

Subject: Re: Conference call to review Navjyoti 2017 annual budget

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I talked to our coordinator in India today and got the following additional information that was requested during the two calls -

- Criteria for admission of students for the Navjyoti schools to ensure that resources are being used for the deserved underprivileged kids.

The school admission criteria for the underprivileged kids is done by reviewing the family background from low caste & working class, with low income.

- The number and type of furniture pieces that will be made for Rs 2 lakh in the budget, and the total number of kids that will use it.

The furniture being made is mainly desks and benches. Approximately 67 benches and 67 desks can be made with Rs 2 lakh, including finishing and painting. One set of a bench and a desk accommodates two kids comfortably. Already 67 sets have been made from the Rs 2 lakh funded previously. With these additional 2 lakh funds from this budget we will have a total of 134 sets, which will accommodate a total of 268 kids. This will satisfy all the requirements for Nagepur school.

The remaining information requested during the calls is regarding the crowd funding, and I will send it on a separate email string as and when it becomes available - hopefully next week. I don't think it should hold up the annual budget approval process.

I plan to submit the checklist for the annual budget early next week. I may have to hold for the NYCNJ chapter votes before submitting the checklist. Please let me know if you have any comments or questions.

Thanks, Vikram

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A second conference call was arranged for people who could not attend the first call (dated 7/23/17, see email below), and since we did not have the required 6 Yes votes from the first call.

Following people attended the second call for review of the budget on 7/26/17 (8pm) -

Guneet (Asha Chicago)
Rashmi (Asha Chicago)
Veena (Asha Chicago)
Hema (Asha Chicago)
Vikram (host - Asha Chicago)

As before, I provided a basic introduction of the Navjyoti project, and presented the budget details per the attached spread sheet.

We went through each of the budget items and the reason for the change from last year.

Question was raised if we should include the one time cost for furniture as a crowd funding item instead of in this budget, and we reached the conclusion to leave it in this annual budget since the funds are available and the need is relatively urgent. We also discussed other items that could be good candidates for the crowd funding that are not in this annual budget. I suggested the following items for crowd funding based on previous input from our coordinator in India - Educational artwork for Nagepur school class rooms & Science laboratory equipment. I will provide a more detailed cost estimates of these items, and any other potential candidates for crowd funding after I have discussed further with our coordinator in India.

However, none of the above discussions regarding the crowd funding affects the current proposed annual budget.

This was followed by some questions and answers regarding the budget, and it was then voted on as follows -

Guneet (Asha Chicago) - yes
Rashmi (Asha Chicago) - yes
Veena (Asha Chicago) - yes
Hema (Asha Chicago) - yes

Based on this call voting and the first call voting, we now have total 7 Yes votes from Asha Chicago chapter, and the budget is approved as proposed in the attachment.

I plan to get the following additional information that was requested in this conference call. This additional information requested does not hold up the budget approval, and I plan to proceed with the checklist and remaining approval process.

1. Cost and details for the Nagepur school educational artwork
2. Cost and details for the Science lab equipment
3. The number and type of furniture pieces that will be made for Rs 2 lakh in the budget, and the total number of kids that will use it
4. Potential cost estimate for providing a permanent campus for Harsos school (land, building, etc). Currently they are using the local community center as and when it becomes available. Another option is renting a facility for the immediate need.

I am also sending attached, the following information that was requested in the first call as noted below -

1. Statistics of the NREGA support work
3. Financial Audit for the year 2014-2015 (for Asha India overall)
4. Financial Audit for the year 2015-2016 (for Asha India overall)

I will be sending the remaining information requested in the near future, after discussion with our coordinator in India. Please let me know if you have any other questions or comments.

Thanks, Vikram

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Following people attended this call -

Bhavik (Asha Chicago)
Raksha (Asha Chicago)
Payal (Asha Chicago)
Venus (Asha NYCNJ)
Bhinish (Asha NYCNJ)
Vikram (host - Asha Chicago)

I provided a basic introduction of the Navjyoti project, and presented the budget details per the attached spread sheet.

We went through each of the budget items and the reason for the change from last year.

The total 2017 annual budget for the Navjyoti schools, Kishori Kendras, Kishori summer training, and NAREGA is Rs 21.56 lakh. Half of this is to be funded by Asha Chicago this summer, and remaining half is to be funded by Asha NYCNJ in the late fall (Rs 10.78 lakh each). The total change in budget from last year is an increase of Rs 2.776 lakh.

The main reasons for the increase from last year are -

- Rs 2 lakh for one time funding of the remaining furniture for Nagepur school (half has already been funded and completed)
- Rs 50k for NREGA/RTE travel expenses
- Salary increases

Subsequently there were some questions and answers, followed by voting by Asha Chicago folks. The voting is as follows -

Bhavik (Asha Chicago) - yes
Raksha (Asha Chicago) - yes
Payal (Asha Chicago) - yes

Asha NYCNJ will be voting within the next week or so.

I will plan to have another call to get the remaining votes from Asha Chicago folks that could not attend this call.

I will be getting the following additional information that was requested during the call, but this does not hold up the votes -

1. Statistics of the NREGA support work
2. Criteria for admission of students for the Navjyoti schools to ensure that resources are being used for the deserved underprivileged kids
3. Financial Audit for the year 2014-2015
4. Financial Audit for the year 2015-2016

Please forward this email to others who I might have missed.

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Subject: Conference call to review Navjyoti 2017 annual budget

Please attend the following conference call to review and vote on the Navjyoti 2017 annual budget. The proposed budget spreadsheet is attached.

Date & time: Sunday July 23 @ 12 noon

Conference call # 515 739 1479

Access Code # 969916

Please forward this email to others, who I might have missed.

Thanks, Vikram