

# Asha for Education™

## Project Proposal Submission Form

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**Project Name:** Lok Biradari Prakalp (LBP), Hemalkasa

**Project URL (on [ashanet.org](http://www.ashanet.org)):** <http://www.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=1134>

**Project Approved budget (on [ashanet.org](http://www.ashanet.org)):** INR 1074000 per year

**Date:**

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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.***  
Lok Biradari Prakalp (LBP) (a project of Maharogi Sewa Samiti, Warora)

2. ***When was the group established?***  
23 December 1973

3. ***Briefly described the motivation for starting this group.***

Main source of inspiration for starting this group was legendary social worker late Baba Amte & his huge work for deprived people for an integrated development of Madia-Gond, the primitive tribal of Bhamragad in Gadchiroli District of Maharashtra, India. Our group is located at deep forest of central India. The area is inhabited by the Madia Gond tribals. Like its geographical situation, it is also physically separated from civilization", and consequently has been out of focus of much of government spending. At the time LBP (Lok Biradari Prakalp - A project of people's brotherhood) was formed, illiteracy in the area was almost total, and medical care was unheard of. Shifting cultivation was the only kind of agriculture the tribals knew. Getting enough food was a constant struggle. Malaria (and lethal "cerebral malaria") was a constant scourge, as was wild animal

attacks. Their sole contact with the outside world was through forest contractors and forest guards who spared no opportunity to exploit them. Such an extremely pathetic condition of tribals motivated the founders to start this group.

4. ***Briefly described the aims of your group.***

Aims and objectives of LBP at large:

- Preservation of the culture of tribal of India.
- Providing primary health care to the people alienated from world.
- Empower the local tribal people with a metaphorical tool called education.
- Providing rescue-cum-orphanage, houses for orphaned babies of wild animals, which is one of its own kind and probably one of the largest one-man collection of wild animals in the country and the world at large.
- Helping in wild life conservation and creating awareness among people for environmental protection.
- Welfare of the most primitive Madia and Gond tribals.

To achieve this goal, our group is working on various fronts, Hospital, Residential School, Vocational Training, Agricultural activities, Informal Court, Bachat Gat etc. - to name a few. Every task is meticulously managed to achieve its well defined goals and targets.

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

No.

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

1. Free Healthcare services (General, OPD and Maternity).
2. Provide rescue-cum-orphanage, houses for orphaned babies of wild animals including Leopards, Cobra, Snakes, Bears and Crocodiles etc.
3. Help in wild life conservation and creating awareness among people for environmental protection.
4. Free Vocational training services (Dairy, Bamboo craft, tailoring, sewing, fabrication, music school etc.)
5. Informal courts
6. Bachat Gat
7. Free Sports coaching in athletics and other indoor games.
8. Training some tribal boys as "Bare Foot Doctors" (provide first-aid and simple treatments in neighboring villages)
9. Training in Farming and Horticulture (for dissemination in neighboring villages)
10. Introduction of special vocational and medical knowledge and service to physically handicapped.

**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**

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Sl No	Name of school	Location	No. of Schools
1	LOK BIRADARI MADHYAMIK ASHRAM SCHOOL	Hemalkasa, Gadchiroli, Maharashtra, India	1

Requesting funds only for: LOK BIRADARI MADHYAMIK ASHRAM SCHOOL

8. **Location of School/s**                      Urban      Rural      Other      Tribal

9. **Specify the type of education provided** (e.g. basic literacy Alphabetical & Numerical along with Skills enhancement and vocational training etc.)

1. Basic academics from 1st to 12th standard following Maharashtra State Board syllabus.
2. Vocational training (Sports training
3. Bamboo craft work, Photo exhibition. Greetings Card, Dairy, Fabrication, Tailoring, Computers, First aid, Farming etc.

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

1. Conventional teaching techniques
2. Demonstrative models
3. Laboratories
4. Outdoor visits

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

Gadchiroli district is the second least populous district of Maharashtra. Its total population is about 10 lacs and literacy rate is around 65%. Around 20-25% of the population is based in the region Bhamragad, where this school is situated. The major obstacles behind lower rate of increase in the literacy level are lack of sincerity of government aided teachers, objection of local terrorist groups and willingness of localities to get educated in well-accepted languages like Marathi, Hindi or English. They mainly speak in Gondi or

Madiya language.

**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.**

Most of the parents are totally illiterate. Their economic condition is very bad and hardly manage to have sufficient food on any day. Farming is the main occupation of few of them but major portion is involved in labor service who don't have their own farm and or other assets. Being illiterate the parents of students are actually not contributing in cultivating the very culture of the state or society. Few of them are even restricted in attempting to do so by local terrorist groups. But situation has started improving a bit on account of hard work by LBP.

Many students are passed out from this school with scintillating marks in last 10 – 15 years. Few of them are currently doing their further education and few of them are now self-employed.

The school has completed 37 years this year. As of today the school boasts of 7 M.B.B.S. doctors several Ayurveda doctors, engineers, advocates, teachers and nurses and others holding respectable jobs. They hail from a community and a generation where clothing and settled farming was unknown.

This year the school concentrated more on teacher training activity in collaboration with the government departments. Two conferences of 70 teachers were held and a further plan of action has been drafted.

**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.)**

The school is residential and most of the students come far from the school. So apart from education, all other necessary requirements of children are also fulfilled in order to retain them and maintain their enthusiasm.

