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Project Proposal Submission Form

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Project Name: Strengthening education in rural areas of Kancheepuram district **Date:** May. 15, 12

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Part I: Information about your group/organization

Please feel free to attach any additional sheets and/or information such as brochures, press reports etc.

1. Name of the group/organization requesting funds.

Kalanjiyam Trust

2. When was the group established?

July 2006

3. Briefly describe the motivation for starting this group.

Kalanjiyam was founded in 2006 with the vision to bring about a society where future generations will be healthy, have attained educational success and are able to make informed decisions in their lives.

Our efforts are taken up under the premise that a great deal of change can be brought about by investing in our children and young people, who are the future of any community.

Kalanjiyam's main aim is to support people and communities in their own development to bring sustainable and meaningful changes for a better tomorrow. Our goal is to develop a community development model with the core guiding principle being the involvement and ownership of the community in the process of development.

4. Briefly describe the aims of your group.

Our mission is to bring impact in a core set of areas:

1. Informing and educating families and communities about health and well being, as key to having healthier future generation of children; we produce materials, towards these, on key issues
2. Promoting health and well being of communities, focusing on prevention
3. Increasing exposure and interaction of pre-school children for a strong foundation
4. Ensure primary education and strengthen quality of education
5. Supporting and ensuring that all students go on to complete higher secondary education and increase number going to college
6. Strengthen adolescent and youth to provide life-skills and livelihood skills and empower them

5. Does your group have any religious or political affiliation? If yes, please describe the type of affiliation and the reason for it.

None

6. What non education-related community development activities is your group involved in?

- Life skills program for adolescent and youth in our villages
- Livelihood training programs for young people
- Development of Information educational and communication materials
- Community awareness programs
- Community lending library
- Community health program
- Research activities

Please see attached list of Kalanjiyam activities and Kalanjiyam newsletters for further details

Part II: Details about your educational project/s

7. List the school/s run by your group, and their locations. If you are requesting funds for only a few of several schools, please specify which one/s.

Kalanjiyam does not run separate schools. Kalanjiyam has adopted Panchayat Union schools in Kancheepuram district and work closely to strengthen the schools and the quality of education for all children in these schools. We are presently working in 14 Panchayat Union Schools. Kalanjiyam has been working with the communities and these schools with the goal of reducing drop outs and ensuring that children from these village schools successfully complete school.

In the last year (2011-12) three schools, two primary and one middle school were supported and the current proposal is for continuing support for these schools: Kalpat Panchayat Union Primary School, Dharmapuram Panchayat union Primary School and Periya Vellikkadu Panchayat Union Middle School

8. Location of school/s Urban Rural Other _____

9. Specify the type of education provided (e.g. basic literacy, vocational training etc.).

In the adopted, the Tamil Nadu State syllabus is being provided for imparting primary, middle and high school education as per government curriculum.

The project provides para teachers to support the school teachers for helping the students to achieve basic literacy / learning levels.

The project has also introduced computer education for the school children, extra-curricular programs such as yoga and drawing for providing exposure to the arts, stimulating and developing mental capacities, enhancing creativity and imagination and broadening children's overall perspective.

10. Please tell us about your teaching techniques (conventional vs. alternative).

The project appointed staff or para-teachers, from local villages, provide assistance to Headmasters and Teachers in the Panchayat Union Schools. The basic approach is to provide supportive assistance, give individual attention to students, help children who are challenged in learning / or behind etc. Besides conventional methods, stories, games and other interactive methods are also used for teaching children. The project staff placed in each school pay close attention to and track children's learning, their health and other milestones of progress.

The supportive / additional programs that we have introduced, such as computer education; music, yoga and drawing classes, help to provide all rounded education and good exposure to the children. .

11. What is the literacy rate in the local community?

Literacy levels in the villages ranges from about 70% among men to about 60% among women.

Our assessment of education status in our villages indicates that on an average 20% to 40% of the adult population has not had any schooling. School drop-out rates starts to increase in high school.

12. Describe the socio-economic background of the children and their parents (e.g. education, occupational). If any of your students are employed, please tell us about that as well.

