Navjyothi (NJSS)

Yearly Update for the year 2022-2023

July 2023
Important Documents for Annual Review

• Yearly Progress Report: TBD
• Latest Site Visit by Akshay Bhole, Asha Boston volunteer (24th Dec 2021): NJSS Site Visit Report - Dec 2021
• Akshay visited again in Feb 2023, but his visit was more focused on Asha Library: Site Visit Report - Feb 2023

• Budget for current year has been provided (will be uploaded to project site)

• Fund Utilization Report for last year is available. Audited Report is not ready yet
  • Will be uploaded to Austin Wiki
Background of Navjyothi (NJSS)

• This project is located in rural areas near the city of Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh

• The area is famous for the Banarasi sari weaving industry. Most of the weavers are illiterate and very poor and most children in the area worked with their families in the local sari weaving industry

• Nandlalji started teaching kids from the neighborhood in 1994 and that is why he is called Nandlal Master or Masterji.

• He first started teaching with an informal teaching center in the evening with four children from Nagepur village. This inspired other youth in the neighboring villages to start teaching children in their villages. This effort over the years ramped up to support 10 such schools – 2 day schools and 8 night schools, without any outside support. These centers have now stopped and children have been integrated into ASV school or government schools nearby

• Three major initiatives are run by Navjyothi – Asha Samajik Vidyalaya, Kishori Kendras and Self-Help Groups with Austin supporting the first two initiatives
Asha Samajik Vidyalaya

- Asha Chicago first started supporting the Asha Samajik Vidyalaya in 1999
- This is a regular day school, and it is located on land that was donated by Nandlalji to Asha Trust
- The school has been registered officially under the Right to Education Act
  - School building with library and computer room
  - Separate toilets for boys and girls
- There were 253 students in the last academic year from LKG to Class 8
- Various School Functions are celebrated like Independence Day, Republic Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Children's Day and other religious & social events
- Children are taught about issues relating to Gender, Human Rights, Child Rights, Domestic Violence & other social issues
ASV School Updates (1)

- School provides education from LKG to Grade 8
- No of students: 242
  - Boys: 128, Girls: 114
- More than 4000 children have completed primary education through this school

- Children from class 5 – 8 attended online classes conducted by CLE Trust (group of people from IIM Bangalore)
ASV School Updates (2)

• Celebrated Independence Day and Republic Day with distribution of sweets to children

• Bal Mela was organized where the children put up cultural performances

• Children went on an educational tour to a fort and falls

• Teacher trainings were provided to teachers on different teaching methods and ideas
Online Classes, PE and Yoga
Republic Day and Independence Day Celebrations
Bal Mela
Education Tour for ASV and Kishori Kendra

Educational tour to Chunar Fort, Sateshgadh and Sidhnath dari Falls
Teacher Training
Kishori Shiksha Kendra

• Kishori Shiksha Kendra or Kishori Sewing Center is a program which targets adolescent girls who have never been to school and some who are recently married
• Provides them with basic education, health camps, training in sewing & embroidery, awareness about their rights and other ways to empower them
• They organize a summer camp for girls where they provide training for computer work, handicrafts, beautician, martial arts, dance, painting, scooter or bike driving.
• NJSS is currently running 18 sewing centers with Asha Austin supporting 10 sewing centers with around ~550 teenage girls attending
Kishori Kendra Updates

- Organized the summer camp 10 May to 10 June 2022
  - Self defense
  - Beautician course
  - Scooter/Bike riding
  - Dance, music, computer and English classes

- Balika Diwas Celebrations was organized at 4 places by combining the girls from the various sewing centers

- Organized trainings on health and menstruation and other issues relevant to adolescent girls and women

- Online training also provided in partnership with CLE Trust on health, menstruation and gender issues

- 7000 Sanitary pads distributed among girls of Kishori Kendra and women of SHGs

- On Dec 16th (Nirbhaya Diw) girls protested against molestation, sexual harassment, female infanticide, child marriage, dowry and participated in a cycle rally and submitted their demands to the SDM of Rajatalab

- Made 25,000 masks to distribute amongst the children of ASV, Kishori Kendra girls, women from SHG and people of the villages
Balika Diwas Celebrations

Online Training organized by CLE Trust
Summer Camp
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दुकानियों के महिलाओं को स्वास्थ्यविज्ञान और आयुर्विज्ञान में नैतिकता और अति-स्वास्थ्य अपनी तरीके से लेकर आते हैं।

आयोजक: आशा दूरदर्श

स्थान: कोलेज समिति

आम्राम, नागपुर

कोर्स: कम्प्यूटर, ब्रिज और फैक्ट्री, स्वास्थ्यविज्ञान, इंजीनियरिंग.

