

Name of Organization : Parivaar Education Society

Name of the Project : Parivaar MP Seva Kutirs Project

Budget request for ASHA SV for the Period 01.04.2019 - 31.03.2020

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1	Salary of Kutir Teachers (Rs.5500 x 3 (no. of teachers) x 12 Months)	1,98,000.00
2	Salary of Kutir Cooks (Rs.4000 X 3 (no. of cooks) x 12 Months)	1,44,000.00
3	Salary of 1 cluster coordinator (Rs. 9,000 x 1 x 12 Months)	1,08,000.00
4	Fooding Costs (groceries, milk, vegetables, fruits)	6,80,000.00
5	Books, stationary, Mini-library of Pratham Books, sports equipment etc	1,20,000.00
	Total Rs	12,50,000.00

About

Parivaar is a humanitarian organization inspired the spiritual and humanistic ideals of Sri Ramakrishna and Swami

Vivekananda, with its chief institutions based in West Bengal, and a recent second branch in Madhya Pradesh. For last 15 years, Parivaar has worked towards the total care and overall development of children who are highly vulnerable to exploitation, victimization and trafficking, including orphans, street children, abandoned children, and extremely impoverished children from tribal areas. It also conducts many more humanitarian activities for the destitute and uncared, including elderly and shelterless.

In Bengal has Parivaar has two residential educational institutions – Parivaar Vivekananda Sevashrama for Boys and Parivaar Sarada Teertha for girls. With over 1700 resident children, these are West Bengal's largest free residential institutions for children from deprived and destitute backgrounds. We provide residential living, education, and overall child development through sports, cultural and recreational activities etc in a loving and caring atmosphere for boys

and girls from early age of 5 till their higher education (university level graduation or employability programs).

Parivaar's Residential Institutions are seen as a model institution in the field of caretaking and overall development of

vulnerable children. We have been the recipient of the 2011 National Award for Child Welfare from the President of India, the highest recognition by the Government of India.

In the year 2016 Parivaar began to expand to a new geography of Madhya Pradesh purchasing 17 acres of land at village Sandalpur in District Dewas along with a plot of land on banks of Narmada at village Navada. From 2017 onwards it has started 30 Day Boarding (Meal cum Education centres) for children in selected impoverished tribal and rural pockets called 'Sri Ramakrishna Vivekananda Seva Kutir' in Dewas, Sehore, and Mandla districts. At these Kutirs more than 2400 children are getting nutritious meals (breakfast and dinner) along with strong Supplementary education over morning and evening shifts. We are planning to set up 100 such Kutirs in MP by March 2019. Also, a residential educational institution, modeled on lines of our Bengal institutions, is right now under construction at Sandalpur which will house 500 resident children initially, and will be gradually scaled up.

The Background and Beginning

In 2003, a 25 year old young alumnus of IIT Kharagpur and IIM Calcutta, was driven by the inspiring exhortation of Swami Vivekananda of selfless service to those in suffering and make one's life one with them. This youngman, Vinayak Lohani, thus inspired by spiritual and humanistic ideals of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda, resolved to devote his entire life for serving 'Divine in Man' as taught by Swami Vivekananda. He gave up the prospect of highly lucrative corporate career by not taking any placement from IIM. Immediately after passing out of IIM in 2003, with just 3 children in a small rented building on outskirts of Kolkata, he started Parivaar. But he had no resources. So in order to kickstart his mission, till the level of 15 children at Parivaar, he used to take some lectures for students appearing for Management entrance examinations and through that could meet the expenses of the set-up. Gradually people began to be inspired by this dedicated service and started to support the initiative and the number of children at Parivaar grew. At the end of 2004, Parivaar could purchase its own land to develop its permanent campus called Parivaar Ashram. Parivaar's mission and theme began to attract dedicated youth, many of whom joined Parivaar as resident workers and began to become bearers of this mission.