The majority of villages in our coverage areas have population of about 350 to about 1500. A baseline assessment we conducted indicates that the total population of villages combined is between 12,000 and 15,000.

The vast majority of households can be classified in the lower socio-economic group and live in thatched roof homes. The main source of income in these villages is agriculture labor. On an average in a good year, work is available for about 15 days a month (10 to 20 days). The average income from agricultural labor is between minimum of Rs 60 to maximum of 150 which would mean that most families' monthly income is Rs. 3000 per month or less.

13. In addition to education, does your group provide any other services to the children in your schools (e.g. food, health care, clothing, etc.)?

Yes, Kalanjyam takes up a number of initiatives for strenghtening the children in the adopted schools. 1) We try to establish an enabling school environment in adopted Panchayat Union schools where learning can happen. Every adopted school is ensured to have tables and mats for seating in the classroom, electrification, fans, adequate lighting, and other basic amenities that are required.

2) Addressing children health and nutrition status, by providing supplementary nutrition and access to free health care for minor illnesses

3) We also provide for a free school van service for middle school and high school children so as to ensure 0 drop outs

Providing for hygiene and sanitation facilities in schools and proper water source for washing and drinking

Organizing for special classes and providing supplemental nutrition in local high schools at the time of preparation for 10th standard board exams every year

We also provide for extrac curricular programs in the adopted school as indicated above.

14. Does your school have:

Its own building(s): Yes No Number _____

Number and type of classrooms (e.g. Pukka): _____

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
Toilets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Playground	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Toys	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chairs & Tables	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blackboard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Drinking water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Electricity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Computers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laboratory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teaching aids (e.g. books/slates)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. How many children are currently enrolled in your school(s)?

Male _____ Female _____

Age Range 6 years to 15 years

A total of 950 students from the primary/ middle and high schools and about 1400 in Thiruvadhur School

16. How many staff are employed at your schools?

Teachers 30 Minimum Qualifications _____
Other staff 10

17. Average distance the children travel to attend your school 1 to 10 kms**18. How many children have gone through your program in the past five years and what are they doing currently? Please tell us about their future education and employment possibilities.**

Kalanjiyam has been working in these villages since January of 2007. Initially we were working in 7 schools and starting after 2009 we have adopted another 7 more schools. As indicated above, all children in our villages are continuing in school.

100% of primary and middle school children from project supported schools are continuing in upper primary or high school.

Pass percentages have increased in our adopted schools and % of students continuing in school have increased from about 50% to over 70%.

Once students complete school, we provide encouragement and support for going to college; and for those youth out of school livelihood training. Over 250 students have been supported over the last six years with aid/ scholarship for continuing education.

19. Do you help your students with their future education efforts after they have passed out of your school?

Yes we support students who complete school with education aid to pursue further studies in college or ITTs or where appropriate with training for improving livelihoods skills. Special scholarship is provided for students after 10th standard when they score 80% or more; and education aid is provided for students who wish to continue education, and who's family's are unable to afford the same.

20. Are there any other schools (Kindergarten/Balwadi, Elementary school, High school) in the area? If so, please list the schools and the range of classes each of them offers.

There are other villages with government primary, middle and high schools, which Kalanjiyam has not yet adopted. In our coverage area, we are working with all the government Panchayat Union Schools.

21. Is your program different from that provided at these schools? Please explain.

Not applicable / the programs that we provide, such as para teachers, computer education, all rounded exposures/ extracurricular programs are not available in the government schools and mostly not even in the private schools near our villages or in Maduranthakam.

22. Why are the children in your school/s not attending government/other schools in the local area?

Not applicable/

We have found that after our programs for strengthening the panchayat schools in our villages, more parents have gained improved perception of the quality of education in the local village school and are more happy about sending their children to this school.

23. Do you try to involve the parents of the children in the running of the school (e.g. in setting the syllabus etc.)? Please specify.

One of our strategies is to increase the involvement of parents in the process of their children's education. We provide regular supply of nutrition mixture to all children in our primary schools by bringing the parents to the school; at this time our staff interact with parents to motivate them to address their children's nutritional needs. We also facilitate to organize Parents Teacher's Meetings regularly in all our adopted schools, and motivate parents to discuss and offer solutions to their children's educational needs and for planning additional supportive programs in schools. Our staff interact with parents on a need basis to address any issues that their children are facing.