लोक समिति के साथ कोर्स के लिए माइल करें।

Kishori Kendra
Summer Camp
Visit to police station as part of summer camp

Certificates given at end of Summer Camp

Program at conclusion of summer camp
Masks made by the Kishori Kendras
Women Self Help Groups (SHG)

• Women traditionally do not have much rights – whether it is the household or the community. The objective of SHG is to organize the women into groups so that they can deal with issues common to them.

• There are about 260 women self-help groups running with a strength of more than 5200 women.

• Every month the money from groups is being deposited and women are trading among themselves as per their need. The saving of all the groups collectively is close to 27 lakh rupees.

• Training of group operations was given to the leaders of these groups.

• In order to empower women in these groups, training programs were organized on issues such as violence against women, women's rights, their participation in Panchayat, and participated in various events organized by them.
SHG Updates

• Right to Life Campaign – Nov 25th to Dec 15th
  • Raised awareness on various issues – child marriage, domestic violence, violence against women, alcoholism, etc
  • Conducted street plays and pamphlet distribution

• Celebrated International Women’s Day

• Worked on kitchen gardening and farming in pots to get fresh produce
Gardening Initiative
Production of Washing Powder
Sanitary pads were distributed amongst the women and girls of the SHGs and Kishori Kendras.
Carpets (daris) were distributed to all the SHGs to be used for their gatherings
Library

• Every Sunday from 10 am to 2pm the children can come and collect books
• All children from ASV school are eligible to get books
• About 360 children are members
• New Library opened in August 2022
• Masks were distributed to all children
• Needy children were given books and stationery to help them with their studies
• Organized 5 Leadership and Career counselling programs
Library and Training Pictures
Health/Covid Relief Work

• 15000 people have been treated through the Health Center in Nagepur since the beginning of COVID

• With the help of the Mobile Van Ambulance, health camps were organized in 40 villages and 4800 people were examined and received medicines

• Health awareness camps organized in 50 villages and 6000 people were vaccinated and tested for COVID

• Organized a blood donation camp at Asha Rajatalab Center
Blood Donation Camp
Asha Health Clinic

Vaccination

Asha Mobile Health Clinic

Asha Health Clinic
Pictures of Construction Update

Pending work (part of requested budget)

- Paint – Rs 1,50,000
- Labor – Rs 1,25,000
- Kitchen Utensils – Rs 25,000
- Fans – Rs 32,000 (x16)
# Fund Utilization Report for 2022-23

## Fund Utilisation Report of Asha Rajatalab

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|        | Asha Women Empowerment and Awareness Program |                |
|        | Honorarium | 339900.00 |
| 2      | Kajali Sammelan | 22700.00 |
| 3      | Summer Camp Program | 79027.00 |
|        | **Total Expenses** | **636427.00** |

|        | Village Empowerment Program |                |
|        | Fellowship - Nandlal | 414000.00 |
|        | Printing and Photocopy | 520.00 |
|        | **Total Expenses** | **414520.00** |

|        | Adminstration Expenses |                |
|        | Honorarium | 49200.00 |
| 2      | Computer Repair and Maintenance | 12261.00 |
| 3      | Repair and Maintenance Expenses | 7000.00 |
|        | **Total Expenses** | **68461.00** |

|        | Asha Samajik Vidyalay Building |                |
|        | Asha Samajik Vidyalay Building Construction | 1599065.00 |
|        | Library Furniture | 1568830.00 |
|        | **Total Expenses** | **1745895.00** |
|        | **Total Expenses** | **4091554.00** |

## Budget Summary for 2022-23

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## Budget for 2023-24

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- Asha Rajatalab should receive 20K USD from Asha General Funds (~16 lakhs)
- Nandlalji is aware Asha does not plan to support construction/infrastructure needs
  - Don’t expect any such requests in future except for repair/maintenance
- SHG initiative is supported by AID
- Nandlal’s salary is supported by Asha Bangalore
- Asha library initiative is supported by Asha Boston
Questions/Things to Do

• Need to schedule the virtual site visit. Thursday 9pm (Date TBD)
• Need list of students and teachers with age

• Asha is supporting 10 Kishori Kendras. Who is supporting the remaining 8 Kishori Kendras? What is the plan to fundraise for the program?
  • Remaining 8 are supported by AID

• Does Kishori program aim to get girls back in schools?
  • Recently about 8 girls were integrated back to school. Girls who were interested but dropped out due to financial reasons, received scholarship from CLE Trust

• Get data on the age demographic
  • Will be included with student list
Links to videos and articles

- https://youtu.be/X0eQwobdTVI (Awareness about elections)