

Funding decision (March 19th, 2014)

Hi all,

Asha Purdue has a new project now! We had a total of 14 votes (11 via poll+ 3 additional during meeting) for the new project proposal SAI Basundhara. All the 14 members voted in favor of voting for the project. For funding amount, 12 members voted for funding \$6,000 while one member voted for \$3,800 and another member wanted more clarification on the funding amount. Based on these votes, **Asha Purdue has decided to fund SAI Basundhara project for one year.** For funding amount, we can convey to SAI Basundhara that we shall be sending \$3,000 in the first installment. The second installment of \$3,000 will be subjective to review by Asha Purdue after 6 months. If there are any more suggestions or comments, please let us know. Aditi/Sashwasat/Suchi, you can convey the funding decision to project partner. Please contact them for further details including:

1. Do they run the school during summer break?
2. Do they need any support or help for health and nutritional needs of children?
3. Have they started the process of hiring new teachers?
4. FCRA and other fund disbursement related details.

Details about project and funding decision:

1. Project page: <https://www.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=1196>
2. Voting members: Aditi Iyer Aditya Josyula Prasoon Romila Pradhan Gaurav Nanda Suchismita Sarangi Meenu Dheeraj Gurugubelli Aarti Chigullapalli Astitva Tripathi Vinod Ashesh Aditi Kesari Sashwasat
3. Yes votes for funding the project: 14
4. Votes for funding \$6000: 12
5. Funding amount approved: \$3000 first installment, \$3000 second installment subjective to progress, teacher appointment
6. Poll decision page: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1A86_NCZ9a81sF756334ufLdNmWke1GElN3ELsDqVS1Y/view_analytics#start=embed

Minutes of Meeting (Mar 11, 2014)

Attendees: Project leads (Aditi Iyer, Sashwat Mishra), Suchi, Gaurav, Prasoon, Astitva, Aditi Kesari, Aditya, Ashesh

Are the extracurricular teachers necessary?

- Yes. Since all the kids are orphans or abandoned, this school is like home and family for them. They came from different backgrounds and may excel or be interested in some activity, more than others. To keep them motivated to study and provide a holistic education, it is essential to include extracurricular activities such as yoga/arts/music/dance. Also, the salary paid to the extra teachers is fairly low and would not affect the budget significantly.

Is the school capable of extending up to class X?

- Currently, their oldest batch of students is in Class VIII (5 kids). They will apply for legal registration to extend up to Class X. Students in higher classes (VIII onwards) will be examined by Matrubhaban (another mainstream school affiliated with Basundhara) school question papers

and evaluated by them. Some teachers from Matrubhaban will provide part-time coaching to these kids.

Note: Currently, due to lack of facilities and funds availability, they are unable to take in students from outside the Basundhara community. We should encourage them to make efforts to get more outside kids, maybe atleast for extra-curriculars which may nto be available in govt schools. This will also help the students mngle better with society.

Budget Review:

The funds requested are for existing teachers as well as new recruits required.

Based on our funds availability, we can afford to promise ~\$6000 for 1 year, subject to periodic progress assessment. This amount should be split into two installments. We should presently fund existing teachers only, since we will need to see salary slips. The project will be reviewed after 3-4 months to assess the progress, and decide if any changes need to be made to the funds disbursal decision.

The members at the meeting decided to approve funding the following for 1 year:

Sl. No.	Staff (Teacher)	Salary p.m. (Rs)	No of Teachers to fund	Total Amt decided to fund (Rs)	No of Teachers Reqd	Total Amt requested (Rs)
1	Senior	4,000	2	8,000	3	12,000
2	Junior	3,500	2	7,000	4	14,000
3	Residential	3,500	2	7,000	2	7,000
4	Yoga	2,000	1	2,000	1	2,000
5	Music	1,500	1	1,500	1	1,500
6	Tabla	450	1	450	1	450
7	Art	1,000	1	1,000	1	1,000
8	Dance	1,000	1	1,000	1	1,000
	Total per annum			335,400		467,400
	Computer	32,600	1	32,600	1	32,600
	TOTAL			368,000		500,000
				~\$6000		

Other action items:

- Contact Internshala (Sashwat)
- Contact Action Aid, Bhubaneswar (Sashwat)
- Teacher training (Prasoon)

- Other needs? Food/basic requirements? Books and other education material? (Suchi to contact them and find out requirements). (Tulika books/Asha library etc.?)
- Dedicate events specifically for fund raising (Girl Rising to start with)
- Contact IWA for support/sponsor a child program (mostly girl children)
- Contact adoptive families in US for fund raising
- Possible to do impact assessment, similar to Diksha?
- Do they have classes during summer vacation?