
- Supports children from 0 - 14 years
- Mainstream children in public education system
- Support their academic progress and retention in schools
- Track children post migration
- Increase parental involvement

Process

- Survey & identify construction site communities & nearby government schools
- Recruit qualified teachers & train them in DSSF teaching methodology
- Identify & set up a safe classroom space, recruit & train teachers methods of intervention learning models
- Activity Center - crèche, balwadi, literacy & numeracy classes; school enrollment; parent involvement, etc.
- Regular evaluation & tracking of outcomes
- Half-yearly, annual reports
- Project closure

Services Provided at EACs

- Child care/ crèche facilities (0-3 years)
- Balwadi/ Pre-school & Kindergarten (3-6 years)
- Learning Centers/ support classes (6-14 years)
- School enrollment & support activities (such as school transport)
- Parent empowerment
- Migrant children tracking

Other Highlights

- Parents attitude is changing towards education
 - School Leaving Certificate
 - Initiative in school admissions
 - Willingness to arrange & pay for transport to go to school
- Sensitized government schools about migrant population

Alumni

“Maji Vidyarthri Melava” (January 2026) to commemorate the journey of success of the past students.

Video Testimonials:

[Abdul Shekh_Electrical Contractor.mp4](#)

[Rupesh Umbarkar_Corporate Job.mp4](#)

Budget (April 2026 - March 2027)

- Support 9 EACs (reach approx. 600+ children)
- Cost - Rs. 67,07,000
- Builder contribution and other resources - 50%
- Proposed budget requested from Asha - Rs. 33,53,500
(budget increased by 8.8%)

Budget 2025 - 2026

Budget 2026 - 2027

No.	Expense Item	No of persons per centre	Unit Cost (Yearly)	No of Units	Proposed Budget (Rs.)	Remarks
1	Program Expenses (A+B)		6,43,278		57,89,502	
A- Compensations and Benefits						
A.1	Operation head	0.04	9,054	9	81,486	Annual increment in basic salaries of all staff by about 7% ; Additional increase in basic salary and necessary increase in statutory compliances for teachers to match up with Minimum Labour wages. (Includes EPF (12%) and ESI (3.35%) of basic salary contributed by DSSF)
A.2	Project Director	0.04	19,533	9	1,75,797	
A.3	Field staff - M&E (Coordinator & supervisor)	.04 +.18	89,327	9	8,03,943	
A.4	Field staff- Teacher	2.2	4,21,582	9	37,94,238	
A.5	Project Support Staff	0.07	31,512	9	2,83,608	
A.6	Staff welfare		3,386	9	30,474	
B- Project Running Exp						
B.1	Teaching & Educational Material		35,000	9	3,15,000	Wear and tear of existing education materials + annual inflation
B.2	Children events and support activities		13,100	9	1,17,900	
B.3	Programe office Rent & Maint		8,490	9	76,410	
B.4	Capacity Building of staff		12,294	9	1,10,646	
2	Admin and management		38,597		3,47,373	
2.1	Finance/ HR/ Compliance Exp		38,597	9	3,47,373	
3	CAPITAL / ASSETS		2,800	9	25,200	
3.1	Capital Expenses (Furniture, Computers, Camera etc.)		3,000	9	27,000	
			6,84,675		61,62,075	
	Total Cost of Project Rounded off		6,85,000		61,63,000	

Total Cost of Project	61,63,000
Funds sourced through Builder and other own	30,81,500
Funds requested from Funder (50%)	30,81,500

No.	Expense Item	No of persons per centre	Unit Cost (Yearly)	No of Units	Proposed Budget (Rs.)	Remarks
1	Program Expenses (A+B)		700,197		6,301,773	
A- Compensations and Benefits						
A.1	Operation head	0.04	8,160	9	73,440	
A.2	Project Director	0.04	20,700	9	186,300	
A.3	Field staff - M&E (Coordinator & supervisor)	.04 +.18	101,944	9	917,496	
A.4	Field staff- Teacher	2.2	457,677	9	4,119,093	
A.5	Project Support Staff	0.07	33,383	9	300,447	
A.6	Staff welfare		3,682	9	33,138	
B- Project Running Exp						
B.1	Teaching & Educational Material		36,000	9	324,000	Wear and tear of existing education materials + annual inflation
B.2	Children events and support activities		13,100	9	117,900	
B.3	Programe office Rent & Maint		11,920	9	107,280	
B.4	Capacity Building of staff		13,631	9	122,679	
2	Admin and management		42,012		378,106	
2.1	Finance/ HR/ Compliance Exp		42,012	9	378,106	
3	CAPITAL / ASSETS		3,000	9	27,000	
3.1	Capital Expenses (Furniture, Computers, Camera etc.)		3,000	9	27,000	
					6,706,879	
	Total Cost of Project Rounded off		745,209		6,707,000	
			745,500			

Total Cost of Project	6,707,000
Funds sourced through Builder and other own resources	3,353,500
Funds requested from Funder (50%)	3,353,500

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- Useful Links:

- [Door Step School Foundation, Pune](#)

- [Project Page](#)

- [Site Visit - Dec 2024](#)