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## Project Proposal Submission Form

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**Project Name: ANGIKAR KISHALAY NIKETAN**

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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.**

DIGAMBARPUR ANGIKAR

**2. When was the group established?**

2000

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

Sundarban region is famous for its remoteness, backwardness and Royal Bengal Tiger. People of these Island live on the mercy of nature. Natural calamities create a lot of miseries of people. As there was no such development initiatives Digambarpur Angikar was established by a group of dedicated social activities of Sundarban region with a view to undertake relief and rehabilitation as well as development initiatives for empowerment of women and children and other vulnerable sections of socio-economically backward SC/ST/OBC/Minority communities. Since inception the organisation has been involved in the rural development and social action programmes for establishing women and child rights, education, health and sanitation, livelihood development and environment conservation in the Sundarban region.

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

The aims of our organization:

- To reach out poorest and underprivileged section of the society for self-reliance.
- To provide ongoing support to the target group people through efficient and readily available management information system.
- To empower marginalized communities, disabled, older persons through social and economic development.
- To offer opportunities of personal growth and development with skill enhancement by providing technical and vocational skill.
- To create a strong awareness among the local people to solve their local problems through ensuring local resource mobilization.
- To emphasis on women and children's empowerment by establishing their rights.
- To stop discriminating factor based on caste, creed, sex, clan and colour.

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

NO. Our organisation is non political and non religious.

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

Targeted Intervention Project among Female Sex Workers at Ghutiary Sharif and Canning; The organization has been running the Targeted Intervention Project for 300 Female Sex Workers at Ghutiary Sharif and Canning. Awareness, counseling, hot spot meetings, motivation for condom use, regular interaction, health care etc are the key components of the project.

The Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi and the West Bengal Social Welfare Board have been continuing its assistance to run 4 crèches under the Rajiv Gandhi National Crèche Scheme. 100 children of 0 – 6 years of working women of BPL/APL/SC/ST/OBC families have been enrolled these crèches at Digambar G.P. The target children are provided with education, supplementary nutritional and emergency medicinal support under the supervision and guidance of expert and trained crèche workers. Education materials play materials etc are used. The crèche centers are maintained in neat and clean environment. Action AID, UK has been continuing its support for the protection and promotion of women rights and child sponsorship programme. 10000 fisher women have been mobilised and 548 children of poor, BPL and fishermen families have been provided with education, emergency health care, awareness on child rights at 41 villages at Patharpratima block and 5 villages at Kakdwip block. As a result the dropout has been checked and the target children benefit immensely.

The European Commission has been providing support for strengthening fisher women collectives. 600 poor women artisans have been provided with skill upgradation training, design development training, marketing support etc under the project AHVY sponsored by the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India. Vermicompost organic farming training have been provided to 4000 women farmers sponsored by the Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India.

Rare books and manuscripts have been preserved in the library sponsored by the Ministry of Culture Government of India.

Rural youth have been providing with vocational skill training facilities to youth on Computer and agro Horticulture sponsored by STVT Government of West Bengal.

**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.**

1. Angikar Kishalaya Niketan, a Primary level education centre for 100 students at Digambarpur, Patharpratima, South 24 Parganas
2. Four Creches for 100 babies at Digambarpur GP, South 24 Parganas
3. Pre primary school for Infants of CSWs at Canning & Ghutiary Sharif and Kakdwip, South 24 Parganas

We have been running a primary level school Angikar Kishalay Niketan for non school going and dropout children at Digambarpur, Patharpratima block in South 24 Parganas district. Fund is requested for Angikar Kishalay Niketan.

**8. Location of school/s**     Urban     Rural     Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

Primary school for non school going drop out and working children of age group 6+ to 14 years in the areas of literacy, numeracy and skills for life, and knowledge in such areas as gender, health, nutrition and peace.

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

The teaching technique is delivery of innovative and attractive education system by arranging four hours teaching as per mainstream requirements. In fact we intended to develop our first generation learner groups healthy, well-nourished and ready to participate and learn. Gradually we attracted the families and communities in assisting the target children in this regard. We also ensured environments healthy, safe, protective and gender-sensitive.

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

Literacy rate among the local community is 48%.

