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Project Proposal, Progress Report and Funds Utilization forms

Abhishek Aggarwal <agg.abhi@gmail.com>   Fri, Jun 9, 2017 at 11:42 PM
To: Asha-SF Projects <sf.projects@ashanet.org>, Saugaht Foundation <saugaht.palamu@gmail.com>

Thank you and you don't have to apologise.
I completely understand the situation and thank you for being so transparent.

Please see if something can be done on the community land. Given that you are co strained by space for expanding school, think about looking for a proper place for school perhaps something that can be hired for rent. Not urgent but maybe for next year.

Thank you
Abhishek

On Fri, Jun 9, 2017 at 7:55 AM Saugaht Foundation <saugaht.palamu@gmail.com> wrote:

> Dear Mr Aggarwal ,
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> I am extremely sorry as I forgot to mention anything about the toilet issue.
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> You are aware that our school is located in a forested tribal village where the little children are habituated to go to the backyard, behind the bushes to respond to nature's call. It is a normal practice here especially for little children. However our teachers manage to use the toilet of a neighbouring house.
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> In fact we don't have any scope to build up any toilet for our school because the owner of the house has given us two rooms only to run the school. But we don't have any land where we can construct a toilet. However, we have an option to apply to the government to build up a toilet under SBM (Swachh Bharat Mission) Scheme, on the vacant community land, adjacent to our school. We have already started discussion on this matter with the local Panchayat leaders.
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> Hope you can understand that we don't have any provision to construct any toilet with Asha support.
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> Kind regards
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> Jitendra Kumar Pandey.
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> Saugaht Foundation.
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> On Fri, Jun 9, 2017 at 10:13 AM, Abhishek Aggarwal <agg.abhi@gmail.com> wrote:
>> Dear Mr. Pandey
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>> I had also asked what is the toilet situation of the school? Since there are no toilets, how do kids manage? Would it be possible to build / make available toilets for kids and staff?
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>> On Mon, Jun 5, 2017 at 10:05 AM, Abhishek Aggarwal <agg.abhi@gmail.com> wrote:
>>> Shishira - adding you for direct context.
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>>> On Sat, Jun 3, 2017 at 6:12 PM, Saugaht Foundation <saugaht.palamu@gmail.com> wrote:
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>>>> Dear Mr Aggarwal ,
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>>>> Thanks for your mail. I am happy to know that ASHA group is supportive to approve our project funds for this year also. We have been bit apprehensive that ASHA might discontinue and that's why we kept the same budget like previous year. But frankly speaking, it is a very tight budget. Anyway, given below our views about your advice point wise serially:-

▪ Reduce the # of school opened days to 250. There was a recommendation to have summer vacation of 2 months during peak summer. Is this something that you think will be good for school? If there are concerns, do let me know.

This is justified to keep the school closed during peak summer. As per request of the majority parents we have already closed our school in this summer from last 22nd May for three weeks. Our school will reopen on 12th June.2017. However we have an issue. There are some parents, who are very poor, basically prefer to send their children daily to our school for food don't bother much about summer heat. But some parents are in favour of summer holidays. Considering this opinion difference we have taken a decision for 3 weeks summer vacation in this year . In the next summer we will go for 30 days summer vacation. So we propose for 270 school opened days for the next year.

▪ Increase the salary of teacher from Rs.3000 to Rs.3500

Yes we accept this advice.

▪ Increase salary of cook from Rs.1750 to Rs.2250

Yes we accept this advice.

▪ Spend some budget on teacher training and teaching aids.

Teacher Training: - Yes we accept this advice also . It will be good for them. But we have only two teachers to give training. Organising training workshop for only two teachers won't be cost effective. So, we will arrange their training through exposer visits to few Nursery / KG schools in Daltonganj / Garwha towns. We are adding provision of some money in our budget for such training of two teachers.

Teaching Aids: - We have already budgeted Rs2000/- per class yearly for some teaching materials like pictures of various items, toys, chalk, duster, roll call register etc. But it is really a meagre amount. We will also procure some more teaching-aids like models, chart papers, gaming items for rudimentary learning etc. We are adding some more budget to it.

