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# Educational Rehabilitation

Support Covid Impacted Children



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# Abstract:-

Antyoday Anath Ashram works to ensure equitable and quality education for children from marginalized backgrounds and help transform communities. Over the past two years, the pandemic has undone years of efforts in getting children from marginalized communities to school and learning.

As this unfortunate and disrupted year draws to a close, we look back at the impact of the pandemic on the lives of our people, especially student community. Although, we end this year on a positive note, with rising vaccination rates, reopening of schools and in-person classes, this was perhaps one of the most challenging year for educators and students that our generation can recollect. The students now need increased support academically, financially, emotionally... in several ways.

# Introduction:-

Since the last few years, their sufferings have worsened drastically because of the re occurrence of natural calamities with an alarming regularity. The area had already witnessed Cyclone Amphan in 2020 and Cyclone Yaas in 2021.

The inhabitants of Paushi village of Purba Medinipur district were severely affected by the Amphan cyclone and continue to be affected by Covid 19 pandemic. Adding insult to injury, on 26th May, 2021 Cyclone Yaas passed over Purba Medinipur and wreaked havoc on the residents. Over 90% of the farmers lost their agricultural land and livelihood to these devastating 130km/h wind and torrential rainfall.

## Problems to be Addressed:-

The pandemic has hampered the education of children from low income households at KSSK due to Covid lock-down .This has not only led to drop-outs from formal education but has also pushed children into child labor and early marriage. To secure continuous access to education for the children of KSSK as well Ashram children especially girls, Antyodoy Anath Ashram seeks your support.

Antyodoy Anath Ashram urgently needs help to continue to provide education to the students who cannot continue their study because of Covid-19. Without immediate assistance, many students - especially girls - will drop out and will never return. They will be forced into child labor and early marriage, and subjected to violence and abuse. If provided with support, they can go back to school and realize their dreams.

After the initial Covid relief support, our immediate focus at Antyodoy Anath Ashram was to recover unfinished learning and re-imagine education methods for the long term. However, we adopted a holistic approach, listening to the issues of the students and parents to provide academic and non-academic support alike. We are glad, we could prevent many drop-out cases and ensure continuity in education for the students. Our inhouse counsellor and Education facilitators have been available round the clock for our students and their families. For those who needed special care, our partner professional psychotherapists ensured the mental wellbeing during these critical times.

This will not only help your team anticipate untoward events but also carve out an action plan in case these happen.

You can begin by identifying whether your project carries a low, medium, or high risk. You can even assign an overall risk score to your undertaking. Next, think of the top three risks of pursuing this project. State this clearly in the plan and communicate it with top management.

List down other risks by interviewing experts in the company or brainstorming with your project team. From the list, choose the risks which are most likely going to happen, then think of what the team can do to mitigate or avoid the risk. Write down these risks in your risk register, then monitor them frequently.

## **Assessment & Rationale**

- The reoccurrence of cyclones has forced students to drop their studies and help the family in farms and other household work.
- In cyclone Amphan & Yaas, students of KSSK & Vocational Training Centre and other students in these areas have lost their educational materials.
- Some of the students were managed to get some books along with them, but the condition of books is so bad that it is hardly possible to turn those stiff pages around. The text written on the books has vanished.
- Due to pandemic, the jobless parents cannot be able to afford the educational material for their children.
- The government provides textbooks in some of the area once in a year, but they do not take care of the special need of the student.
- Students mostly uses questions and answer type of books which is not supported by the Govt.
- It is feared by many that this crisis may force several students to drop out from formal education.