**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 livelihood options in the project area at Patharpratima block are indeed very limited till date. Typically in the delta region rain-fed, single-crop agriculture and fishing are the two main sources of livelihood. Nearly 95 per cent of the population primarily depend on agriculture. About 50 per cent of agriculturists are landless labourers. For the blocks bordering the reserve forest, during agricultural lean season, substantial part of the population depends on forest and river resources. During April - May, some people enter the forests with permits for collection of honey and bee-wax which is partly purchased back by Forest Department. Besides, some households entirely and some partially engage in catching fish and crab in the rivers and creeks. Both of these operations are perceived to involve considerable danger due to tigers in the forest and crocodiles in the rivers. It can be perceived that these people directly depend on the forest as a last resort for their livelihood and are almost always very poor with nil or unsustainable landholding. Income from these occupations is often supplemented by catching "meen", the local term for shrimp seedlings. The spawns of tiger prawn, which are hatched in these saline waters are much in demand by the inland prawn farms and fetch hard cash for the poor. A large section of women and children from poor households catch these tiny prawn seedlings with fine nets, which are then sold to 'bheries' (water bodies for growing fish) to grow in brackish water.

**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.)?**

Nutritious Food, health care supports are provided to the children.

**14. Does your school have:**

Its own building(s):  Yes  No Number 1  
 Number and type of classrooms (e.g. Pukka): 4 pukka class rooms

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

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

Male 35 Female 62 Age Range 6+ to 14

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

Teachers 4 Minimum Qualifications Graduate  
 Other staff 3

**17. Average distance the children travel to attend your school** 0.5 to 3 KM

**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.**

1. Angikar Kishalaya Niketan - 665 (education, mid day meal, school dress, health check up) These children are enrolled in the local public schools for continuing higher education.
2. Creches for babies - 550 (only protection, care and education) Elderly children are enrolled in SSKs
3. Pre Primary School for infants of CSWs - 90 (education protection and care) This year 27 infants are promoted to primary level and enrolled in local public schools. New 27 infants are enrolled in the preprimary school.

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

We help our students to admit in public school for continuing education.

**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.**

Achinta Nagar Mondal Gheri F P School  
Achintanagar J B School  
Banashyam Nagar High School  
Anandadham Balak Brahmachari School

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

Our organization has been running a primary level non formal education centre at Digambarpur in the premises of the organization since 2003. At present the total roll strength of student is 97. Children between age group 6 – 14 years have been enrolled for equipping them with proper schooling by inculcating reading writing numerical counting abilities, life skills, general knowledge, hygienic behaviour, cultural talents and disciplined life. The following activities are going on in the school:

Four hours teaching classes as per mainstream requirements;

Life skill and art craft classes once a week;

Nutritious tiffin for students every school days;

Awareness on personal hygiene, adolescent health care etc.

Monthly monitoring through parent's meeting;

After completion of primary level education of class IV standard in the non formal education centre the passed out students have been enrolled in the nearby public schools. The organization has been providing necessary support for contacting with the school authorities and admission of passed out children.

The teaching techniques are learning through playing, learning in doing, story telling, recitation, songs and dance, artwork etc. Students keep the education centre neat and clean. Parents of the target students share their expectations with the education committee members. So they have gained capacity to assess the progress and put suggestion in the decision-making meetings.

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

We provide quality education and nutritious food to the children in our school. Teachers keep regular contact with all students and observe their progress and consult with parents for care in the home. The passed out students of our school scored good results in public schools. This has created a positive impact on parents and students. Few retired teachers offer their voluntary services for teaching subjects as per requirement.

**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.**

In our all schools there are Mother's Committees who meet together with teachers and take note of progress, problems. These committees take decision in running of schools properly. Even some of them contribute nominal subscription for the school purpose.

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

We have no expansion plan at present.

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

Asha's support for promotion of education will help the poor children of Sundarban Island to mainstream in the civil society.

**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.**

We get fund from government and foreign agencies. These funds are project bound. The list of sources is given below:

Foreign: Action Aid Association, UK; European Commission, Tzedek, UK; Tiger Widows Organisation, Ireland, Water for People, USA, Sakhya, USA, VESI, USA, CASA, Kolkata, GIZ, Germany, Asha for Education, USA

Indian: Ministry of Textile, Govt. of India, West Bengal State AIDS Prevention & Control Society, Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi, Ministry of Textiles. Govt of India, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India, District Sanitation Cell, South 24 Parganas, Paschim Banga Sarva Siksha Mission, Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt of India

