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Please attach additional sheets wherever necessary. Thank you for your time and patience.

Name of the organization: DIGAMBARPUR ANGIKAR

Date of establishment 26-07-2000

Location Vill + P.O. Digambarpur, Via Kashinagar, P.S. Dholahat, Block: Patharpratima, District: South 24 Parganas, PIN 743349, West Bengal, India

Description of area The project area is located in Sundarban region at Canning – I & II and Kakdwip blocks of South 24 Parganas district. Canning is the gate way of the Sundarban. In the town there are brothels where CSWs do work for livelihood. The target children of CSWs and surrounding slum children have no access to childhood development. There is none to look after them except mothers and Babu/Mashi. In fact these children are growing in an unhygienic and indiscent environment that ultimately will ruin the future of the children. The CSWs are ill paid due to backward local economy. Their children are not accepted in the public school due to their mother's occupation and social exclusion by the mainstream community. A tiny suburb in the hinterland of South 24-Parganas, Ghutiari Sharif boasts a mazaar or dargah of Pir Ghazi Mubarak Ali Sahab. People from both Muslim and Hindu communities visit the majar to worship the Ghazi baba. There are mixed community villages surrounding the Ghutiary Sharif. There are also commercial sex workers community close to the holy place. People depend on agriculture and migratory labour work in the Kolkata city and its suburbs. At Paschimpara Kakdwip there is another brothel. It is seen that children of CSWs loiter in the streets and market places for begging. Some children engage in labour work. The childhood rights of these children are denied and there is none to extend helping hands for mainstreaming.

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Number of children currently enrolled in the project 90 children

Current Girl/Boy ratio 44:46

Current Teacher/student ratio 1:30

Over all school attendance percentage 96%

Medium of instruction Bengali

Below are some general questions regarding the project. Since your is valuable to us, please make your answers as detailed as possible.

Details on the school curriculum (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

School curriculum:

Bengali

Elementary education with an environment of love and care begins with recognition of letters - Bengali alphabets, pronunciation and use in the form of simple words. Education through story telling, singing songs and rhymes etc;

English

Alphabets (A – Z) are introduced for the sake of recognition of letters and correct pronunciation

Numbers

Learning language and basic numerical lessons through playing using toys and pictures that develops child's ability to recognize and write basic numbers (1 – 20) and count.

General Knowledge:

Developing behavior and character building of children from the very beginning inculcating sense of manners, discipline, honesty, Awareness on School, Family, Cleanliness, Manners, Birds, Animals, Our Helpers, Seasons etc; Education on care of personal hygiene;

Art & Craft

Encouraging children to take part in cultural activities - singing of prayer songs, games and sports, drawing and painting of pictures cover a creative and use of colors,

Long-term goals of the project (mention any changes you foresee)

The long term goals is establishing child rights to education for the children of socially excluded community from pre primary to primary level and their mainstreaming by enhancing higher education facilities in public schools. Thus a group of first generation learners will be empowered with education and influence the community for supporting child education. This will bring a social change among the socially excluded community by inculcating the self respect, developing knowledge and educating their children that ultimately enhance opportunity of social inclusion through education.

Description of current school facilities (building, equipment etc)

There are rented semi permanent school premises in 3 locations at Canning, Ghutiary Sharif and Kakdwip.

There are utensils, pictorials, charts, toys and playing materials and mat for sitting arrangement in each school.

How do you need to improve these facilities?

It is felt that in near future we have to purchase small piece of land for constructing school building with toilets, safe drinking water with aqua guard. Chair for teachers and twin benches will also be required. An almira for each school is also required for keeping register, books, play materials etc.

How do you think the school has improved in the last year?

Neat and hygienic conditions are maintained in the schools.

Attendance of students is good.

Parents participate in the monthly meeting and become vocal and this is a good sign of parent's sensitization towards child education.

Students become habituated to wear neat and clean dress.

Students get interest in attending schools and continue study.

Gradually the students learn lessons.

Tiffin and cooked nutritious mid day meals are served to students during school days.

Doctors visit the schools and provide health check up and nominal medicine.

Health and hygienic status of students has improved.

Children enjoy games and sports after school and don't move to street.

Teachers and Ayas are very sincere to their responsibilities.

Develop a cordial relationship between teachers and students.

We think the school has improved in the last year considering the above factors.

What are the problems you have faced in the last year?

The environment of brothel and slums is not environmentally healthy. So often few children are to suffer from diseases like virus fever, skin disease. In this connection teachers visit the students home after school, meet parents and advise on how to keep clean the living environment.

How would you rate the overall effectiveness of this project over the past year?

We rate 9 out of 10 assessing the overall effectiveness of this project over the past year in terms of education, health and nutritional care, parent's motivation towards child education and care.

How much longer do you foresee requiring Asha funding, and for what purposes?

We foresee that Asha funding is required for at least next five years for educating the target children upto primary level and prepare them for higher education and enroll them in public schools.

Current expenditure details

Expenditure heads	Amount in Rs.
Educational Kits	18000
Food	373450
Health Check up	33000
Hygienic Kits	27000
Mother's Meetings	8485
Recreational	9000
Children's Day	9000
Rent	33000
Teacher Salary	82500
Aaya Salary	66000
Stationery	11510
Uniform	31500

Utensils	15000
Contingencies/mise	16570
Total	734015

Current total income of your project Rs.776250/-

Please give us details on the sources and amounts of funding the project receives

Grant received from Asha for Education San Francisco Chapter Rs.652500/-
Digambarpur Angikar's contributions Rs.123750/- for Food till March 2015

Percentage of funds currently sponsored by Asha. 83%

Is there any other feedback you would like to provide to Asha?

Food cost has been increasing day by day. Presently we are providing Rs.15/- per day per child (Rs.10 from Asha & Rs.5 from DA's contribution). But due to high price escalation it is assumed that an amount of Rs.20 is required per day per child to continue the existing food items (twice tiffin and once cooked food). In fact our children are of age group 3 – 6 years. In this stage they are in need of quality food for their physical growth. So Asha is requested to look into the matter and do the needful for providing additional support for food.

Funds Utilization Report for 1 year from receipt of Asha funds

Amount of grant received from **ASHA FOR EDUCATION** during the period:-

Rs.652500/-

Amount of expenditure incurred during the period : **Rs.610265/-**

**Receipts and Payment Account for the period relating to project funded by Asha
from 1st May 2014 to 31st March 2015**

	Receipts	Amount		Payment	Amount
To,	Opening Balance		By,	Costs (list all items in detail, specially uses of Asha funds)	
	Cash in Hand	Nil		Educational Kits	18000
	Cash at Bank	Nil		Food	249700
	Grant Received from Asha	652500		Health Check up	33000
	Other sources	123750		Hygienic Kits	27000
	DA's contribution for Food			Mother's Meetings	8485
				Recreational	9000
				Children's Day	9000
				Rent	33000
				Teacher Salary	82500
				Aaya Salary	66000
	<u>TOTAL</u>	776250		Stationery	11510
				Uniform	31500
				Utensils	15000
				Contingencies/mise	16570
				Food out of DA's contribution	123750
				<u>TOTAL</u>	734015

Please add any further information as desired