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SHED

(Society for Health & Educational Development), Assam

Annual Review for April 2025 - March 2026

Budget Proposal for 2026-27

Asha Projects

May 2, 2025



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Part 1

SHED Overview



- Focus area:
 - Runs a school for differently-abled children with boarding facilities, day scholars and vocational training
 - Supported by dedicated team of special education teachers and caregivers
 - Runs number of programs including community outreach, vocational skill development, and partnerships with local organizations like Air Force Family Welfare Association and Don Bosco University
- Geographical Area: Sonapur, Kamrup District, Assam (1 hr drive from Guwahati, Assam)
- NGO inception: Founded in 2007
- Asha engagement:
 - Asha Seattle has supported annual teacher and staff salaries since 2014
 - Provided periodic one-time funding for infrastructure, including pukka classrooms, kitchen and dining facilities, hostels, and a dedicated girls' hostel.
 - <https://ashanet.org/project/?pid=1214>

Mission and Vision

- Mission:
 - Create a safe, supportive learning environment for children with disabilities
 - Foster inclusion through integrated education, promoting interaction and development for all students
- Vision over the next 5 years:
 - Increase the number of girl hostellers by 4 more (preferably paid), growing from 10 to 14 by 2026-2027.
 - Transportation Initiative - Expand enrollment of day scholars (currently 15 regular, 28 occasional) by arranging a dedicated vehicle to transport students from underprivileged families in nearby villages. Actively exploring funding and resources to support this effort.
 - Long term vision to expand reach:
 - Therapy Center in Guwahati – Establish a day therapy center for children with special needs (intellectual disabilities, autism, and hearing impairments) to provide dedicated care and support services.
 - Branch Expansion – Set up an additional daycare center in Lakhimpur, Assam (approximately a 6-hour drive from Guwahati) for children with special needs, modeled after SHED, Sonapur.

Strengths

- Please provide a summary of the strengths of the organization
 - Project delivery
 - Well-managed school operations with a stable student base of ~68 students, including 25 hostellers and 15 regular and 28 occasional day scholars
 - Balanced residential program - 15 boys and 10 girls' hostellers (girl's enrollment grew from 6 to 10 between late 2024 and April 2026 due to addition of new girls' hostel)
 - Strong partnerships with local institutions:
 - Don Bosco University: Regular engagement with 5–6 Psychology interns, followed by Social Work students (3-month cycles).
 - Air Force Family Welfare Association: In-kind donations ; Rotary Club, Guwahati: Food support
 - Fundraising
 - Optional Hostel fees (by those who can afford): 6 hostellers pay INR 8,000/month, 9 hostellers pay INR 2,000-4,000/month and 10 hostellers free
 - Consistent, long-term funding from multiple sources:
 - AFNA: INR 2–2.5 lakh annually (past 10 years)
 - Wahid Saleh & family (Netherlands): INR 1–2 lakh annually (past 10 years)
 - Wakif Isfaque (Belgium): ~INR 0.5 lakh annually (past 3 years)
 - Government of Assam (Social Welfare Dept.): ~INR 1 lakh annually (past 2 years)
 - Team
 - Dedicated and experienced team of special educators, caregivers, and support staff

Weaknesses

- Please provide a summary of the weaknesses of the organization
 - Project delivery
 - Limited funding restricts expansion into key areas such as vocational training, computer education, and increased access to specialized healthcare services (e.g., physiotherapy)
 - Resource constraints also limit the ability to scale the SHED program to additional districts
 - Fundraising
 - Optional hostel fee structure creates revenue uncertainty, with a risk of inconsistent payments from enrolled students
 - Dependence on a small number of local donors and organizations (e.g., Rotary Club, Air Force Family Welfare Association) increases vulnerability
 - Team
 - Need for additional staffing: One more special education/ physiotherapy and dedicated vocational training instructor
- Please update on how they plan to improved
 - Increase the number of paid girl hostellers by 4
 - Continue addressing and improving other identified gaps and shortcomings.

Project Updates

Updates from 2025-2026:

- Girls' hostel strength increased from 6 (Dec 2024) to 8 in 1H 2025, and to 10 by early 2026. With plans to add 4 more girls in 2026-2027.
- Infrastructure Improvements
 - Two boys' bathrooms renovated (INR 1.5 lakh, funded by Wahid Sahel's son, Netherlands)
 - New septic tank for boys' hostel (INR 96,000, funded by Wakif Isfaque, Belgium)
 - 5 desktops donated by Reserve Bank of India, Guwahati
 - Washing machine donated by local donor Mr. Kuntal Boruah
- Events held with partners:
 - Dec 2025: Air Force Family Welfare Association program + kitchen items and furniture donations
 - Nov 2025: Dalmia Cement Foundation donated clothes and attended program at the school
 - Oct 2025: SHED participated in Don Bosco University pre-Diwali event (handicrafts display & sale)
 - Ongoing: Monthly food donations from Rotary Club Guwahati
 - Dec 3 2025: Students participated in World Disability Day arranged by Social Welfare Dept, Gov of Assam
- Student Engagements & Activities
 - Students and staff actively engaged in growing vegetables and flowers through a mini nursery, supporting skill development and sustainability



