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Aarti Home (Vijay Foundation Trust)

Annual Review and Budget for April 2026 - March 2027

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Part 1

Overview

- ❑ Please provide a high-level overview
 - ❑ **Focus area:** Home for girls, English medium School for low- income families, women empowerment
 - ❑ **Geographical area:** Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh.
 - ❑ **NGO inception, history:** Started in 1992 with one abandoned girl and soon became home for many girls. They started Aarti E/M school for Aarti Home children and other underprivileged children. They also have women training programs (Lalitha Coop. Society) and advocacy programs.
 - ❑ **Asha engagement start:** Asha Seattle is supporting since 2016

Asha SF supported the project 2014 -2016

Project page: [Project Details | Asha for Education](#)

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Mission and Vision

- ❑ **Mission of the Project Partner:** Empowering girls to become self-sufficient.
- ❑ Actively campaigning against the abhorrent practices of female feticide and infanticide.
- ❑ Upholding the intrinsic value of every girl child and woman.
- ❑ Providing women with the power of education and enabling them to confidently express themselves.
- ❑ **Vision over the next 5 years:** A society with a changed mindset regarding girls and women who, being aware of their rights, are celebrated, cared for and educated, and independently make informed choices.

Strengths

- ❑ Please provide a summary of the strengths of the organization
 - ❑ Aarti Home provided home to over 6439 children since 1992. VFT has supported over 3000 children with Family based care since 2017. Aarti School provides free/ low-cost education to over 600 children every year since 2007. VFT has trained over 68,500 women with employability skills since 2001. VFT has reached over 25,000 women through Manabidda and Abhaya projects to advocate against gender- based feticide and right to education. VFT has reached over 56,000 young adults in colleges to educate about their rights through Abhaya project.
 - ❑ **Fundraising:** Apart from Asha For Education VFT has been supported by various organizations like AID Boston, Eclerx, European Union/ commission, Dataflix, Feeding India, Ajeem Premji Foundation for various initiatives.
 - ❑ **Team:** President, Founder - Sandhya Puchalapalli
 - ❑ Secretary- Mrs. Durga Chowdary, B.A., B.L
 - ❑ Joint Secretary- Dr. P. Bali Reddy, M.D.
 - ❑ Treasurer- Jayesh Ranjan IAS
 - ❑ CFO- Rajeev Vartak B. Com., ACMA, CPA (USA)

Weaknesses

- Please provide a summary of the weaknesses/challenges of the organization

Aarti school provides high quality education to students at free/ low-cost. However, it is difficult to pay competitive salaries to get quality teachers and to retain them.

Difficulties in motivating some working-class parents to continue education to their children.

- Please update on how they plan to improve
- Providing trainings to teachers in pedagogy and innovative methods
- Conducting home visits to students with difficulties in attendance.
- Providing uniforms, books and other study materials to encourage the students to continue.

Project Updates

- ❑ **School/ project partner updates for the entire school year:**
- ❑ Aarti village spread in 2.5 acres with 9 blocks and kitchen/dining etc. Aarti Home currently has 132 girls. This includes 20 highly performing girls from rural areas who are given residential facilities at Aarti Home under “Aarti Cares “ program. They are also sent to local colleges to complete their Intermediate(10+2) education.
- ❑ Aarti school is located in Kadapa town, about 10 km from Aarti village. There are 613 students at Aarti school during 2025-26 academic year. There are 27 teaching and 13 non-teaching staff.
- ❑ Please provide link to photos and documents (newsletters, annual reports)
- ❑ Annual Report 2025-26 <https://admin.ashanet.org/document/project/1188/edit?25210>

Site Visit Compliance

- ❑ **Site visit:**
- ❑ In person site visit is done by Sree Geetha Dandapanthula (Steward) on July 14 th and 15th 2025.
- ❑ Link to site visit report : [1188_AartiHomeSitevisit2025.pdf](#)

Beneficiaries

- ❑ Student list
- ❑ Total of 613 students (Girls- 322 , Boys- 291) (Girls- 322 , Boys- 291)
- ❑ **Well-being:**
 - ❑ Girls at Aarti Home are provided with healthy and nutritious breakfast, lunch, snacks and dinner. A regular schedule for meals is maintained. The kitchen and dining place are maintained with hygiene. They grow seasonal vegetables in the kitchen garden that uses the water from rain harvest. Kitchen waste is composted and used in the garden. Bio chulhas are used to save on the gas.
 - ❑ All students in Aarti school are provided nutritious lunch in 3 batches. Students pray before lunch and eat very neatly. The teachers and staff also eat along with students.
 - ❑ All Aarti students are provided with health checkups. Few children were also supported with surgery and other procedures as needed.
 - ❑ Aarti Home children are supported for higher education and marriage.

Staff

- ❑ Staff List with Payroll as appropriate
 - ❑ There are 27 teachers and 15 non-teaching staff at Aarti school.
- ❑ **Staff Trainings:** Trainings are provided to all preprimary, primary and high school teachers regularly.
- ❑ Compensation
 - ❑ Salaries are paid monthly through the bank. All payments are paperless.

Funds Utilization

- ❑ **Funds utilization:**
- ❑ INR 33,20,000 was disbursed to support teachers' salaries for April 2025- March 2026. It was completely utilized.
- ❑ INR 5,34,000 was disbursed as one-time funds in Sept 2025 for setting up a printing shop. The amount was completely utilized, and the print shop is functioning effectively.
- ❑ **Funds utilization certificate:** [Aarti Home 2025-26 audit utilization report](#)
- ❑ **Latest available audit report**
<https://admin.ashanet.org/document/project/1188/edit?25213>



Part 2

FCRA Compliance

- Is their FCRA valid ?
- Yes, March 31, 2027

- Please check that
 - All required approved registration forms - FCRA, 80G, 12A, etc. with Asha-wide Treasury
 - No internal routing from one organization to another - part of Asha Project Reviews
 - Cashless or restricted to less than INR 2000/ day - part of metrics form
 - Funds utilization of FCRA - part of Asha Project Reviews

Fundraising Model

❑ Diversified sources of funding ?

