Sangamam Rajatalab

Sangamam Rajatalab project aims to replicate the model that Asha Chennai has developed working with primary schools in Chennai area in Rajatalab area of Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. Broadly the project has following objectives:

- Teaching computer science.
- Teaching Maths, Science, English, and other subjects using computers.

Though initial focus will be on teaching computer science, the hope is that the teachers will also start mapping online teaching content UP state board curriculum. Asha Chennai has done similar thing, where they have mapped 3rd party teaching content to Tamil Nadu curriculum and provided access to content through their Kanini software. They are guiding the Sangamam Rajatalab team on how to map content in Hindi language with UP state board curriculum. Once mapped this content will be made available to the government teachers and other schools in this area as well.

Currently, the project is going to be active in 6 schools in Rajatalab, Varanasi area. Details on schools, number of students reached, number of teachers are below.

Name of the school	No of Students	Standards covered	Name of the Asha Teacher
Harsos Primary & Higher Primary School	742	I to VIII	Mr. Ajay
Mehndiganj Primary School	313	I to V	Mr. Rohit
Ganeshpur Primary School	108	I to V	Mr. Rohit
Jagatpur Primary School	124	I to V	Ms. Gunjan
Hardattpur Primary School	152	I to V	Ms. Gunjan
Harpur Primary School	169	I to V	Mr. Alihasan
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6 government schools	1608		4 teachers



Status Update: Due to Covid 19, schools were closed for most part starting March/April last year. Schools reopened briefly in Feb 2021 timeframe but were closed again due to second covid wave. The teachers have utilized this time in preparing the material by mapping the syllabus with Hindi medium. They are mapping the material available in Diksha, G-compris, Toon masti, Hello English, UP Textbooks, Geogebra, Azim Premji Foundation and other sources.

In addition, the project has been able to open computer labs in all the schools except one and have also established a computer center at the office with some unutilized equipment (furniture and computers).

Inauguration of Mehdiganj school computer lab





Computer lab in Hardatpur



Computer center in office





As schools still continue to be closed, the project has recently started 2 mini schools in Benipur area serving around 40-50 kids. The mini schools are run for 4 hrs where kids are taught Hindi, English, Maths, Science. The project is planning to open 3-4 additional mini schools soon.



Corona Relief work done by Sangamam Rajatalab

Because of covid, the family income of the children studying in these government schools has reduced significantly. While, people were still trying to recover from the first wave, this year's second wave of corona brought these families to the brink of starvation, so Asha Rajatalab decided to help the families of the children studying in primary school. In this second phase, the doctors from the village also helped the local communities, as a result, people got treatment at a reasonable cost. The project distributed ration kits to a total of 100 families, nutritious food kits to 615 adolescent girls. Apart from this, 50 village doctors were honored with medical kits. The details of the expenditure incurred in the corona relief work are as follows:

Requirements	Cost (in INR)
Medicine kit	197230
Auto Fare	1790
Sanitary Pad (1000 units)	12000
Ration Material	89735
Ayurvedic Decoction (500 units)	27500
Soap, mask and sanitizer	22150
Administrative expenses	9000
Total	359405
Amount received from Asha Austin	360000
Remaining amount	595





New Proposed Relief and Infrastructure Proposal for review

Regarding the corona epidemic, most of the doctors of the world are saying that the third wave could potentially affect the children a lot, in such a situation, the families who have already reached the verge of starvation are worried about the disease to the children. There is not enough nutritious diet to supply these children. Therefore, Asha Rajatalab has decided to distribute nutritious food kits and stationary items to about 750 children associated with the Sangamam project to protect them from diseases and to help them continue with their education. We have done field survey to identify these kids who primarily come from Musahaar, Dalit, Daily wage earners other extremely deprived families. Our teachers visited the villages, interacted with leaders of the village to identify such families. Below are details of nutrition kit, stationary that will be distributed to 750 kids.

Table 2: Proposed material and cost for distribution of nutritious food

Required Items	Amount in g or kg or unit	Unit Cost /Total
Bourn Vita	500 g	223
Milk	500 g	205
Soybean	500 g	52
Chickpeas	1 kg	75
Peanuts	500 g	52
Total per Kid		607
Total		607*750 = 455250

Table 3: Stationary Proposal

Required Items	Units required	Unit Cost/Total
Notebook	5 (subject wise)	60
Pencil, eraser and sharpner	2 pencil + 1 eraser + 1 sharpner	25
Total per kid	·	85
Total		85*750 = 63750

The project also will create a provision for 400 medical kits for kids that will include basic medicines for sickness like paracetamol, antibiotic, multivitamin etc. The money allocated for medical supplies will be utilized as needed and based on local doctors' assessment and prescription.

Table 4: Medical Kits

Required Items	Units required	Unit Cost/Total
Medical kit for kids (paracetamol, antibiotic, multivitamin and other disease medicine as needed	400	250
Total		250*400 = 100000

In addition, project is also requesting additional budget for computer and other basic infrastructure required to run the office/computer center. Currently, we are repurposing computer and furniture meant for schools that are part of program for computer center. As schools open, this infrastructure may have to shifted to school. The additional computer and furniture that we plan to buy will help us continue training young girls that come to center today for basic computer education. We believe additional computer and infrastructure can be used either in maintaining a dedicated computer center for girls or could be used in current/new schools as things open up and we think about expanding the program.

 Table 5: Computer Center/Office expense Proposal

Required Items	Units required	Unit Cost/Total
Computer (CPU, Monitor,	6	30000 * 6 = 180000
UPS, Mouse)		
Table	6	3000*6 = 18000
Chairs	30	700*30 = 21000
Internet		6000
Water Purifier		15000
Almirah		15000
Misc		10000
Total		265000

Thus, the total amount requested is below.

Table 6: Net total

Total unit cost for Nutritious food and stationary (in INR/unit)	692
Total children	750
Total cost for distibution (total unit cost x total children) (in INR)	519,000
400 Medical Kits	100000
Computer center/Office Equipment	265000
Breakfast expenses for the volunteers (in INR)	15000
Administrative Expenses	15850
Net total (in INR)	914850

Proposed allocation (INR) from Asha Central and Asha Austin funds (in INR)

Proposal items	Asha Austin	Asha Central
Nutrition/Stationary kit	169000	350000
Medical kits	100000	
Office/Computer center		265000
infrastructure		
Miscellaneous	30850	
	299850	615000

Total Sangamam Rajatalab Support for 2021-22 from Asha for Education (INR)

Proposal	Asha Austin	Asha Central
Regular Project (Recurring,	522341 (262000 sent in 1st	
Approved)	disbursement)	
Covid Relief – Phase 1	360000	
(Approved)		
Covid Relief – Phase 2 and	299850	615000
Infrastructure Proposal		
(Current)		
	1182191	615000
TOTAL	1797191	