▪ Take steps to improve parents' participation in the program.

We always try to improve parents' participation in the program. We have a provision for conducting elementary education for the parents. We also conduct parents-teachers monthly meeting regularly. Our teachers repeatedly motivate them to take part in our project activity. However our experience is that few parents are very enthusiastic to attend adult education classes but rest are not. Only few parents are interested to join the parents'-teachers' monthly meeting. Their attendance in the monthly meeting is gradually decreasing.

Now from our experience we have realised that it is difficult to improve tribal pro-poor parents' participation in the program unless we can provide them with some sorts of instant benefit. We feel that most effective strategy to improve those parents' participation in the program is to provide them with some refreshment/food during monthly meeting. It is expected that with this strategy, we will get participation of 60-70 parents once a month where we will get scope to discuss various programmatic aspects to achieve our project objectives. We suppose that while we provide food in this monthly gathering, some children (30-40) will naturally accompany their parents. In view of that we are making provision of expenditure for refreshment / food for 100 heads in our budget.

We are giving a revised budget accordingly:-

S.No	Expenditure Heads	Amount (Rs)

1.	Some teaching materials like pictures of various items, toys, teaching-aids like models, chart papers, gaming items for rudimentary learning , chalk, duster, roll call register etc. for 2 units of the school for one year @ Rs. 5000 per unit (5000 x2=10000)	10,000
2	Cost for educational kits including bag, pencil, writing slate, exercise book, etc. for all the 50 students for one year @ Rs 400/- per student on an average (400 x 50)	20,000
3.	Cost for two sets of school dresses (Rs250x2) with one pair of shoes & two pair of socks(Rs150) (given once in a year) for all the50 students for this year @ Rs. 650- per head (650 x 50)	32,500
4.	Monthly cost to supply daily use items like toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, hair-oil, comb, detergent powder etc. to maintain hygienic way of living for all the50 students for one year @ Rs.60 per month per student (60X12X50)	36,000
5.	Cost for replacing old earthen pitchers and metal drums for storage of drinking water and cost of other essential items for the kitchen for one year Rs. (2000 +1000)	3,000
6.	Cost for nutritional support (dry food packets(@Rs 6) in the morning and cooked meal (@Rs 9) in the afternoon will be given to each student daily) for 50 student for 270 schooldays in this year.@ Rs. (6+9= 15) per day per student (15X 270 x 50)	2,02,500
7.	Cost for monthly salary for 2 teachers cum social animators of the project for one year @Rs3500/- per head per month (3500 x 12 x 2)	84,000
8	Arranging training for our two teachers along with the project supervisor through exposer visits to few Nursery / KG schools in Daltonganj / Garwha towns. Cost includes travel and two nights hotel stay and food for 3 heads in Daltonganj (Rs5000/-) and in Garwha (Rs5000/-)= (5000 +5000)=Rs10,000/-	10,000
9.	Cost for monthly salary of one project staff for cooking food and other required jobs for one year@ Rs2250/- per month (2250 x 12)	27,000
10.	Cost for monthly salary of one project supervisor for one year @Rs3500 per month (3500 x12)	42,000
11.	Cost for weekly travelling and refreshment for the project supervisor for one year @ Rs 250 / visit (250x4x12)	12,000
12.	Cost for monthly salary of the doctor for weekly health checkup of all the students under this project (excluding medicine cost) @ Rs. 3000/- per month including conveyance for one year (3000 x 12)	36,000
13.	Cost for medicine for all the students 'as an when required' for one year @ Rs.1000/- per month on an average (1000 x 12)	12,000
14.	Cost for salary of one part time accountant for one year @ Rs. 750/- per month (750 x 12)	9,000
15.	Cost of conducting elementary education for 50 adult members /parents of this clan for one year @ Rs 250 per head on average covering various miscellaneous exp. for adult education (250X50)	12,500
16	Cost of providing refreshment/food during monthly parents'-teachers' meeting for 100 heads (participating 60-70parents including some 30-40 accompanying children) to improve parents'	30,000

	participation in the program. .. @ Rs25/- per head for 100 heads for 12 months (25X100X12)	
17.	Cost of reporting, printing, office stationeries, photographs, telephone, meeting cost etc @Rs500 per month (500x12)	6,000
18.	Miscellaneous cost for any other minor unforeseen expenditure @250X12	3,000
	Total Funding request for next year = **Rs.**	**5,87,500**

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Additional Project

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Regarding our 'Cybersex' project, we will be waiting eagerly to hear from you.