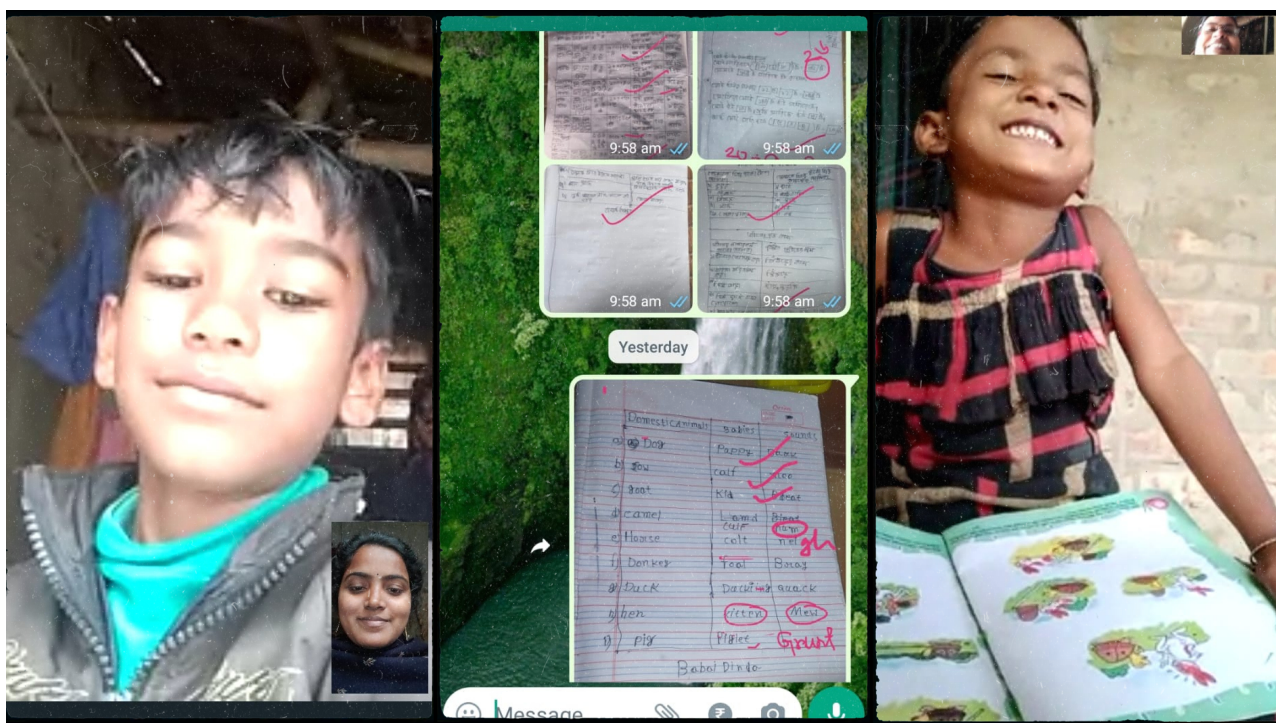
## **Proposed Solution:-**

Our collective efforts have ensured over a thousand students have been able to continue education seamlessly and their families taken care of, during this crucial pandemic period. They need our support all the more as the uncertainty due to the pandemic still looms large over us.

We look forward to your partnership as always to stand with the students during these critical times and safeguard their future!



# Glimpses of Online Classes







## **Glimpses of Vocational Classes**



Antyodoy Anath Ashram functions in a context where for many education is a lifeline to a better future. Based on a detailed survey of our student body, at present over two-thirds of our students come from working class households (Fishermen, Cultivators, construction workers, street vendors, gardeners, and so on). 100% of our students are from households earning less than 3,000 rupees (\$40) per month. The survey revealed that as a result of Covid-19's effects, most parents would not be able to buy learning books and other educational stationery and might be forced to remove their children from school. To help our children continue their education despite Covid-19 Antyodoy Anath Ashram has started vigorous efforts to seek support on their behalf from Asha for Education.

We are also holding online classes while the government has declared that schools must remain physically shut. Teachers were given training to deal with online teaching. Study materials were prepared and circulated for offline studies for those who were not able to access the online classes. With these integrated efforts we could help children continue their studies as well as sustaining their interest in the process of learning. In this way we reached over 95 percent of our children.

**To cater to the immediate needs of our students at Antyodoy, we need funds to procure Books and associated study materials.**

## **Impact:-**

Antyodoy Anath Ashram is committed to provide uncommon education to the orphans and underprivileged children irrespective of their social or economic backgrounds. AAA is doing everything we can to prevent this temporary situation created by Covid-19 becoming a permanent barrier in our children's education and lives. With your support children will be able to continue their education and realize their dreams. This support will ensure that they come out of this Covid-induced lockdown without missing out on the possibility of education in years to come. Also the learning gap created by the pandemic and post pandemic circumstance will be as minimal as it can be.

# **‘Paray Shikshalaya’**

## **An open-air classroom initiative**

The West Bengal government on Monday (February 7) has allowed ‘Paray Shikshalaya’ – an open-air classroom in the neighbourhood programme – for students from class 1 to 5. The aim of this initiative is to encourage students who dropped out of schools during the Covid-19 pandemic to continue their education. Schools which do not have open-air spaces conducted the classes in neighbourhood parks and grounds. Schools which have open-air spaces held the classes there. Benches were set up for students and blackboards were placed to provide a real classroom experience.

Naturally, After a long interval we are also able to interact with the kids in face to face mode of education. Thank you to our teachers for their efforts. Special thanks to Asha for Education for their kind support & guidance.