After 14 years of relentless service in Bengal and with many youth inspired to join him, Vinayak Lohani expanded Parivaar's footprints into Madhya Pradesh in 2016.

Mission and Vision

Our mission is to bring about transformation in lives of suffering humanity through earnest humanitarian work, and in particular change the lives of destitute and vulnerable children and youth in a loving and caring environment,

creating the soil on which children can realize their full potential, and through the benefits of long-term education, livelihood training, and hand-holding.

Our vision is to reach as many children and youth as possible throughout India and help transform their lives.

Inspiration and Ethos

The inspiration behind Parivaar's mission is the spiritual and humanistic teachings of Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda. The central theme of Parivaar is Swami Vivekananda's core teaching of 'Divinity of Man' and it is practically executed through 'Shiva Jnane Jiva Seva' (to serve the Divine in Man in a reverential spiritual attitude, in a spirit of worship) with core ideals being 'Tyaga' and 'Seva'.

Awards and Honours

- Vinayak Lohani, the Founder of Parivaar, has been conferred with numerous honours. Chief among them are :
- National Award for Child Welfare 2011 presented by the Hon. President of India at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- Sanskriti Award 2011, country's premier award for young achievers in 2011 from the Former President of India Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.
- CNN-IBN's 'Young Indian Leader of the Year Award' for 2012.
- IIM Calcutta's 'Distinguished Alumnus Award' (one of the 9 recipients selected out of 8000 alumni of the institute in last 50 years) awarded in 2011 on occasion of Institute's Golden Jubilee.
- IIT Kharagpur's 'Distinguished Alumnus Award' awarded in 2014- Youngest recipient in the history of the award.
- Swami Ranganathananda Memorial Humanitarian Award 2014 presented at the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture Calcutta.
- 'Swami Rama Humanitarian Award 2015' presented by Hon. Chief Minister of Uttarakhand.
- Vivekananda Seva Samman 2015 presented by Hon. Governor, West Bengal.
- Bhaorao Deoras Sewa Samman' 2015 presented at Lucknow by Hon Governor, Uttar Pradesh.
- Telegraph 'Special Honour' conferred by Telegraph Education Foundation Calcutta in 2014.

- 'True Legends Award' presented by 'The Telegraph' in association with '100 Pipers' in April 2015.
- 'Spirit of Mastek Award' conferred by IT Company Mastek Corporation.
- 'Karmaveer Puraskar' 2011 presented by International Confederation of NGOs.
- 'Transforming India through Transforming Indians' felicitation from Chinmaya Mission Kolkata.
- Rotary Club of Calcutta Megacity Vocational Excellence Award 2012.
- Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan Vocational Excellence Award 2014.

Second Front – After 14 Years

14 years after starting of Parivaar in Bengal, we have in 2017 started work in a new geography of MP. Here the immediate plan for the year 2018 is to start at least 100 centres, each of around 70 to 120 children in selected pockets of deprivation and malnourishment in Districts of Madhya Pradesh where Day Boarding (Education cum Meal Programs) for children in the age-group of 4 to 14 will be started. These centres are being named 'Sri Ramakrishna Vivekananda Seva Kutir'. As on 20th May '18, there are 30 such centres already in operation.

The Problem

In January, The Economist had a cover article on India titled "India's missing middle class" which had a chilling statistic- Poor diets mean that 38% of children under the age of five are so underfed as to damage their physical and mental capacity irreversibly, according the Global Nutrition Report. The comparable number for Sub-Saharan Africa is apparently lower at 35%. India has the largest number of stunted children in the world, at 48.2 million. In the state of Madhya Pradesh more than 60% children are malnourished. In some impoverished tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh it is as high as 90%.

