***Asha for EducationTM***

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| **Date:** 10/4/2019 |
| **Name of the Project: Manchikalalu Organization (A Home for the Needy Children)** |
| **Name of the Organization Running the Project (if different):** |

Was your site visit announced? Yes, it was planned \_X\_\_ No, it was a surprise visit \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, it was planned. But we also had surprise visit done by another volunteer earlier and got good feedback.

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# List the name/s of the village/villages visited

# List the names of schools visited

This is an Orphanage and not school

1. Did you get an opportunity to meet & speak to some of the children enrolled in the school? If yes, please list the names of some of the children/age/class.

Yes,I met 46 kids of different age groups some of them have gone to their homes for holidays. I spent a whole day with them so I got a good chance to interact with them and know better about how they behave, talk and what their diet looks like. I spoke to kids going to school studying in LKG, 4th class , 5th class and college going kids one of whom was pursuing B.tech in Mechanical Engineering.

1. Please detail any important feedback/observation you made when talking to them about their school, education, progress, difficulties etc.

It was a rainy season when I visited and there were viral fevers and Dengue everywhere around in Hyderabad. I was told that most of kids had suffered from dengue as well just few days before my visit and it was not easy to provide all of them the care needed with frequent doctor visits at same time. But inspite of all that I observed that the kids got back normal and were healthy again and upon talking to them they mentioned they were well taken care of. In terms of education they had no complaints, the boys got every opportunity to pursue their interest and Sarath is always encouraging and does to the best of his abilities to provide to their needs. They are all active in extra curricular activities as well taking part in various plays/competetions. The older college kids help out the younger ones in their studies and assignments and it seemed like a healthy environment.

1. If unable to meet the children, please provide a reason why this wasn’t possible.

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1. **PART A: Particulars about the organization and its environment**

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| ***1. What are the different focus areas of the organization? (give a rough estimate of the % of their total effort/funding)***  Community development\_\_\_\_\_% Education \_\_\_100\_\_% Health\_\_\_\_\_100%  Other\_\_\_\_\_% (please specify) |
| ***2. What is the administrative structure of the group (e.g. Board of Directors/Grassroots-based)?***  ***It’s a trust which is mainly owned by Sharat and his family .*** |

***3. Are there any other organizations working in the area providing any one or all of the services provided by the visited organization? (Briefly mention their names and their objectives)***

None that I am aware of

**PART B: The organization and the community it serves**

*(Information to be gathered from parents and children)*

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| 1. ***Approximately how many families live in the area?***   There are more than 1000 houses in that colony |
| ***2. What do the parents do for a living? (Agricultural worker, Daily wage laborer etc.)***  Most of the kids are orphans brought to this place by NGOs and police. Some 3 to 4 kids have terminally ill parents or single parents from very poor backgrounds |
| ***3. At the time of enrolment, does the school ask for the names of both parents?***  Yes\_ No, just the father’s name\_\_ No, just the mother’s name\_\_  Yes, The police provide them with all the details while enrollment. |
| ***4. How often do the teachers meet the parents?***  Parents are not involved |
| ***5. How do the parents participate in the organization's activities? (e.g. by contributing their time, money or labor in the school’s activities etc.)***  Parents are not involved |
| ***6. Are there any Government Schools in the area?*** Yes\_\_ No\_\_ |
| ***7. If yes, how far are the Government Schools from the community?*** |
| ***8. Why did the parents choose this school over the Government School?***  ***NA*** |
| ***9. When you visited, how many children were present in the class?***  ***What is the regular class strength?***  ***Comments***: Kids go to a school close to the organization. There are no classes in the organization. |
| ***10. Do the children seem to enjoy coming to school?*** |

**PART C: Project particulars**

*(Information to be gathered from students and staff)*

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| ***1. What is the mode of teaching in the school? (Check the appropriate choices)***  A. Formal (State Board, Central Board etc.) \_\_ ***till what class?***  B. Non-Formal Education (NFE) \_\_ do the students also attend formal school?\_\_  C. Vocational\_\_  D. Other\_\_. Please specify |
| ***2. If A (Formal), up to what grade(LKG, 5th, 7th etc.) does the school conduct classes?*** |
| ***3. If B (Non-Formal Education) how many of the children also attend formal schools in the area?***  ***If none do, does the project plan this for the future?*** |
| ***4. If Non-Formal Education, does the organization create its own study material (books, games)?*** |
| ***5. If C (Vocational), what do the children do after they finish training?*** |
| ***6. How many staff or volunteers are recruited from the community?***  ***How many of the staff are women?*** |
| ***7. How many teachers have left the school in the past one year, and why?*** |
| ***8. How many new teachers have joined in the past year?*** |
| ***9. Does the organization train the teachers?*** Yes\_\_ No\_\_  ***If yes, how do they provide the training?*** |
| ***10. How much is the staff paid?***  ***Is it on par with the salary paid to the staff in the Government schools?***  Yes\_\_ No\_\_ |

**PART D: Financial resources of the organization**

*(Feedback from the person conducting the site visit)*

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| ***1. Do you think the proposed amounts in the budget are reasonable?*** Yes\_**X**\_ No\_\_ Maybe\_\_ |
| ***2. Are all items covered in the budget?*** Yes\_ \_ No\_X\_ Maybe\_\_  Comments: only school fee and books are mentioned in this budget. A part from this the orphanage incurs expenditure on food, clothes, medicines and rent. They are getting some donations for covering this amount |
| ***3. Is there anything you think should be added or removed from the budget?***  Yes\_\_ No\_X\_  ***If you recommend any changes to the budget, please explain your reasons for this.*** |
| ***4. Did you discuss the proposed changes with the project? If so, please describe their response.*** |

**PART E: Comments**

*Please describe your overall impressions and views of the school*

*(Feel free to attach documents if necessary)*

Having spent a good amount of time in the past and during this visit. I was assured that the kids are taken good care of with the limited resources that they have. Though the house is small to accommodate 50+ kids(a large open patio since it’s a pent house, a living space, kitchen, two rooms and bathrooms) it’s hygienic and well organized with a good neighborhood. Sarath gives special attention and care to children’s physical and mental health if ever special care is needed. He notices and addresses it which I was impressed with. For instance a new kid was joined to the orphanage and he was still not used to the new home and was very introverted and too lean almost like malnutrition. He was given extra attention to make him feel at home, making sure other kids engage him more often, playing with him and sarath’s wife was feeding him to make sure he eats well in the initial days. And based on feedback from other kids there was definitely progress. And I personally interacted with him and he seemed to be comfortable living there. The children seem to emotionally attached to Sarath and family which shows they are loved and cared. And I say this because some of the kids mentioned they talk to Sarath’s son-in-law(daughters husband) living abroad often sometimes without Sarath’s knowing and they even request for what they want chocolates, toys etc. which the kids wouldn’t dare to take lenience unless they are treated well. But at the same time none of the kids expect any luxury and are happy with what they have and feel fortunate to get the opportunities that they do. They were very helpful and well behaved.