# Budget

To cater to the immediate needs of our students at Antyoday, we need funds to procure Books and associated study materials.

ITEMS	ESTIMATED BUDGET
BOOKS	Rs. 2,14,622.00
GEOMETRY BOX	Rs. 7,830.00
NOTEBOOKS	Rs. 65,520.00
COLOR PENCILS	Rs. 11, 080.00
COLOR BOOKS	Rs. 15,235.00
SCHOOL BAG	Rs. 85,850.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Rs. 4,00, 137.00</b>

**Total- Rupees Four Lakh One hundred and thirty seven**

- **Total number of Beneficiaries:- 364 (277+87)**
- **KSSK Students-277**
- **High School Students (Orphanage) -87**
- **Avg. Budget per Student- Rs. 1100/-**

<u>Sl. No.</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Books Name</u>	<u>Quantity/No. of Students</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Geometry Box</u> (Rs.90/-)	<u>Classmate Notebook (Rs. 180/-)</u>	<u>Colour Penciles (Rs. 40/-)</u>	<u>Colour Book</u> (Rs.55/-)	<u>School Bag</u> (Rs. 200 for Lower to IV & Rs. 350/- for V to X)	<u>Grand Total</u> (F+G+H+I+J+K)
1	Lower	Beginners ABC Book	36	Rs. 70.00	Rs. 2,520.00		Rs. 6,480.00	Rs. 1,440.00	Rs. 1,980.00	Rs. 7,200.00	Rs. 19,620.00
2		Amar Prathom Path	36	Rs. 75.00	Rs. 2,700.00						Rs. 2,700.00
3		Sishuder Jner Bikash	36	Rs. 70.00	Rs. 2,520.00						Rs. 2,520.00
4		Amar Bangla Chhora	36	Rs. 70.00	Rs. 2,520.00						Rs. 2,520.00
5		Eso Anko Sikhi	36	Rs. 75.00	Rs. 2,700.00						Rs. 2,700.00
6	Upper	Sahitya Sopan	39	Rs. 75.00	Rs. 2,925.00		Rs. 7,020.00	Rs. 1,560.00	Rs. 2,145.00	Rs. 7,800.00	Rs. 21,450.00
7		Barno Parichoy-1st	39	Rs. 80.00	Rs. 3,120.00						Rs. 3,120.00
8		Play with ABC	39	Rs. 75.00	Rs. 2,925.00						Rs. 2,925.00
9		Eso Anko Sikhi	39	Rs. 75.00	Rs. 2,925.00						Rs. 2,925.00
10		Sishuder Jner Alo	39	Rs. 85.00	Rs. 3,315.00						Rs. 3,315.00
11	Class-I	Ganit Samgra	68	Rs. 85.00	Rs. 5,780.00		Rs. 12,240.00	Rs. 2,720.00	Rs. 3,740.00	Rs. 13,600.00	Rs. 38,080.00
12		Barno Parichoy-2nd	68	Rs. 80.00	Rs. 5,440.00						Rs. 5,440.00
13		Knowledge World	68	Rs. 75.00	Rs. 5,100.00						Rs. 5,100.00
14		Child Learning English	68	Rs. 85.00	Rs. 5,780.00						Rs. 5,780.00
15		Chotoder Ramayan	68	Rs. 80.00	Rs. 5,440.00						Rs. 5,440.00
16	Class-II	The Peacock English Reader	64	Rs. 90.00	Rs. 5,760.00		Rs. 11,520.00	Rs. 2,560.00	Rs. 3,520.00	Rs. 12,800.00	Rs. 36,160.00
17		Sabuj Ganit	64	Rs. 80.00	Rs. 5,120.00						Rs. 5,120.00
18		NitiMalar Galpo	64	Rs. 90.00	Rs. 5,760.00						Rs. 5,760.00
19		Amader Paribesh Parichoy	64	Rs. 70.00	Rs. 4,480.00						Rs. 4,480.00
20		Shyam's Chotoder Jner Sagar	64	Rs. 80.00	Rs. 5,120.00						Rs. 5,120.00
21	Class-III	Ganit Mala	37	Rs. 85.00	Rs. 3,145.00		Rs. 6,660.00	Rs. 1,480.00	Rs. 2,035.00	Rs. 7,400.00	Rs. 20,720.00
22		Amar Sadharon Jnan	37	Rs. 80.00	Rs. 2,960.00						Rs. 2,960.00
23		Amader Itihas Sikhok	37	Rs. 90.00	Rs. 3,330.00						Rs. 3,330.00
24		Geography	37	Rs. 85.00	Rs. 3,145.00						Rs. 3,145.00
25		Bangla Grammar	37	Rs. 80.00	Rs. 2,960.00						Rs. 2,960.00
26	Class-IV	Ganit Prabesh	33	Rs. 90.00	Rs. 2,970.00		Rs. 5,940.00	Rs. 1,320.00	Rs. 1,815.00	Rs. 6,600.00	Rs. 18,645.00
27		New Days Bangla Grammar	33	Rs. 100.00	Rs. 3,300.00						Rs. 3,300.00
28		Geography	33	Rs. 90.00	Rs. 2,970.00						Rs. 2,970.00

