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Site Visit Questionnaire

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Dear Volunteer

Thanks for conducting this site visit.

The following set of questions is only a suggested guideline. Some of the following questions may not be relevant or applicable to the particular project you are visiting, but please do try to answer as many of them as possible. Please note that Part sB & C necessitate that the information be gathered through conversations with the children and their parents, and not simply the group's teachers and staff.

Please feel free to attach any documents/photos you feel are pertinent to the project.

Thanks.

- Asha for Education

Date: Apr. 25, 14

Name of the Project: Science & Computer Labs for Aarti School

Name of the Organisation Running the Project (if different): VIJAY FOUNDATION TRUST (ASSN)

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

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PART A: Particulars about the organization and its environment

1. What are the different focus areas of the organization? (give a rough estimate of the % of their total effort/funding)

Community development 70% Education 100% Health 50%
Other ___% (please specify) _____

2. What is the administrative structure of the group (e.g. Board of Directors/Grassroots-based)?

Administrative staff, teachers and volunteers.

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)

Organization	Objectives of the organization

PART B: The organization and the community it serves

(Information to be gathered from parents and children)

1. Approximately how many families live in the area? 10000

2. What do the parents do for a living? (Agricultural worker, Daily wage laborer etc.)

Abandoned kids, Daily labourers, construction workers, street vendors and petty business.

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

4. How often do the teachers meet the parents?

3 times/year

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.)

Contribute the time and labor in the school's activity.

6. Are there any Government Schools in the area? Yes No

7. If yes, how far are the Government Schools from the community? 2-3 km

8. Why did the parents choose this school over the Government School?

In government schools children do not get individual attention and care.

9. When you visited, how many children were present in the class? 300

What is the regular class strength? Mostly yes

Comments: It was over crowded mostly, they opened another facility to accommodate more.

10. Do the children seem to enjoy coming to school?

Yes

PART C: Project particulars

(Information to be gathered from students and staff)

1. What is the mode of teaching in the school? (Check the appropriate choices)

- A. Formal (State Board, Central Board etc.) **till what class?** 12
 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?

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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?*

Gain employment in private sector.

6. *How many staff or volunteers are recruited from the community? 23*

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? Rs. 5000 to 12000*

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)

1. *Do you think the proposed amounts in the budget are reasonable?* Yes No Maybe

2. *Are all items covered in the budget?* Yes No Maybe

Comments:

3. *Is there anything you think should be added or removed from the budget?*

Yes No

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

(Feel free to attach documents if necessary)

Addendum – Aarti Home Site Visit
Comments by Asha SF Project Steward

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Mr. Gurunathudu completed the site visit for Aarti home (Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh). The Director of the school, Bhagya, the teachers, students and other staff were present during the site visit. **The site visitor informed me that Aarti home was a legitimate, well-managed educational institution for underprivileged and orphaned kids. He also informed me that Aarti home was very much in need of funding from other sources to run the school and he pledged to donate every month for Aarti home.**

I found an interesting article by BBC “Harsh reality of India’s unwanted girls (22nd October, 2007) and a video “India’s missing girls” which focused on Aarti home in Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh.

The screenshot shows a BBC News article from 'thisworld'. The article is titled 'Harsh reality of India's unwanted girls' by Ashok Prasad, Producer, This World: India's Missing Girls. The main text discusses a shocking discovery in southern India, where a newborn baby was found wrapped in a cloth and buried deep in the ground. The article quotes a parent who says, 'Parents worry about finding the money to pay the wedding dowries of daughters'. The article also mentions that the baby was rushed to a local hospital and that the girl's grandfather had confessed to an attempted murder. A sidebar on the right contains 'SPECIALS' (Child Slavery, Living Positive, Coming of Age, One Day of War), a search bar, and 'SEE ALSO' links. At the bottom, there are 'MOST POPULAR STORIES NOW' buttons for 'MOST SHARED' and 'MOST READ'.

BBC NEWS Last Updated: Monday, 22 October 2007, 11:41 GMT 12:41 UK
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Harsh reality of India's unwanted girls
By Ashok Prasad
Producer, This World: India's Missing Girls

Earlier this year in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, farmer Ram Kumar made a shocking discovery.

Sticking out of the earth was a tiny human hand.

Barely audible, were the cries of a newborn baby.

"There was a girl wrapped in a cloth and buried deep in the ground," said Ram Kumar.

"The baby should not have been alive but somehow it was."

The two-day old baby was rushed to a local hospital to recover from her ordeal. Her grandfather meanwhile confessed to the girl's attempted murder.

With seven daughters to provide for, he claimed he could not afford the burden and expense of having yet another girl in the household.

Parents worry about finding the money to pay the wedding dowries of daughters
Sandhya Reddy, Aarti Children's Home

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Their website (<http://www.aartiforgirls.org/Friends of Aarti.html>) and Facebook page gives us with latest information about their progress, funding partners, other useful information with pictures.

I strongly believe that Aarti home is greatly in need of funding and Asha SF's partnership with Aarti home will help educate the underprivileged and orphaned children.

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Non-Profit Organization
VFT Aarti Home is an NGO working to stop the cycle of female abandonment, mistreatment, and infanticide in India and beyond.

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Highlights

 **Aarti Home** shared Global Women's Leadership Network GWLN's photo.
February 28

GWLN 2008 graduate and the 2012 Leader of Impact Award recipient, Sandhya Puchalapalli will be speaking at the Women in the Community Conference in Singapore.

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