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JOSH RTE - Extension:

“Barwi Nahi Puri, tho Shiksha rahe Adhuri – Ensuring Completion of 12 Years of Education”

New Project Introduction Budget Proposal for 2026-27 (Year 1)

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Overview

- Focus area:
 - Grass-root movement and advocacy to extend the RTE Act 2009 to cover 12 years of schooling (Grades 1-12 or ages 6-18).
- Geographical area:
 - Rajasthan
 - Jharkhand and Punjab if more funding available
- NGO inception, history:
 - JOSH anchors the 'Girls Empowerment Alliance' (GEA) since 2018, leading 5+ large-scale campaigns for marginalized girls' education.
 - <https://josh4india.org/>
- Asha engagement start
 - SV Chapter supports JOSH since 2007: <https://ashanet.org/project/?pid=848>
 - Year 1 for RTE Extension: We would need to create a new project page?

Mission and Vision

❑ Mission of the Project Partner:

To influence central and state governments to mandate 12 years of free and compulsory education through statutory legislative amendment

❑ Vision over the next 5 years

NEP 2020 already recommends free, compulsory education up to 18; this campaign converts that recommendation into a legislative and budgetary reality by pushing for an RTE amendment.

Strengths

- ❑ Please provide a summary of the strengths of the organization based on your current understanding
 - ❑
 - ❑ Proven Expertise in Grassroots movements
 - ❑ Data-Driven Constitutional Advocacy
 - ❑ Monthly/Quarterly updates from the project partner for closer documentation and discussion on progress of the campaign
 - ❑ Fundraising:
 - So far SV chapter onboard for 25k
 - ❑ Team - distributed effort with a reliable team ?
 - Yes
 - 5 Trustees of the organization, plus dedicated convenor and managers

Weaknesses

- Please provide a summary of the weaknesses of the organization
 - Unusual project with hard to quantify impact immediately
 - We will have to assess the organization's efforts in the next year through documentation

Beneficiaries

Primary Focus: Adolescents aged 14–18 years (Grades 9–12).

- **Jharkhand:** Tribal population (26%) facing drop-offs after upper primary; girls pushed into labor/early marriage.
- **Rajasthan:** Rural girls living more than 2km from school; students with disabilities needing ramps/sanitary support.
- **Punjab:** Children from migrant families, Dalit communities, and rural agrarian households.
- **Overall:** Vulnerable youth across 10 target districts in 3 states, totally 30 district combined at high risk of incomplete schooling.

Yearly Goals



Proposed 3-Year Focus:

- **Year 1: Foundation** — Evidence building, policy briefs, and state network formation.
- **Year 2: Mobilization** — State-level assembly outreach and massive community postcard campaigns.
- **Year 3: Policy Push** — Election-facing pledge campaigns targeting national party manifestos.

Educational Learning Gap

The Transition Crisis: Severe learning deficits identified among 14-18 year olds (ASER data). Transition from compulsory (RTE) to non-compulsory secondary creates a "structural chasm."

State	Enrollment Drop	Impact (2018-2025)	Root Causes Identified
Jharkhand	9.3%	1,654 schools closed/merged	81-84% teacher vacancy at secondary level.
Rajasthan	7.9%	2,345 schools closed/merged	Distance, lack of electricity (30%), and lack of ramps.
Punjab	hidden	Hidden drop-outs	Private school loopholes (Rule 7-4) and agrarian labor needs where adolescents are drawn into farm and informal work.

Site Visit Compliance



For new projects and new project partner -
in-person site visit required

Since 3 students had to leave, I spoke to them one by one over the video call.

First one shared how she had dropped out of school after getting married at an early age. She has a young daughter now. She was really depressed and tried to take her life couple of times. Then she found Josh and restarted her studies. Said folks at Josh are very supportive. She was very grateful to Josh and felt emotional describing her background. She just passed her 10th board exams last October. She plans to continue her studies for 12th. She is planning to do Arts or maybe look into nursing as an option in future.

Second student also shared that she had dropped out because she didn't do well in Math in Govt school. She lost her confidence but then found Josh which helped her get back to studies. She just passed her 10th exams also. She likes historical art work and like to paint.

Third student (Rubina) was much older than the first two. She has two daughters. She stopped studying after marriage. But then with support from Josh and her family, she started her studies again and passed 10th. She will be giving 12th board exams in October. She mentioned that her

family including her kids were skeptical at first but now after her success they believe that it is possible. In future, she wants to work with JOSH in this line of work.

I reached around 12:30 pm. It was not easy to find the office because there was no signage outside. One of the teachers, Shabnam came down to meet me and take me up. The classroom/office was on the 3rd floor. I met with Aheli and Saurabh in their office. We chatted for some time. We discussed various topics. They explained to me NIOS and EWS. Students who drop out and cannot enroll back in government school can enroll in NIOS to give 10th and 12th board exams. Josh has two teachers, Shabnam and ? who prepare them for studies. For younger kids, Josh helps parents register their children in private schools under the EWS scheme in RTE act. EWS is a scheme where each private school has to allocate 10% of their admission to economically disadvantaged groups. There was a staff member, Jyoti, who was working with parents in registration since it is all online now.