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29		History	33	Rs. 90.00	Rs. 2,970.00						Rs. 2,970.00
30		Pathikrit	33	Rs. 80.00	Rs. 2,640.00						Rs. 2,640.00
31		General Knowledge	33	Rs. 90.00	Rs. 2,970.00						Rs. 2,970.00
32	Class-V	Ratnahar	16	Rs. 125.00	Rs. 2,000.00	Rs. 1,440.00	Rs. 2,880.00			Rs. 5,600.00	Rs. 11,920.00
33		An Introduction to English G	16	Rs. 200.00	Rs. 3,200.00						Rs. 3,200.00
34		Geometry Book	16	Rs. 125.00	Rs. 2,000.00						Rs. 2,000.00
35	Class-VI	English Grammar & Compos	16	Rs. 200.00	Rs. 3,200.00	Rs. 1,440.00	Rs. 2,880.00			Rs. 5,600.00	Rs. 13,120.00
36		Paribesh Parichoy & Bjyan S	16	Rs. 240.00	Rs. 3,840.00						Rs. 3,840.00
37		Practical Geography	16	Rs. 162.00	Rs. 2,592.00						Rs. 2,592.00
38	Class-VII	English Grammar	11	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 2,750.00	Rs. 990.00	Rs. 1,980.00			Rs. 3,850.00	Rs. 9,570.00
39		Debabani Parichay	11	Rs. 150.00	Rs. 1,650.00						Rs. 1,650.00
40		Paribesh o Bijyan Sahayika	11	Rs. 240.00	Rs. 2,640.00						Rs. 2,640.00
41		Manchitre Geography	11	Rs. 220.00	Rs. 2,420.00						Rs. 2,420.00
42		Question Bank	11	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 2,750.00						Rs. 2,750.00
43		English Tutor	11	Rs. 240.00	Rs. 2,640.00						Rs. 2,640.00
44	VIII	Bangla Sahayika	16	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 4,000.00	Rs. 1,440.00	Rs. 2,880.00			Rs. 5,600.00	Rs. 13,920.00
45		Highlights of English	16	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 4,000.00						Rs. 4,000.00
46		Debabharati	16	Rs. 160.00	Rs. 2,560.00						Rs. 2,560.00
47		Sanstrikt Grammar	16	Rs. 110.00	Rs. 1,760.00						Rs. 1,760.00
48		Paribesh o Bijyan Sahayika	16	Rs. 320.00	Rs. 5,120.00						Rs. 5,120.00
49		Manchitre Geography	16	Rs. 220.00	Rs. 3,520.00						Rs. 3,520.00
50	IX	Bangla Grammar & Nirmiti	15	Rs. 360.00	Rs. 5,400.00	Rs. 1,350.00	Rs. 2,700.00			Rs. 5,250.00	Rs. 14,700.00
51		Hidden treasure	15	Rs. 260.00	Rs. 3,900.00						Rs. 3,900.00
52		Life Sc. & Paribesh Parichoy	15	Rs. 135.00	Rs. 2,025.00						Rs. 2,025.00
53		Physical Science	15	Rs. 135.00	Rs. 2,025.00						Rs. 2,025.00
54		Physical Sc. Sahayika	15	Rs. 340.00	Rs. 5,100.00						Rs. 5,100.00
55		History	15	Rs. 135.00	Rs. 2,025.00						Rs. 2,025.00



