

# Asha Berkeley: Meeting Minutes:05-05-11

Sapan wants a PO Box for our mail. \$100 a year.

## **Sahyog update**

- school for girls in slum area around Mumbai
- program for disabled children
- health center
- won an award
- started a resource center for girls, basic english, computer, vocational training

We sent \$8000 last year for the Jari Mari school  
Want \$8000 for a new school, Govandi and the ones they are taking over from Pratham.

Confusion on what "training coordinator" and "research and coordination personnell" mean?  
They are in not a desire need of money.  
Budget too vague, pushed to next meeting.

## **Bhumi**

8 projects

- Think Green - learn to be eco friendly
- Dhronacharya Ekalavya - mentorship
- Little Einsteins - math
- Kanini - Computer classes
- Make of Difference - innovative teaching programs

Projects around Chennai or in Karnataka

Requested Kanini - \$11,000 to buy computers, each computer 2\$50

Currently 11 centers, want to expand to 15

Volunteer to student ratio is 1:4, don't pay volunteers but need to pay for training

Most children who are part of program - orphans and lower class children

This is a weekend supplemental program to train them in English and computer skills in addition to their weekday school

Make a Difference - innovative teaching (flashcards, worksheets, team building, communication skills, audio teching)

5 centers à 8 centers \$3600

285 children à 350 children

FCRA letter was 2 lakh 60000, 20 computers, \$6000, we are not funding Make a Difference and half of original 40 computer request

We have already approved this money, just a refresher

## **Jamghat**

Children have to choose to want to get off the street, and eventual goal is to reunite with parents or get them to graduate

Tuition is basically free via negotiations with local schools

We gave \$3500 last year, so far have used a little more than half

How do they want to spend the rest of their money?

The children are usually street wanderers, disconnected from families due to family problems

Updates

Out of 15 children, 2 have been restored with their parents, and planning on getting 2 more reunited  
2 boys over 15 years of age are completing their computer course and will be enrolled in computer hardware course  
11 children at school  
elderly lady tutor + volunteers from IIT Dehli and Joining Hands  
Started a girls school, Aanchal, 7 girls now, want to expand