24. What are your expansion plans for the future (e.g. adding more classes or schools)?

Currently, Kalanjiyam plans to work in a sustained way in the schools that we have already adopted. Our main task is presently to ensure to maintain the 0 drop outs and increase pass percentages all the way up to high school / and higher secondary school. We are ensuring the strengthening of the current project schools, especially Periya Vellikkadu, which is on the verge of becoming a high school; when this becomes a reality this year, we will be able to ensure that 100% of students from nearby villages will complete 10th standard.

In the year 2013 or later, we would explore extending / scaling up the program to to more Panchayat Union School, based on availability of funding.

25. Do you have any suggestions on how Asha can be a positive influence in changing the education scenario in India?

ASHA can continue to support grass root efforts to strengthen education in rural areas of our country. More advocacy efforts are required to motivate and encourage communities to take more interest in their children's educational needs.

26. If possible, please provide us with the contact information of two individuals from your community who can describe the impact of your program.

1	Name	Thiru Vellikkadu V. Elumalai
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	Phone	91 9443991295

2	Name	Thiru Jayachandra Reddyar
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27. Asha for Education requires reports from its projects every six months to continue funding. Please provide the contact information for the person from your group who will be responsible for these reports.

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Part III: Financial Details

Please feel free to attach any information such as annual reports, budgets etc.

28. What sources fund your group's activities at present? List the sources and the current and future funding from each of them. If these funds are meant for a specific part of your group's activities, please describe those restrictions.

Present sources of funding for our projects includes: Tamil Nadu Foundation, Asha for Education, Central NJ and Stanford chapters, Share and Care Foundation for health care services, Other NGOs, Corporates, and Individual donor contributions.

29. Please provide us with details of your projected budget for the next 3 years:

Year(s)	Recurring costs	Fixed costs

30. Salary expenditure details:

	Number	Salary Range
Teachers		
Paid Staff	30	4000 to 6000
Volunteer Staff	About 10	none

31. Please provide details of the fixed costs of your school/s for the next three years.

We are trying to provide running / drinking water sources in some of our project schools this year. We have mobilized some support for this, which would be the main fixed cost in some of the schools.

32. How many of your students pay school fees? Please provide details.

Education is free in the Panchayat Union Schools;

33. What amount are you requesting from Asha, and for what specific purpose?

Items	Amount	One time / Annual
Honorarium for Yoga Master to provide yoga classes for students in the adopted schools - inclusive of salary, food and transportation expenses.	Rs 5000 per month	Rs. 55,000 for 11 months
Honorarium for Drawing master to provide instruction in drawing for students in adopted schools- inclusive of salary, food and transportation expenses.	Rs 5000 per month	Rs. 55,000 for 11 months
Notebooks and drawing materials such as color pencils etc for yoga/drawing and curricular needs for approximately 220 students	Rs. 70 per student	Rs. 15,400
Salary for 3 para teachers in the 3 project supported schools and including welfare such as uniforms, transportation allowance and festival incentives.	Rs. 4000 per staff per month	Rs. 144,000 for 3 staff for 12 months
Salary for computer teacher to provide computer instruction to students in adopted schools	Rs. 4000 per staff per month	Rs. 48,000 for 1 staff for 12 months

Speakers for 15 Computers in the 3 project schools which would help the students to be able to use the digital literacy software effectively	Rs. 850 per speaker set	Rs. 12,750 for 15 set of speakers
Development and distribution of interactive educational tool kit for students in project schools (partial support requested)	Rs. 250/ child	Rs 55,000 for 220 children
After school tuition program for 3 schools (stipend for tuition teacher) for 12 months	Rs. 1000 per school per month	Rs. 36,000 for three tuition program
Diesel cost for free van service of children to Periya Vellikkadu School for 11 months	Rs. 7000 per month	Rs. 77,000 for 11 months
Mats for yoga Class	Rs. 50 / students	Rs. 11,000 for 220 students
Total cost/ funds requested for year 2		Rs. 509,150.00
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