It includes:

- i] Food (3 meals), Breakfast and Milk per day
- ii] Clothing (2 uniform sets per year)
- iii] Bedding (2 bed sheets, 2 Blankets, 1 Mattress per year)
- iv] Soaps (for bathing & washing clothes)
- v] Hair oil, comb
- vi] Stationary (Slate, Pens, Pencils, Slate Pencils)

- vii] Medical aids (regular check up)
- viii] Uniforms per year

14. ***Does your school have :***

Its own building (s) - **Yes** No.  
 Number and type of classroom (e.g. pucca)-

	Yes	No
Toilets	Yes	
Chairs & Tables	Yes	
Drinking water	Yes	
Laboratory	Yes	
Black board	Yes	
Electricity	Yes	
Playground	Yes	
Library	Yes	
Computers	Yes	
Teaching aids (e.g. books/ slates)	Yes	
Toys	Yes	

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

650

16. ***How many staffs are employed at your schools?***

Teachers : 20  
 Other staff : Approx 10

All teachers possess minimum required qualification of B.A. / B.Sc. plus B.Ed. / D.Ed.

17. ***Average distance the children travel to attend your school.***

School is residential.

18. ***How many children have gone through program in the past five years and what are they doing currently? Please tell us about their future education and employment possibilities.***

Every year 40 to 45 students gone through our program. Most of them are doing their Graduations in different cities and in different fields like Arts,

Commerce, Engineering, Veterinary and Bachelor of Education. The 1976 batch produced the tribes' first doctor- Kanna Madavi. In fact, Dr. Digant Amte and Mr. Aniket Amte were schooled here, who are now doctor and engineer respectively. The school has also produced many advocates, teachers, doctors, engineers, policemen and forest guards until now. We are proud to say that that there are six doctors from the Madia tribal community who were groomed at the LBP School. Also from this Lok Biradari School two of Madia Gond children become lawyers more than 250 have become teachers, some former student of this school are working in Police and Forest Department. Some are good farmers and craftsmen.

The achievements for 2013 are as below:

1. 90% students passed the secondary examination (SSC) of Maharashtra state board.
2. 90% students passed the higher secondary examination (HSC) of Maharashtra state board.
3. One got admitted to electrical engineering and one to agricultural engineering in Pune.
4. 12 children took part in state level athletics competitions.

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

Yes. We provide financial support for first 3 clever students every year through our friends/donors from the city.

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.***

Yes. Government of Maharashtra started primary school from 1st to 4th standard in every village with 2 teachers. But it is known that teachers either don't turn up to school (even being get paid regularly) itself or do not take interest in teaching the students in this very remote area of the state. So ultimately the quality of education is very poor and obviously students are losing belief and hope in education.

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

YES. Basically because of regular monitoring of the progress of students at LBP driving the interest of students to give the good results out of the dedicated efforts from LBP and financial support being provided by the ASHA. This has resulted in the fact that now more and more students from surrounding villages are now trying to get the admission to this school. But because of some rules and regulations, LBP is not able to accommodate more than the strength allowed.

Through our financial support LBP is able to achieve good rate of growth in students' admissions and enquiries. LBP is creating awareness about environment by showing educational films, encouraging students to take part in different sports activities, demonstrating scientific/mechanical models. They also provide vocational training in bamboo craft, tailoring, dairy, Fabrication etc. with sole intention to ensure that students passing out of LBP would be able to make their own career with minimal help and also be a good citizen of the nation.

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

The quality of other schools are not up to the mark. Their basic needs in hostel like good food, cloths, uniforms etc. are not satisfied.

These teachers either don't turn up to school (even being get paid regularly by the State Govt.) itself or do not take interest in teaching the students in this very remote area of the state. Some of the teachers were also found having alcohol in school in working hours frequently. So ultimately the quality of education remains very poor and obviously students are losing belief and hope in education.

All these reasons have forced the students not to attend other schools in local area and getting diverted to well-managed LBP's 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.***

No. It is not possible because most of the parents are total illiterate, but they are definitely made aware of the education being imparted to their children.

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

Out of total 650 students benefiting from this school, 400 are boys and 250

are girls. There is no expansion plan as of now but focus is only to improve the quality of education and fill the gaps if any. We may probably think of sponsoring for few laboratory material, learning charts, computer and related stuff, sports equipment etc. but no concrete plan as of now.

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

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

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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.*

Maharashtra state tribal department gives grant for 450 tribal students. (Rs.900/- per student per month for 10 months in a year from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2012).

Sr	Source of fund	Activities	Specific activities
1	Nouvelle Planete, Switzerland	Construction of Buildings	

2	Sir Dorabjee Tata Trust	Hospital, administrative expenses, excluding patient costs like treatment, medicine and food	
3	Indian Welfare Forum, England		
4	Village de Frontiers, France	Sponsoring 15 school children	
5	SPA Education Foundation, Mumbai	Funding for 50 Kindergarten children	
6	Maharashtra Sewa Samiti Organisation, Canada	Construction of hostels for girls and boys	

Apart from above regular individual donations from the visitors and well-wishers helps us to maintain other activities/salaries.

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

Year (s)	Recurring Costs	Fixed costs
2014	10,74,000	NA
2015	10,74,000	NA

**10. Salary expenditure details:**

	Number	Salary range
Teachers	2 (Two)	INR6000/- per teacher
Paid staff	NA	NA
Volunteer staff	NA	NA

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

NA

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

None

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

Items	Amount	One time/ Annual
Running costs for 100 students in LBP's residential school including uniforms, books, material, medical aid, stationery and beddings.	@930/ student/ 10 months	INR9,30,000 per annum
2 Teachers' Salaries	@6,000/month	INR1,44,000 per annum

	for 2 teachers	
<b>Total cost for the year</b>		INR10,74,000 per annum

34. *What is the status of this project in terms of RTE compliance (if the RTE bill applies to this project, please provide further details)*

NA

35. *For what period are the above funds requested?*

January – December 2014