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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 Sunderban region at Patharpratima block of South 24 Parganas district. South 24 Parganas is the southernmost district of West Bengal where the various rivers coming from the North and the West meet the sea after creating numerous estuaries. There are several Islands like Patharpratima, Namkhana, Kakdwip, Sagar blocks thickly populated by fisher community and other vulnerable section. The socio-economic scenario of Sunderban delta is very poor. Most of the people live below the poverty line. They are landless labourers, who do not get work for more than 100 to 125 days a year. The geographical position of Sunderban villages makes it susceptible to natural calamities. Lack of resource utilization techniques, poor utilization of existing resources and primitive agricultural practices are pushing the people to remain on the lowest rung of social ladder. These children are in need of long term care because of abandonment, death of one or both parents or inability of parents to care for them. The target children are especially vulnerable as they are least likely to have family care alternatives and hence require specialized institutional care and treatment including medical, nutritional, and psychological support.

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Number of children currently enrolled in the project 20 girls

Current Girl/Boy ratio 20:0

Current Teacher/student ratio 1:20

Over all school attendance percentage 98%

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)

Under education programme we have been trying to prepare the girls on the following subjects.

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 learning in doing, story telling, singing songs and rhymes etc;

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 inculcating sense of manners, discipline, honesty, Awareness on School, Family, Cleanliness, Manners etc; Education on care of personal hygiene;

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,

Vocational training on Bindi making, beautician, hand embroidery, tailoring.

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

It is intended to provide education that helps the target girls to improve their thinking abilities, mental faculties using audio visual, play materials and other learning inputs in joyful environment under the care of trained care givers and service providers. Our target girls are physically challenged. It has been observed that poverty and lack of social security and medical services tend to cause parents to abandon children with physical disability. Such girl children are also in need of specialized care and services to meet their educational and vocational training needs. Our proposed activities for educating target girls through learning in doing including use of attractive visuals, picture books, posters, educational games for developing oral language, vocabulary and numerical calculations, singing songs and rhymes etc. The vocational training will enhance their self respect and capability of self sufficiency.

Description of current school facilities (building, equipment etc)

Our organisation has been running a special unit for 20 Girls with Special Needs at Digambarpur. Local government has recently sanctioned the support for target girls in need of care and protection. Most of these girls are physically challenged and they require nominal education and vocational training support for their self sufficiency in the long run. The existing government support does not provide any such education and vocational training facilities. So it is felt that only care and protection in the home can not help them to become self sufficient. We have given emphasis on education and vocational training for the target girls. These girls reside in our home and get general diet, accommodation, education and vocational training.

How do you need to improve these facilities?

The target girls suffer from mental disorder, physical disabilities, malnutrition and other health hazards. We have no such arrangement of providing nutritional food in addition to general diet, specialized medical assistance and specialized equipment for them. A trained nurse is also required to look after them. So we need to add these facilities.

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

Girls live in the home of our organization in well furnished rooms with cots, bedding, dress, warm clothes etc.

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

The target girls suffer from mental disorder, physical disabilities, malnutrition and other health hazards. We have no such arrangement of providing nutritional food in addition to general diet, specialized

medical assistance and specialized equipment for them. A trained nurse is also required to look after them. So we face problems in absence of the above facilities.

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, vocational training.

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

We foresee that *Asha* funding is required continue for at least next ten years for educating the girls up to primary level and equip them with vocational skills towards self sufficiency and in good health conditions.

Current expenditure details

We have been running the project from September 2017.

Expenditure details from September 2017 to February 2018

Items	Amount in Rs.
Education material	50000
Salary of a Special Educator	90000
Vocational training equipment and materials	83510
Salary for trainers	60000
Travel stationery contingencies	18560
TOTAL	302070

Current total income of your project Rs.4,86,000/- from *Asha* for Education San Francisco

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

Grant received from *Asha* for Education San Francisco Chapter for Rs.4,86,000/-

Percentage of funds currently sponsored by *Asha*. 100

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

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