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

Year(s)	Recurring costs	Fixed costs
2015-16	Education prog 1029028	1249950 land building furniture for 3 schools
	Women rights 4457,000	
	Fisher women collectives 2577284	
	Water & sanitation 15527,300	
	Pilot improved cookstove 614500	
2016-17	Education prog 1150,000	
	Women rights 3000,000	
	Fisher women collectives 4500,000	
	Water & sanitation 16420,000	
2017-18	Education prog 1200,000	
	Water & sanitation 18000,000	
	Improved cookstove 2500,000	

**30. Salary expenditure details:**

	Number	Salary Range
Teachers	20	Rs.1000/- to 5000/-
Paid Staff	83	Rs.1000 to Rs.25,000/-
Volunteer Staff	24	Rs.1000/-







**San Francisco Chapter**

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- 1. If project is approved for certain cost items and not others, will the project/NGO still be interested in receiving such funds (Yes/No)? Yes**

*Please note that:*

- *Answering “yes” implies that the project (or components of it) will be able to start/operate with the funds you receive from us, even if such funds are less than the total budget. For the remaining amounts, you reserve the right to raise them from other sources and/or not implement the components not funded by Asha SF. You will inform us (via email) as soon as you have information about this, or in the 6-month progress report, whichever comes earlier.*
- *Answering “yes” implies that the project (or components of it) will start on the starting date mentioned by you in Q1 or on the date you receive funds from us, whichever is later*
- *If the project cannot be started without the entire budget supported by us, please answer “no” to this question*
- *If you answer “yes”, then while submitting the budget (below) mention every line item’s priority ranking in column E. A ranking of 1 means the most important cost item, 2 means second most important and so forth. If funding is approved only for a certain amount of the budget, it will apply to cost items in order of their ranking*

**Starting Date: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015**

**Ending Date: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

- 2. Has the project/NGO applied to any other nonprofit, organization, corporation, individual etc or any other Asha chapter, for funding of this particular proposal and budget (raised to Asha SF)? If yes, please provide more details.**

**NO**

*Please note that if any other source makes a decision to fund this same proposal/project/NGO (or any part of this proposal) while it is being reviewed by Asha San Francisco, you will inform us immediately.*

- 3. Is this project a new initiative by your NGO/organization (Yes/No)? Yes**

- 4. If answer to Q4 is “No”, then who is currently, and has previously funded this project (entire or parts of)? Please provide reasons why they are not continuing with the funding?**

5. Please replicate your annual budget from “**Form A\_ProposalApplication\_StandardForm(Question 33)**” onto the table below and also provide additional information in columns A, E and F

Note:

Make this budget **ONLY** for the amounts you need from Asha SF. Do not include budget/budget items that are being funded by any other Asha chapter

*Column E* -Mention every line item’s priority ranking. A ranking of 1 means the most important cost item, 2 means second most important and so forth. If funding is approved only for a certain amount of the budget, it will apply to cost items in order of their ranking

*Column F* -As a policy, Asha San Francisco sends annual funds in two equal installments, at an interval of 6 months. If the project demonstrates need for higher or lower funds in any particular 6-month cycle, we may be able to make an exception to the above rule on a case by case basis. Use column F **ONLY** if the line item’s funding is needed in any particular half-year cycle (state “Installment 1” or “Instlment 2”)

**NGO/partner name: DIGAMBARPUR ANGIKAR**

**Project Name (if any): Angikar Kishalay Niketan**

**Total no. of people (children/youth/other) served: 97 children**

**Age/Age Group of people served: 6+ to 14 years**

**Girl/Boy ratio: 35:62**

Column					
A	B	C	D	E	F
S. No.	Item	Amount (Rs)	One Time/ Annual	Ranking	Other comments
1	Educational materials 97 children	38,800	One Time	1	Installment 1
2	Honorarium for 4 teachers	144,000	Annual	2	Installment 1 & 2
3	Salary for 2 cook & Ayas	48,000	Annual	3	Installment 1 & 2
4	Nutritious food for 97 children	349,200	Annual	4	Installment 1 & 2
5	Health check up with medicine	36,000	Annual	5	Installment 1
6	Observance of World Children's Day / Cultural Programme/ Annual sports	15,000	One Time	6	Installment 2

7	Mother's meeting,	9,000	Annual	7	Installment 1
8	Stationery, traveling, center maintenance	12,000	Annual	8	Installment 1
9	Contingencies	18,000	Annual	9	Installment 1
	Total	670,000			
	Organisation's contribution	170,000			
	Grant requested	500,000			