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56	X	Bangla Sayahika	13	Rs. 320.00	Rs. 4,160.00	Rs. 1,170.00	Rs. 2,340.00			Rs. 4,550.00	Rs. 12,220.00
57		Bangla Grammar	13	Rs. 80.00	Rs. 1,040.00						Rs. 1,040.00
58		Freedom	13	Rs. 280.00	Rs. 3,640.00						Rs. 3,640.00
59		Physisical Science	13	Rs. 125.00	Rs. 1,625.00						Rs. 1,625.00
60		Physisical Science Sahayika	13	Rs. 410.00	Rs. 5,330.00						Rs. 5,330.00
61		Life Science	13	Rs. 120.00	Rs. 1,560.00						Rs. 1,560.00
62		Life Science Sahayika	13	Rs. 400.00	Rs. 5,200.00						Rs. 5,200.00
63		History	13	Rs. 100.00	Rs. 1,300.00						Rs. 1,300.00
64		Geography	13	Rs. 120.00	Rs. 1,560.00						Rs. 1,560.00
65		Project Book	13	Rs. 60.00	Rs. 780.00						Rs. 780.00
		<b>Total Students</b>	<b>364</b>		<b>Rs. 214,622.00</b>	<b>Rs. 7,830.00</b>	<b>Rs. 65,520.00</b>	<b>Rs. 11,080.00</b>	<b>Rs. 15,235.00</b>	<b>Rs. 85,850.00</b>	<b>Rs. 400,137.00</b>

KSSK (Primary Students)	277	(Class- Lower to IV)
High School Students	87	(Class- V to X)
<b>Total</b>	<b>364</b>	
<b>Avg. Budget per Students</b>	<b>Rs. 1,100.00</b>	

## **Antyodoy Q and A for proposal and budget for Educational Rehabilitation for Amphan affected areas Phase 9**

The following questions were asked during the volunteer meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2022, when the proposal and the budget were presented. The answers are given here after communicating with Antyodoy Ashram.

### **1. What is total number of beneficiaries?**

There are a total of 364 beneficiaries (277 from KSSK, and 87 from ashram kids in higher grades). This gives a budget of approximately ₹ 1100 / child.

### **2. What would Antyodoy have done without this proposal request?**

Traditionally the government provides a book list for all government schools that outlines very basic books at the minimum level of education. Antyodoy's book list is above the standard of the govt. book list so that they can provide quality education. As a result, most kids from the surrounding villages attend Antyodoy's school rather than the local govt. school (which are too few in numbers to begin with, and was closed for most part of the past couple of years.)

Till pre-covid times Antyodoy used old books that were left behind by students who graduated from the ashram. They requested used books from libraries in Kolkata. They did book collection (like clothes collection). Their well-wishers donated books (used and new). Some well-wishers donated money to buy books. Antyodoy kept a working library so that these books were used by the Ashram kids. Students from neighboring villages who attended Antyodoy had books if their guardians were able to buy them. If their guardians were unable to buy their books, then Antyodoy, or well wishers helped them out.

In general, no student, whether an ashram resident or not, had all the books required for a complete education at their level. They made do by sharing books amongst themselves, and with whatever study material they could get access to, and teachers providing worksheets and handouts.

Cyclones such as Amphan and Yaas caused widespread destruction to reading/study materials. Villagers live in poverty and don't have protection from natural disasters. Most things they owned were destroyed or washed away. Re-building their lives took time and effort, resulting in many children abandoning their education. Covid made the situation worse. Loss of employment resulted in worse than usual financial conditions, and negatively affected fund raising. Buying books/study materials was next to impossible, they were focused on being able to provide minimum basic meals per day.

Antyodoy continued with virtual education throughout Covid with the help of their teachers, guardians of the children, and community members. They managed with whatever books and materials they had, and teachers provided worksheets. Their plan was to continue this way until

financial conditions improved and fund raising improved. Then they would attempt to go back to the pre-covid condition.

Since becoming Asha-Austin's partner, they drew up the plan to provide formal textbooks/workbooks for all kids who attend their schools (and now for the older ashram residents attending higher classes) so that all the children had access to whatever books are required for their level of education.

**3. What is the time-period for this proposal, and are these books for the new school year or the old school year?**

In recent years, the school year, for kids attending lower grades, have been from the last week of January through mid-week of December. In summer, they hold classes for part time only. Therefore, this proposal is to provide books that will be used in the present school year.

The higher grades try to match the college academic year from summer of one year through the summer of next year.

Throughout the last couple of years, through covid time, Antyodoy has continued to hold classes, and give timely exams, and graduate students to the next grade.

**4. Will textbooks be reused?**

Yes, textbooks will be re-used for subsequent years.

**5. Is there a provision of e-books, pdf's and copyrights?**

Not aware of copyrights. They do not have any e-books. They have previously used printouts of pdfs as study material and will continue to do so whenever required. However, it is not a suitable substitute for a text book, especially for younger kids who will benefit more from larger fonts and pictures and colors in text books.