While the enrolment rate in government schools across the country in the age-group of 4 to 14 has increased to more than 97%, the learning outcomes in the specially deprived tribal pockets which are marked by first-generation learners have remained dismal as shown by many reports like the ASER. While the 'No Detention Clause' in the 'Right to Education Act' coupled with the Mid-Day-Meal Program in Government Schools has ensured that children continue to be enrolled in the Schooling system till age of 14 (Grade 8), there is no effective continuous measurement of learning outcomes. Moreover with government schools running for not more than 150 days, there is need for alternate supplementing spaces for ensuring better learning, socialization, development of world-view, and civic virtues coupled with value education to the children as they grow up.

The Seva Kutirs combines two key themes most crucial for children in interior rural areas in the country - malnutrition and education.

The Seva Kutirs have the following design features:

1. Village Community Provided Venue :

The village community has to invite us and offer a venue free. Usually it is somebody's house, Panchayat building, community hall, school in its non-functioning hours, or even a shed / godown. Thus we do not incur any infrastructure costs for this.

2. Morning (Breakfast) and Evening (Dinner) Shifts :

All Kutirs follow a 2-shift engagement with the children (from morning 7 to 10:30 and from 4:30 to 7:30). In the morning shift breakfast, with seasonal fruits and milk are given, and dinner (roti, sabzi, rice and dal) is served in the evening shift. During day-time the children are sent to the local Government school so that a continued engagement is established with them. The Seva-Kutirs are aimed at complementing the government schooling and not act as a substitute. But it has much more emphasis and inputs both nutritionally as well educationally.

3. Local Human Resources :

To the extent possible we engage all local workforce (cooks, helpers are from the same village) and teachers from the same or nearby area.

4. The Kutirs in the same area are organised under one cluster.

5. Central Resource Team :

i. Education : Resource persons experienced in pedagogy, teacher training, and curriculum design ensure

planning and uniform implementation across Kutirs. They also perform a continuous Impact Assessment of Kutirs to encourage constant improvement of the programs. Sports, Value Education, and Civic Virtues are also components of the Kutirs.

ii. Nutrition and Health : central Resource persons specialising in nutrition supervise the delivery of our

meals and supplementary dietary inputs to children with severe malnourishment. They also work in sync with Nutrition Resource Centres in government hospitals. They do a continuous assessment of various indicators of health and nutrition for children across the Kutirs.

6. Community 'buy-in' in the program:

The program is designed carefully to involve people not just as beneficiaries but as stake holders.

Institutions like Panchayats and non Government bodies like self- help groups, women- led federations which have seen a growth in tribal areas are being reached out to and will be involved in the processes of

the program
like:

- Mobilizing children in villages for the Seva Kutir
- Volunteering for the Seva Kutir
- Regular sharing of data on the children of their villages on health and education
- Mobilizing action to achieve success in convergence with government programs.

7. Stress on Local Supply :

To the extent possible, we are procuring vegetables, milk etc from local suppliers. We are encouraging the poor village communities to produce whatever is necessary for the Seva Kutirs locally. Towards this we will, with help of external agencies, also help and facilitate the local communities to organise themselves into producer groups / organizations.

We witnessed a completely new situation here with villagers objecting to children from lowest castes sitting with those from upper castes while partaking of the meals. We made it clear that it will be like this only. We now feel, more strongly than before, that even a simple act of dining together right from childhood can go a long way in a more integrated society.

The Road Ahead

We plan to set up at least 100 such Seva Kutirs by March 2019. The Seva Kutirs cannot have a fixed predictable number of children due to varying sizes of the villages. But the range is between 70 children to 150 children.

➤ Average costs per child in a Seva Kutir is around Rs 12,500. ➤ For a 80 children Seva Kutir the costs would be around Rs 10 Lacs. ➤ For one 100 children Seva Kutir the costs would be around Rs 12.5 Lacs.

This is also helping towards deeper field-engagement in the district as we are building up our main residential

institution at village Sandalpur in Dewas district which is at present under construction and will be modelled on lines of Parivaar's residential institutions in Bengal. Spread over an area of 17 acres it is expected to be operation 2019. Children from all these impoverished areas and adivasi districts in Western and Central MP will be admitted into this residential institution.