Thank you very much for your guidance and assistance.

Kind regards

Jitendra Kumar Pandey.

Saugaht Foundation

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 4:34 AM, Abhishek Aggarwal <agg.abhi@gmail.com> wrote:
Dear Mr. Pandey

I am glad to let you know that we recently reviewed the proposal with ASHA group and they are supportive of approving the project funds for this year as well.
They did however ask to implement some of the changes that were recommended during the site visit.

Following are the specific suggestions:

- **Reduce the # of school opened days to 250. There was a recommendation to have summer vacation of 2 months during peak summer. Is this something that you think will be good for school? If there are concerns, do let me know.**
- Increase the salary of teacher from Rs.3000 to Rs.3500
- Increase salary of cook from Rs.1750 to Rs.2250
- Spend some budget on teacher training and teaching aids.
- Take steps to improve parents participation in the program.

Also, there is a strong recommendation to add toilets to the facility that you have. I am not sure if this is something that you can do at the current place. This is something you can perhaps provide a proposal on if this is feasible.

Let me know what you think about above recommendations.

Also, for the other project regarding cybersex education, there are more open questions. I can follow-up separately with you.

Abhishek

On Sat, Apr 22, 2017 at 5:51 AM, Saugaht Foundation <saugaht.palamu@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr Aggarwal,

Hope you have received my previous mail with my answers to your questions. Now I am sending you some photographs taken recently. Please download attachments.

Regarding our additional project concept I have requested Mr SB Das to establish direct contact with you .

Please let me know if you have any other issue .

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Best regards

Jitendra Kumar Pandey.
SAUGAHT FOUNDATION

On Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 8:09 PM, Saugaht Foundation <saugaht.palamu@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr Aggarwal,

Thank you for your mail.

Given below my Answers for your Questions serially,

Q: 1) Are you taking funding from another ASHA chapter (or from some other source) for the two projects specified above? Or for any other projects?

Ans: - No, we are not taking funding from any other ASHA chapter (or from some other source) for the two specified projects submitted to you.

It is mentionable that recently we have won the award for the 'Innovation in Education Contest' organised by Asha Stanford Chapter and have received funds from that Chapter for an innovated project model, going to be implemented in a different district.

Q: 2) You answered tables / chairs as No. But I do see benches for kids in the photos of site visits and also there was a project (one time) for the furniture. Please confirm the present situation.

Ans:- I am extremely sorry to confess that we have done the mistake. We are to confirm you that we do have the Table- Chairs – Benches, which were provided by your Asha San Francisco Chapter. By mistake we have clicked on the 'No' box. Please change it to 'Yes' box. I apologise for this mistake.

Q: 3) Do you keep attendance record of kids? If yes, what was the level of attendance for last year? Attendance for boys vs. girls?

Ans:- Yes, we keep attendance record of kids. In 2014-15 the overall school attendance percentage for the children was 94 % (approx). During 2015-16 the overall school attendance percentage was 95.7 %. Although we haven't separately calculated the attendance percentage for boys and girls, yet the teachers reported that the overall attendance of girls is higher in comparison to the attendance of boys.

Q: 4) Do you give some type of exam at the end of the year before kids graduate from pre-primary? If yes, how many kids passed / failed last year? Boys vs girls?

Ans:- Yes , we take test for selected children at the end of the year before those kids graduate from our pre-primary school . You are aware that we have 50 children within age range of 3 years to 5 years. Those children, who cross 5 years, normally graduate from our pre-primary school for taking admission

in Class I of local primary schools. In the last year out of 50 children we screened 15 such children who had crossed 5 years of age. We specially groomed them up and arranged exams at the end of the year before those kids graduate from pre-primary school. We are happy to tell you that all these 15 children have passed in our school test and have been sent for admission in Class-I in primary section of two government schools. Out of 15 kids xx were girls and xx were boys.

