New Project Proposal

Project Name: Nari Gunjan -Science and Maths Camp at Aavishkaar

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Part I: Information about your group/organization

Please feel free to attach any additional sheets and/or information such as brochures, press reports etc.

1. ***Name of the group/organization requesting funds.***
   Nari Gunjan

2. ***When was the group established?***
   Nari Gunjan was established in 1987 by Sudha Varghese, and the organization was registered in 2000-2001.

3. ***Briefly describe the motivation for starting this group.***
   Nari Gunjan was founded by Sudha Varghese who moved from Kerela to Bihar to serve the most underprivileged people. She learnt about the Musahar community and its plight, and decided to live with the community and create change. This community is lowest in the caste structure, extremely poor, landless, lives outside and far away from towns. They generally do not have access to quality education, healthcare and even clean water. The literacy rate of this community is less than 1%. Nari Gunjan believes in empowering women through education, and making them aware of their fundamental right to equality and justice.

4. Name the key people running the organization and describe their background

S.No	*GB Member Name*	*Profile*
1	Sudha Varghese	Founder of Nari Gunjan
2	Sandhya Gupta	Board member of Nari Gunjan; Founder Aavishkaar

5. Briefly describe the aims of your group.

Nari Gunjan aims to empowering women through education, and making them aware of their fundamental right to equality and justice.

6. Does your group have any religious or political affiliation? If yes, please describe the type of affiliation and the reason for it.

No Affiliation

7. What non education-related community development activities is your group involved in?

Nari Gunjan works on a lot of community development activities in addition to education. This includes women's self-help group, vocational training, legal literacy and aid, childline, youth centers

8. Does your organization have FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act of 1976) clearance from the Indian government? This is required for you to receive foreign funds. If yes, please provide FCRA details. If no, have you applied for Prior Permission (one time acceptance of foreign funds)? If yes, when was the application submitted?

Please see attached file.

Part II: Details about your educational project/s

Nari Gunjan in collaboration with Aavishkaar: Center for Science, Arts & Technology, Palampur, HP will be doing a month long science and math camp for 8th and 9th grade girls of Nari Gunjan. Some details about the proposed camp:

- The aim of this project is to provide basic hands-on math education to students of underprivileged communities in India.
- Aavishkaar is a center for Science, Arts and Technology which aims to provide basic experiential education to rural and under-served communities. Aavishkaar has been developing and implementing ways to incorporated basic hands-on science and math education.
- This project will take this basic science and math education to Nari Gunjan Dalit girls through Aavishkaar. This project has two main components:
    - Training at Nari Gunjan hostel sites in Danapur and Gaya in Bihar: Aavishkaar will conduct workshops in Patna and Gaya in Bihar for students as well as teachers of the schools.
    - Basic Hands-on Camp: 20 participants and two facilitators of Nari Gunjan will come to Aavishkaar campus for a month long science and math camp. The camp will also have several outdoor and indoor activities inbuilt in the program, including a backpacking trip in the mountains.
    - The Nari Gunjan community would be exposed to experiential hand-on science and math learning at deeper level. Most of the education so far has been rote memorization.
    - This project will also help develop a learning & teaching aid library at both Patna and Gaya hostels of Nari Gunjan.
- Sustainability: This project goes a long way in developing the in house skills and capabilities at Nari Gunjan as well as Aavishkaar.
    - Aavishkaar: Aavishkaar has been doing hands-on science and math camp for 6th through 10th grade. Their success with Nari Gunjan students has been watched by many other organizations as well as schools. Aavishkaar is now conducting courses for organizations who can pay, and is cross-subsidizing to the organizations who need support. This model is helping Aavishkaar become a self-sustainable program.
    - Nari Gunjan: The Nari Gunjan student campers at Aavishkaar are becoming student-teachers. The students attending the Aavishkaar camp have already shared their learning through camps with their peers in the hostel as well as the Nari Gunjan communities. About 1000 students have gone through 3-day training camps conducted by the students trained under this program. Students now have the concept modules with them at the hostel to share with others.

Part III: Financial Details

#	Name	Description	Supplier	Category	Cost for 1 person/item	# of persons /items	Cost of One way or day for all	Total cost in INR	Cost in USD (=67 INR)
A	**Travel of 20 students and 2 facilitators to Aavishkaar for**								
1	Train from Patna to Pathankot	Travel for 1 person one way is Rs. 700 by train	Indian Railways	Travel	1,400	22	30,800	30,800	460
2	Bus (Hostel in Danapur to Train station in Patna)	Cost of vehicle rental one way	Travel Co	Travel		22	3,000	6,000	90
3	Pathankot to Palampur	Cost of vehicle rental one way	Travel Co	Travel		22	8,000	16,000	239
4	Food during travel	2 days travel time from Danapur to Palampur	Vendor	Food	100	22	2,200	4,400	66
5	Stay for 1 month	Room & Board + Food (Rs 600 per day)	Aavishkaar	Camp	600	22	13,200	396,000	5,910
	Total Camp Cost							**453,200**	**6,764**
B	**Supplies for the students to take back to the two hostels**								
6	Storage boxes	Boxes for science/math models and experiments	Mohan Bartan Bhandar, Chandigarh	Material	250	50	12,500	12,500	187
7	Aavishkaar Science and Math Modules	Take home concept modules with experiments, models and manuals for two hostels. (10 modules per hostel)	Aavishkaar	Material	2,500	20	50,000	50,000	746
8	Tool Kit	One Model making tool kit for each hostel	Aavishkaar	Material	8,000	2	16,000	16,000	239
	Supplies Cost							**78,500**	**1,172**
	Total Cost							**531,700**	**7,936**

Detail of the daily per person expense	Average expense Per person per day	Total per day	Total
Food	200	4,400	132,000
Lodging	300	6,600	198,000
Administration/ Staff / Guest speakers	50	1,100	33,000
Material expenses (office supplies, lab expense, design challeges, model building etc.)	25	550	16,500
Transportation during camp (field visits,backpacking trip etc.)	25	550	16,500
Total	**600**	**13,200**	**396,000**

Total Cost of one month camp = $7,936