Normally the classes happen between 10am-12pm. Students stayed longer to meet me. They were eager to leave because of Ramzan so they wrapped up their classes and went home once I got there. Two of them were able to stay back to talk to me. They mentioned why and when they dropped out. They talked about how they got connected with JOSH and resumed their studies. One of them had cleared 10th and is now pursuing 12th. She shared that she dropped out from school when her grandfather fell sick. The other student was preparing for 10th

FCRA Compliance



The Chief Functionary,
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Subject: **Renewal of Registration under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act,**

Sir/Madam

With reference to your application dated **29-03-2023** seeking renewal of registration under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010, I am directed to convey the approval of competent authority for renewal of registration of your Association in terms of the provisions contained in Section 16 of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 read with Rule 12 of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011 as amended from time to time, as follows:-

Registration Number **231661441**

Nature : **Educational, Social**

2. The association shall receive foreign contribution only in its designated/exclusive bank account **40037023074 in STATE BANK OF INDIA, 11 Sansad Marg, New Delhi 110 001, New Delhi, Delhi, Delhi, 110001** as mentioned in its application for online application for grant of renewal of registration.
3. In terms of section 18 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 read with Rules 17 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011, as amended from time to time, you are advised to furnish intimations online within the prescribed time to the Central Government of the amounts of each foreign contribution received by you, the source and the manner in which the foreign contribution was utilised, as per the provisions of the Act and the Rules. An association is required to furnish the return even when the particulars are 'NIL'. The FC-4 form is required to be submitted online on this Ministry's website <https://fcraonline.nic>. The Bank Account mentioned in your application should be used for receiving foreign contribution and no other amount should be credited to this account. The Association should immediately intimate online, within 15 days, in Form FC-6 to this Ministry regarding any change in the name of the Association, aims and objects, its address and Bank/Bank Account.
4. The association cannot bring out any publication (registered under PRB Act, 1867) or act as correspondent, columnist, editor, printer or publisher of a registered newspaper or engage in the production or broadcast of audio news or audio visual news or current affairs programmes through electronic mode or any other electronic form or any other mode of mass communication at a later stage thereby attracting provisions of the Section 3(1) (g) and (h) of the FC(R) Act, 2010. In addition to this, the association is forbidden from getting involved in any activity of political nature.
5. Transfer of foreign contribution has been made completely prohibited under amended section 7 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010.
6. Physical inspection of the activities done by the Association may be carried out at any time by this Ministry.
7. You are requested to familiarize yourself with the provisions of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 and Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2011, as amended from time to time, available at this Ministry's website <https://fcraonline.nic.in/> to ensure strict compliance of the Act/ Rules. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of said Act/ Rules will make you liable for action under the relevant provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010.
8. This renewed certificate is valid for a period of five years with effect from **01-04-2024**.

Audit Reports



Please provide link to last 3 year audit reports

Financial Year	Opening Balance	Total Receipts	Total Expenses	Closing Balance	WCR
FY 2022-23	4,667,348	19,717,795	12,175,772	12,209,370	99.7%
FY 2023-24	12,209,370	21,232,936	17,978,202	15,464,104	116.2%
FY 2024-25	15,464,104	11,839,425	16,410,729	10,892,801	150.6%

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1KiA3zio62pu1zsHgmPK2awFO3tnrRM0p>

Fundraising Model



Diversified sources of funding ?



Yes

Current Receipts

NFC Account

Grant - Mahila Panchayat	5,98,621.00	
Grant-APPI	-	
Donation & Contribution	9,000.00	6,07,621.00
IT Refund	18,810.00	
FDR Interest	86,385.00	
Bank Interest-APPI	95,319.00	
Bank Interest	17,057.00	2,17,571.00

FC Account

Grant in Aid

Malala Fund	26,61,760.00	
CAF	26,24,633.00	
Asha for Education-Nios	15,35,000.00	
Empower-Girls	39,59,410.00	1,07,80,803.00
Bank Interest		2,33,430.00

Budget Overview

- ❑ <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1KiA3zio62pu1zsHgmPK2awFO3tnrRM0p>
- ❑ Support according to original budget instead of one state budget
- ❑ This way we will support \$50k out of total ask of \$69.87k for one year
- ❑ Assess progress in next 6 months and then reach out to the third chapter

Chapter Vote



Does the Asha Austin Chapter support funding of 25k USD for the Right to Education Extension Proposal for Year 2026-2027?

Yes: Subra Mohit Ankita

No:

Abstain:

Links to Documents

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xgaaXP63jPJNhyymRKUh5JAWOBku8Ezv>

Please see the [slides](#) presented by Aheli and Saurabh during our call.

The recording is [here](#) (Passcode: 3X9baS&p)

1. [Proposal](#) and [Slides](#)
2. [Budget](#)
3. [Audit Report 2024-25](#)
4. [Audit Report 2023-24](#)
5. [Audit Report 2022-23](#)
6. Project Proposal to Asha: <https://proposals.ashanet.org/ngo-proposals.html>
7. [Site visit report](#)



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