Community Updates



In December 2025, Air Force Family welfare Association held a program in SHED and donated some essential items

Community Updates



Some Memorable Moments of the Students with Dalmiya Cement Authorities



Handicrafts by Students and Staff

Community Updates

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CELEBRATING MAGH BIHU



STUDENTS OF DON BOSCO UNIVERSITY



Site Visit Compliance

- ❑ Site Visit conducted by Nabanita Majumdar on December 23, 2025
- ❑ Notable highlights:
 - ❑ The new girls' hostel — funded by Asha (via Sra Foundation) has already lifted girls' enrollment from 6 to 10, with capacity to grow to 14; Staffing is stable
 - ❑ The children I met appeared visibly happy, healthy, and well-cared-for, with a structured day and active vocational training
 - ❑ The project is financially disciplined
 - ❑ Inclusive admissions continue — 10 of 25 hostellers pay no fees and 9 pay subsidized rates, with recent free admissions like Neima Begum (6 yrs, hearing impaired, Nagaon) and orphan siblings Ajmul & Shubham;
 - ❑ Strong community partnerships are in place with multiple orgs and persons contributing - Rotary (groceries), IAF Digaru (Christmas outreach), Dalmia Cement (sports kit), Kuntul Baruah (music system + washing machine), AFNA etc.
 - ❑ University tie-ups with Pragjyotishpur and Gauhati for internships and field trips
 - ❑ Vocational training with an expansion in catalogue - students produce handmade items which were displayed during the visit and sold at the Don Bosco University pre-Diwali stall in Oct 2025, giving students a sense of purpose, dignity, and a small income stream. And they are obviously very proud of their creations which they happily gift me on every visit.
 - ❑ The on-site garden and outdoor spaces are actively used - vegetables and seasonal flowers grown on the premises feed into the kitchen and double as a therapeutic, sensory-engagement activity, with students participating alongside caregivers;
 - ❑ Some Success Stories of students who have shown substantial improvement have been highlighted in the Site visit report.



Beneficiaries

- Student Overview
 - Total Students: 68 Students (Hostellers + Day Scholars)
 - Profile: Students with intellectual disabilities, autism, and hearing impairment
 - Hostellers: 25 total (15 paying, 10 non-paying)- 15 Boys and 10 Girls
 - Day Scholars: 43 total - 15 regulars (11 Boys and 4 Girls) and 28 occasional
 - Trends: Dropouts/attrition and incoming students - Boys' hostellers decreased by 2 in 2025; Girls' hostellers rose from 6 to 10 (late 2024 to 2026)
 - Plan for growth
 - Girls Hostellers: Plan to increase by +4 by early 2027; Target total: 14 girls, reaching full capacity of new girls hostel.
 - Day Scholars: working to arrange vehicle to transport students from poor families to and from nearby villages.
- Student Well-being
 - Nutrition : Hostellers receive breakfast, lunch, dinner and 4 tea/snack break daily
 - Social and emotional development
 - Staff actively engage with students in events and activities. Students participate in celebrations such as World Disability Day (Dec 3) and community events like the Christmas program organized by the Air Force.
 - Emotional development is further supported through dance, music, indoor games, and school break trips.
 - Health and hygiene
 - Monthly visit by a doctor
 - Quarterly visit (4x per year) by district hospital team of 3~4 doctors (psychiatrists and psychologists)

Staff

- Staff funded by Asha Seattle: 11
 - 4 Special Educators (2 specialized in mental retardation and 2 speech therapists for the hearing impaired)
 - 1 Office Assistant / Computer Teacher
 - 1 Community Worker / Part-time teacher
 - 4 Caregivers
 - 1 Caregiver & Cook
- Staff funding from local funds: 3
 - 1 Caregiver
 - 1 Part-Time Music teacher (visits weekly)
 - 1 Visiting Doctor (on-call and visits monthly) – transportation costs covered
- Staff Training & Development
 - Teachers: Attend annual government-led special education workshops in Guwahati, Assam
 - Caregivers: Receive annual training in Guwahati
- Compensation & Benefits
 - SHED covers medicines for hostellers who do not pay fees; medicines for staff (as needed)
 - Monthly doctor visits; quarterly visits by a 3–4 doctors from the district hospital
 - No health insurance provided by SHED



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Part 2

FCRA Compliance

- ❑ FCRA Certificate (020780146) valid till 30 September 2028
- ❑ Audit reports (foreign and local funds) for FY24-25 provided by SHED's Auditor
- ❑ Funds utilization of FY24-25 funding cycle provided by SHED's Auditor

Utilization Report (2025-2026)

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Society for Health and Educational Development (SHED)
Moirakuchi, Sonapur, Kamrup (M), Assam

Accounts of "Education & Maintenance of Disabled Children and Person"
SPONSORED BY: ASHA for Education, USA

Receipt & Payment Accounts
For the period of 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Receipts	Amount (INR)	Payments	Amount (INR)
Contribution from ASHA for Education, USA E-Transfer Dt. 25-08-2025	8,94,000.00	Salary & Allowance Paid	8,94,000.00
Total	8,94,000.00	Total	8,94,000.00

