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## Diksha Funding for 2013

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Wed, Feb 27, 2013 at 12:57 AM

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Dear All,

We need to initiate the process of funding this year's proposal of Diksha.  
We had reviewed their proposal in Nov last year for covering the center expenses for year 2013.

The financial details of their proposal were:

Item Description	Monthly(in INR)
Center Co-ordinator cum Instructor Salary	10000
Instructor Salary	5800
Part Time Cleaner	1000
Computer Instructor Salary	6000
Center Rent	5000
Internet	1000
Electricity Charges	1500
Books & Stationary	2000
Miscellaneous	1500
Project Management	5000
Total (Monthly)	38800

Total (Yearly): 465600

# They have already received support from ASHA for salary of Computer Trainer till May 2013.  
So, Total Amount for year 2013: **429600**

The documents for proposal are uploaded on the drive: <https://docs.google.com/open?id=0B8O9RgnAYINcRHJLNHVJeFRsWkE>

under the folder : ASHA Proposal

We discussed their proposal and had few questions related to it. Then, we had a conference call with Diksha in which the questions were discussed. The minutes of conference call are:

The questions about the proposal from our previous meeting :

a. Compare the budget of 2012 and 2013. What are the project management and miscellaneous expenses?  
Instructor salary has changed. (want to comply by minimum wages). Rent and internet expenses has gone up.

b. What has been the dropout rate of students?

- Diksha provides supplementary education. There has been some dropouts over last year.(~20) Overall strength increased- from 70 to 100.

Dropout Reasons - 1. Migrant Labors 2.Children working at home 3. Health issues(high amount of children falling sick and dropping out)

-Diksha can provide the details of the dropout students- some kind of spreadsheets.

Center is not run at school timings, due to RTE act children can go to govt school, they don't want to compete with

Govt School.

-Any society or family pressures?

Not really. Families are very receptive.

c. What has been the progress of children coming to the center - improvement in school grades, test score of subjects in Diksha center, test on computer education ?

- Have an Impact Assessment document. Judge on several parameters- UNICEF parameters of judging a school. More subjective judgement as compared to exam.

Tremendous improvement in performance in last 1 yr, lot of processes implemented from DAV. Laurence's visit helped.

Done at 2 levels- individual tests and give feedback to child. At center level- discussion on how have we performed. class size limited to 25, school space.

Children have improved and doing well in Hindi and Maths. Struggle in English- problem of resources. Improvement in understanding of English.

Overall good in Hindi, not so well in English.

Right now focused in performance in Diksha. Children enrolled in diff classes in school and Diksha- not one-to-one mapping. Earlier focusing NCERT books, now following state govt books. Student's grades are not reflective of their performance- judgement not by numbers, but overall observation.

- Evaluation of children: Placed in group based on their learning levels in each subject- level 1, 2, 3.

- Daily working: Children divided in 3 Groups - Comp, Primary Classes - further subdivided. 2 hr classes for each batch. 4 classes in a day conducted.

Group learning based on proficiency level. Proficiency level decided by teacher verbal assesment.

Giving space to child to express their opinions. In the learning process, child learn about environment, good and bad practices of society, overall impact on child is good.

Plan for next year:

Tablet: Rely on ASHA for volunteer time, have 10 computing devices already. Identify right apps and games on the device for learning.

Tablet introduced 10 months ago to children, they are comfortable using them.

Want to collect and map open source content through HUBZERO. It would be teacher assisted learning for initial years but later maybe independent learning.

Teacher training with Manzil. Collective learning initiatives.

2 success stories of students were shared by Gautam.

Ignite award from Dr Kalam given to 3 or 4 of the children. NIF awards - Diksha coordinated the participation from govt school for NIF.

-Aditya: Help from ASHA to find out the right content for the children. Help in finding out the right content and judging their usability.

Problem of language and accent in Khan Academy, "hamariboli" is a good initiative but not very good. Lectures prepared by Sourabh Maheshwari.

Couple of discussions around what ASHA volunteers can do will help. Set up a separate conference call with Nishant, Aditya, Suman to decide how to work on this.

Suman: Can the Diksha lectures be recorded? Nishant: Can be done possibly using a video camera. Will be helpful for children.

- Separate email chain and call with Nishant, Gautam, Aditya, Suman, Astitva,+(Prasoon, Vinod, Gaurav) for discussion on content generation.

--Miscellaneous and Project Management components:

Miscellaneous - Basically for repairs- problems with water and electricity. Repairs for old laptops, components.

Local Travel during the week.

Take students to trips- Science Center, Botanical Garden, Functions etc. Mobile Expenses.

Project Management- Centers to be independant- KHEL Patna. Gautam to travel between centers, to cover travel costs and travel costs for children.

To cover expenses organization as a whole. One staff members, and Gautam not assigned to any project- Salary for them. Compliance, Accounting, legal costs, communication costs.

d. Will they be use the Smile foundation money for next years expenses?