Q: 5) Have kids dropped out of school as well? If yes, how many over the last year?

Ans:- Previously sometimes few poor tribal parents used to migrate seasonally in search of job and consequently their kids remained absent for few weeks . We have a round the year effort to give orientation to the parents to prevent kids dropout. Our overall experience in this respect is very good. During last two years there has not been any dropout of children from our school.

Q: 6) What is the current number of students in the school? Are there more students you are planning to admin?

Ans:- Currently total roll strength is 50 children. We are not planning to admit any more students.

Q: 7) Finally, would love to get some latest photos if you have any available.

Ans:- We have some recent photographs in our collection. Those photographs will be sent to you by 2-3 days.

Thanks and best regards.

Jitendra Kumar Pandey.

Saugaht Foundation.

On Tue, Apr 18, 2017 at 10:04 AM, Abhishek Aggarwal <agg.abhi@gmail.com> wrote:
Few Questions
1) Are you taking funding from another ASHA chapter (or from some other source) for the two projects specified above? Or for any other projects?
2) You answered tables / chairs as **No**. But I do see benches for kids in the photos of site visits and also there was a project (one time) for the furniture. Please confirm the present situation.
3) Do you keep attendance record of kids? If yes, what was the level of attendance for last year? Attendance for boys vs girls?
4) Do you give some type of exam at the end of the year before kids graduate from pre-primary? If yes, how many kids passed / failed last year? Boys vs girls?
5) Have kids dropped out of school as well? If yes, how many over the last year?
6) What is the current number of students in the school? Are there more students you are planning to admin?
7) Finally, would love to get some latest photos if you have any available.

Thank you
Abhishek

On Mon, Feb 20, 2017 at 10:39 PM, Saugaht Foundation <saugaht.palamu@gmail.com> wrote:

SUBMISSION OF PROJECT APPLICATIONS TO ASHA SF FOR 2017.

Dear Mr Aggarwal

This is in reference to your email (dated 8 Feb 2017) along with project application formats and submission guideline given by Ms. Shishira Nagesh.

(i) Regular project application :- Although you are aware that we have already submitted our project proposal to you, yet it was developed on a changed format, that we received from you previously. Since Ms. Shishira Nagesh has given a different format for project application, we feel that we should resubmit our project proposal as per this new format. In order to comply with her guideline we are resubmitting the same project application '**Basic Education for Tribal Children and their illiterate Parents'** in fresh format before the stipulated deadline.

(ii) Additional project application:- Please also note that as per her guideline, we are also submitting an additional project proposal. The additional project is titled - '**Educating adolescent girls of poor urban communities on safe use of internet to combat cybersex'**. This additional project has been designed by an expert social development consultant, Mr.SB Das for our organization . Hope you will appreciate this concept. Although the additional project is given as a full length project, yet we are also attaching an abstract of this project so that you can have a quick perusal of our concept.

All the other required documents had been sent to you earlier. Please do the needful to process our regular project as well as the additional project.

We express our gratitude to you for your kind prolonged assistance and guidance. Please acknowledge the receipt of the above mentioned documents.

Thanking you

Best regards

Yours truly

Jitendra Kumar Pandey.

Saugaht Foundation.

On Wed, Feb 8, 2017 at 11:30 AM, Abhishek Aggarwal <agg.abhi@gmail.com> wrote:
> Dear Mr. Pandey
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> Please find below the forms that need to be filled for 2017 funding. Last date is Feb 28th.
> You can submit more than 1 proposal.
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> I know that you already submitted some materials recently to me. I haven't had a chance to take a look yet, but please let me know if you already sent these.
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> Abhishek
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> Dear Project Stewards,
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> Please submit the attached forms to your project partners seeking 2017 funding. They may submit proposals for more than one project if they are interested. They are due Feb 28, 2016.
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> For those projects where we are still awaiting FCRA renewal certificates, please know that the certifications need to come projects can be discussed as a chapter. Same goes for site visits.
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> Let me know if you have any questions.
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> Regards,
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> Shishira Nagesh
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> Projects Coordinator
> Asha-San Francisco

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