- ❑ Apart from Asha For Education VFT has been supported by various organizations like AID Boston, Eclerx, European Union/ commission, Dataflix, Feeding India, Ajeem Premji Foundation for various initiatives.
- ❑ **Crowdfunding:** Aarti for girls runs campaigns during giving month etc and raises funds.
- ❑ **Do they have a website ?** [Home | AartiforGirls – India](#)
[Aarti Home Facebook](#)
Instagram: Aartiforgirls
The stories of Aarti girls and women: [Voices of Aarti](#)
- ❑ **Give India/ Ketto campaigns ?** Give India campaign
- ❑ **Distributed and variable donation amounts ?** Yes, various funding partners support various initiatives.

Financial Health

WCR ?

- Do they have a corpus fund ?** Yes, INR 1,59,30,018
- Income over Expenditure ? Provided in audit report
- Liquid reserves in cash, deposits, mutual funds and other equivalents ? Yes

% OPEX ?

- 19%
- Aarti school expenses- INR 1,69,67,736 and Asha supported INR 33,20,000 for recurring expenses

Budget Overview

Budget for 2025-26 vs. 2026-27

2024-25- Aarti School teachers' salaries INR 91,53,638 and
Non-teaching staff salaries INR 28,84,234 (Audited)

2025-26 – Teachers' salaries 96,72,000 and non-teaching staff salaries- INR 30,84,000

2026-27- (Proposed) Teachers' salaries INR 99,57,600 and Non-teaching staff salaries- INR 21,57,120

Funds utilization in line with budget proposal for previous year? Yes

Operating expenses comparison in-line ?

Are the salary increases in-line ? Yes

Usually 10% increments- Yes

If scaling rapidly, how do they plan to absorb higher operating expenses ? No

Budget Proposal

- Please link to actual budget with line-items of support for Asha and Asha Chapter consideration

<https://admin.ashanet.org/document/project/1188/edit?25214>

In 2025-26 Total of **INR 33,20,000** was disbursed to support teacher's salaries and other operating expenses. This includes **INR 13,20,000** from Asha Seattle and **INR 20,00,000** from Sra Foundation.

INR 5,34,000 was disbursed in September 2025 as one-time funds for purchasing necessary equipment and setting up printing shop.

Budget request for 2026-27- **INR 50,00,000**

Sources of Funding

- Where would the funds for the planned support come from ?
- Please check with Chapter Projects Coordinator and Chapter Treasurer on the allocation
 - Chapter General Funds - Yes**
 - Project Specific Funds -
 - One-time Funds -

Chapter Vote

- All in favour of funding INR 13,20,000 to support teachers' salaries and cover operating expenses for the period of April 2026 to March 2027

Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstain: 0



Anita Sra

to me, Prema, Sudhakar ▾

Hi Geetha,

I was not able to join the meeting yesterday, but thank you for providing the update and materials. We can contribute US\$10,000 to the budget for Aarti this year. As I mentioned last year, we are phasing down grants so this will be our final contribution. Please let me know when you are ready to fund and I'll submit the grant request to transfer the funds.

Kind regards,

Anita



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- All in favour of funding INR 9,40,000 to support teachers' salaries and cover operating expenses for the period of April 2026 to March 2027(This is donor supported component and may not be supported next year. Project partner will be informed the same)

Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstain: 1

[2026-05-03 Asha Seattle Chapter Meeting Notes](#)

- Total approved amount is **INR 22,60,000** towards teachers' salary and for d covering operating expenses April 2026 to March 2027

Chapter Checklist

| | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | Year 7 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Budget and Proposal | Y | | | | | | |
| Audit Report | Y | | | | | | |
| Financial Analysis | Y | | | | | | |
| Funding Partners | Y | | | | | | |
| Audit Utilization Report | Y | | | | | | |
| Corpus Fund Initiatives | Y | | | | | | |
| Quarterly Reports | Y | | | | | | |
| Site Visits | Y | | | | | | |
| Beneficiaries List | Y | | | | | | |
| FCRA Validity | Y | | | | | | |
| % OPEX | 50 | | | | | | |
| WCR | 1.0 | | | | | | |

Links to Documents

- ❑ Annual Review and Budget Proposal ([Aarti Home\(VFT\) Budget 2026-27](#))
- ❑ Site Visit Report ([Aarti Home sitevisit July2025](#))
- ❑ Staff and Student List (Confidential, Asha Chapter restricted wiki)
- ❑ Audit Utilization Report ([Aarti Home audit utilization 2025](#))
- ❑ Audit Report ([VFT Audit report 2024-25](#))
- ❑ Annual Reports/Newsletters ([Aarti Newsletter 2025-26](#))
- ❑ Photos/Videos on SmugMug (Project album under Asha Chapter)

Summary

- ❑ Please summarize your inputs on overall stewarding experience with project partner

Vijay Foundation Trust not only provides shelter and education to children, but they contribute to the community through many other initiatives like women employment, educating teenagers about the rights, educating the slum children with centers at the locations, educating the rural communities to end gender-based abortions and child abandonment. I believe they are doing phenomenal work.

- ❑ What is the focus for the year ?

To look for partnerships from other NPO's and supporting the students perusing education after 12th

- ❑ What do we need to do to help them achieve their goals ?

Consider to support larger part of the school fees so they can continue to extend their work with other initiatives as well.

Questions? Feel free to ask





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