



JOINT OPERATION FOR SOCIAL HELP

To
Asha for Education,
Silicon Valley, USA

04.06.2026

Subject: Compliance Certification – Alignment of RTE Extension Project with Asha’s Non-Political Declaration

Thank you for your message raising the concern between systemic policy advocacy and political campaigns involving legislation. We completely share your dedication to preserving Asha for Education’s **Non-Political Declaration** and ensuring total compliance with India’s Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA).

To formally address these concerns, this letter serves as our official commitment on behalf of JOSH, that the project activities aimed at showcasing the need for extending the Right to Education (RTE) from the 8th to the 12th grade will not encompass, support, or violate Asha’s non-political mandate.

Specifically, we certify that the project’s operational framework enforces the following strict boundaries:

- **Strict Institutional Neutrality:** The project will not support, oppose, or align with any political party, candidate, or electoral ideology. No funds or resources will be directed toward political actors.
- **Focus on Academic and Research Advocacy:** Project activities are strictly limited to evidence-based academic research, statistical data collection regarding secondary school dropout rates, impact on girl child education and the drafting of technical policy briefs. This aligns directly with Asha’s precedent of supporting the original RTE amendment through objective, mission-driven advocacy.
- **No Legislative Campaigning or Lobbying:** The project will completely abstain from funding or organizing mass public agitations, street protests, legislative lobbying, or coordinated public pressure campaigns targeted at specific lawmakers or ministries.
- **No Political Sub-Granting:** All funds will be deployed directly by the primary project executors for authorized educational activities. No resources will be passed down to local student unions, political affiliate groups, or activist organizations.
- **Compliance with Media Restrictions:** The campaign will not publish or distribute "news or current affairs" content, partisan commentary, or digital media materials criticizing the sitting government, ensuring full compliance with FCRA public communication regulations.

We agree that "catalyzing socio-economic change" requires deep, structural advocacy. By restricting our scope to data-driven educational research and technical framework development, we remain firmly within the boundaries of legal, non-partisan advocacy that



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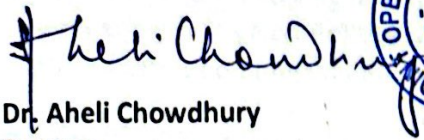
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furthering our organizational mission without stepping into political or legislative campaign grey areas.

We are happy to provide detailed activity logs as mid-year updates to provide you with full visibility into our ongoing compliance.

Thank you for your support towards the cause of education.

Warm regards,



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Trustee

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