Cannot be used anything apart from Nutrition. Diksha working with Smile Foundation trying to get salary of one of the instructors being paid by Smile Foundation.

Individual donors source not very stable. Keep applying for various grants at other places.

e. How useful has the money been which we had sent ?

- They were able to start the computer education at KHEL Patna- have got lot of young students to join.

- Students who come to KHEL for primary education have got access to it.

- Private school children coming for computer center and there is synergy between students of different background.

Main advantage: Accesibility and familiry to computers and internet at early age and to teachers as well.

When do you expecting the funds?

Early financial year 2013 would be helpful. Nishant to help with fundraising for Diksha project through donations in US.

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Based on the conference call, we asked the following documents from Diksha:

1. List of dropped out students and reasons.
2. Impact assessment report(based on UNICEF guidelines)
3. Test scores/reports of students for the tests conducted in Diksha.

We had received these documents from them, and they are uploaded on the drive: <https://docs.google.com/open?id=0B8O9RgnAYINcRHJLNHVJeFRsWkE>

under the folder : ASHA Proposal.

Kindly review the proposal and let us decide about the funding amount. They had mentioned that it would be helpful for them to get the funds by early financial year 2013, i.e. next month. Hence, it would be good if we decide in the next 4-5 days. We also have money with us now after the general funds division.

Today, Aarti, Vinod and I were discussing that since we are planning to propose Diksha for WAH this year, we can probably fund their expenses for 6 months now and then send the funds for another 6 months by the end of August. Please share your thoughts on it, if this seems okay or should we think of any other way.

In case there are further questions, kindly post them on this thread so that we can get the answers from Diksha soon.

Regards,  
Gaurav

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Fri, Mar 1, 2013 at 12:09 AM

Hello Everyone,

I think we should definitely fund Diksha again as they have shown very good progress. So my vote is a **Yes** for sending them **2.3 lakhs** for now and submitting this to WAH for this year.

**People start giving your votes** it would be great if we can **finalize something by next week.**

Thanks,  
Aarti

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Fri, Mar 1, 2013 at 12:47 AM

Yes, Diksha has been doing good over the past year and shown good progress in terms of increase in student intake. I too vote YES for sending the said amount and submitting it to WAH.

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Fri, Mar 1, 2013 at 12:58 AM

I also vote "Yes" for disbursing funds for 6 months of their budgeted request. The project partners have shown tremendous progress and the project overall is very innovative (and also inspired the education portal initiative)

In the mean time, we should be able to submit this project and get a final decision on Work-an-Hour for this year.

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Fri, Mar 1, 2013 at 10:17 AM

I vote YES for funding Diksha again. I think they have shown quite some progress since we started funding them. Also, with the e-portal work that we are doing, it'll be great to see it being applied at Diksha in near future.

I think we can fund them for the whole year and submit this project to WAH.

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I vote **YES** for continuing funding for Diksha. I think they have shown quite some progress since we started funding them. Also, with the e-portal work that we are doing, it'll be great to see it being applied at Diksha in near future.

I think we can fund them for the whole year (**Rs. 429600**) and submit this project to WAH.

On Fri, Mar 1, 2013 at 12:58 AM, Vinod Kumar <[vwinodkumar27@gmail.com](mailto:vwinodkumar27@gmail.com)> wrote:

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I vote "YES" for funding Diksha for 2013. Sending them half the total estimated amount now seems to be a better option.

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**tejasvi parupudi** <teja2389@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 1, 2013 at 11:06 AM

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YES, Diksha is doing good work. Especially with e-learning, we need to send them money that they'll use for half an year and then see results and send more after raising.

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**Sumeet Kumar** <sumeet.iitkgp@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 1, 2013 at 11:07 AM

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Its good to see that Diksha is progressing very well. I too agree to fund them for this year. Sending **half** the money will serve the immediate purpose. We can cross-check after 6 months about the disbursement of funds and additional funding needed.

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Fri, Mar 1, 2013 at 11:47 AM

I vote YES as well for funding Diksha for half a year and then monitor their progress as well as submit the proposal to WAH before we send the next installment.

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Suman Debnath

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Fri, Mar 1, 2013 at 12:13 PM

YES!!!

Thanks  
-Aditi

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Fri, Mar 1, 2013 at 12:26 PM

My vote is YES for funding diksha for half a year.

Thanks  
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Fri, Mar 1, 2013 at 1:11 PM

Yes.

Thanks!

Regards,

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YES for half funding now.

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-- With great power comes great responsibility --

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Fri, Mar 1, 2013 at 3:52 PM

Diksha is doing really impressive. We can try out our Education Portal as a pilot project with them. YES.

Regards,

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Fri, Mar 1, 2013 at 5:11 PM

Yes for half the year to begin with...and then we can evaluate later in the year again for the next 6 months.

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Yes from me as well.

Prasoon.

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Thanks all for your votes. I will go ahead and start processing the funds transfer.

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