DATED: 04.05.2026
PLACE: GUWAHATI



Budget Proposal Summary

Item	2025 - 2026 (INR)	2026 – 2027 (INR)
Teachers and Staff salaries (11 persons) – ASHA Seattle	8,94,000	8,94,000
Teachers and Staff salaries (3 persons + funding gap for 11 persons) – Local Funds	2,50,000	2,80,000
Boarding Expenses	8,00,000	8,50,000
Medical Expenses	70,000	75,000
Electricity and Water Expenses	50,000	55,000
Study Materials	40,000	50,000
Bank Charges	4,000	4,500
Duty Taxes & General Expenses	1,00,000	1,20,000
Total Expenses	22,08,000	23,28,500

Budget Proposal Salaries

Designation	2025 – 2026		
	2025-2026 Monthly Salaries Covered by ASHA	2025-2026 Monthly Salaries Local Funds	Total 2025-2026 Monthly Salaries
Special Ed Teacher (MR & Autism) & School Headmistress	8700	300	9000
Special Education Teacher (MR & Autism)	8500	500	9000
Special Education Teacher(Hearing Impaired)	8500	500	9000
Special Education Teacher(Hearing Impaired)	8500	500	9000
Office Assistant & Computer Teacher	6500	2000	8500
Community Worker & Part Time Teacher	5800	200	6000
Caregiver	6000	1000	7000
Caregiver	6000	1000	7000
Caregiver	5000	2000	7000
Caregiver	5500	500	6000
Caregiver & Cook	5500	1500	7000
TOTAL (Monthly)	74,500	10,000	84,500
TOTAL (Yearly)	INR 8,94,000	INR 1,20,000	INR 10,14,000

SHED Estimated Receipts

Item	2025 - 2026 (INR)	2026 – 2027 (INR)
Asha -Teachers & Staff Salaries	8,94,000	8,94,000
AFNA-Support (Assam Foundation of North America)	2,42,000	2,50,000
Wahid Saleh & Family (Netherlands)	77,300	1,00,0000
Wakif Isfaque (Belgium)	-	50,000
Total Foreign	12,13,300	12,94,000
Hostel fees (6 students * Rs 8,000/mo) + (9 students * Rs 2000-Rs 3000/mo)	7,92,000	8,46,000
Govt of Assam (Social Welfare Dept)	99,000	2,00,000
Local Well wishers/Flower sale	40,000	50,000
Total Local	9,31,000	10,96,000
Total Receipts	21,44,300	23,90,000

Chapter Vote

- ❑ **INR 8 Lakh 94,000 for teachers' salaries and operational expenses for SHED from April 2026 to March 2027**

- ❑ Vote amount, decision and line-items of support for the period from April 2025 to March 2026
 - ❑ Amount is the nearest rounded down 1000s in INR (We cannot disburse higher than budget amount)
- ❑ Please use “... and to cover operating expenses”
 - ❑ 1st disbursement : April 2025 to Sept 2025 - Deadline Sept 15, 2025
 - ❑ 2nd disbursement : Oct 2025 to Mar 2026 - Deadline March 1, 2026
- ❑ Please ensure the chapter meeting minutes and checklist are in sync with the same language
- ❑ Please ensure all the relevant minutes when the projects were discussed are accurate
 - ❑ Please link to all relevant minutes in disbursement checklist under “Notes”



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Thank You
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Audited Receipts and Expenses April 2024-March 2025 and Estimated Receipts and Expenses for April 2025-March 2026

Receipts	Audited Receipts April 2024-March 2025	Estimated Receipts April 2025-March 2026
Recurring Receipts	Rs	Rs
Foreign Funds:		
Asha -Teachers & Staff Salaries	8,94,000	8,94,000
AFNA-Support	2,42,000	2,42,000
Wahid Saleh	22,105	77,300
Local Funds:		
Fees Received	8,69,453	7,92,000
Donations from well wishers & flower sales	88,105	40,000
Yearly grant from Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment		99,000
Total Recurring Receipts	2115663	2144300
Non-Recurring Receipts		
One time funding for Girls Hostel from ASHA	300000	
Donated by Qauther Saleh for Visitor Center	55200	
Bank Interest	4643	
Total Non Recurring Receipts	359843	0
Total receipts:	24,75,506	21,44,300

Expenses	Audited Expenses April 2024- March 2025	Estimated Expenses April 2025-March2026
	Rs	Rs
Salary and wages (Asha funds)	894000	894000
Salary and wages (Local funds)	206000	250000
Boarding Expenses	585744	800000
Medical Expenses	64034	70000
Electricity and Water Expenses	51840	50000
Study Materials	23018	40000
Bank Charges	3868	4000
Duty Taxes & General Expenses	30680	100000
General Expenses	69693	
Total Recurring Expenses	1928877	2208000
Building Construction	2,99,500	
Visitor House	55200	
Total One Time Expenses	354700	
Total Expenses	22,83,577	22,08,000