

First conference call was held on June 11, 2017

Following are the questions raised by the Asha team and the response received from the Project Coordinator Bindu Ji:

Q1. Are Children exposure and staff exposure two different exposure trips?

Ans: Yes. Two separate exposure visit for children and staff exposure.

Q2. Why staff exposure trip has higher transportation expense Rs. 2000/staff vs. Rs. 250/students? 3. Which classes are you taking for exposure trips?

Ans: Cost is differed in exposure trip because of the distance of places. Children's exposure would be held in Varanasi that is the nearest district from Chandauli. Staff exposure would be conducted in other state and places.

Q3. Are we expecting these exposure trip annually?

Ans: We would like to organize exposure trip annually.

Q4. Where will this menstrual hygiene training take place because there are traveling expenses?

Ans: Menstrual Hygiene Training would be held at Village- Laltapur, Naugarh block- Chandauli district. All girl students from various districts would travel to Laltapur.

Second conference call was held on June 24, 2017

Following are the questions raised by the Asha team and the response received from the Project Coordinator Bindu Ji:

Q1. What do we cover in teachers training and where and how are we getting it?

Ans: In teacher's training, we cover below-mentioned points:

- Pedagogy (method of teaching)
- Developing tools/methods for slow learner especially in core subjects like Math and Science
- Newly appointed teachers capacity building against the dropout/left the job

We organize this teacher's training in Naugarh block, Project's office. Per the need and training contents, sometimes outside trainer/Resource Person and sometimes the senior most teacher(s) working for a long time with the organization under the project facilitate the training.

Q2. We have agreed to fund the women health hygiene management for this year but moving on can we include women menstrual hygiene in health mela to avoid the extra expense of traveling?

Ans: Women health and hygiene management can be included in Health Mela through which information dissemination on menstrual hygiene and women's health can be done to avoid extra expenses.

Q3. Can you please brief us about “creative workshop with youth”?

Ans: In the creative workshop with youths, we organize drawing making, poster making competition on certain themes like story telling pictures, social issues, dreams of an ideal village, etc. Also, we impart knowledge for thematic play/short plays. It mainly aims at promoting natural talents of the youths and providing them an opportunity to exhibit it.

Q4. Asha team wants to fund children exposure trip. However, they want to start at small scale and evaluate its benefits before making it an annual expense. How can we reduce the scale?

Ans: Children’s exposure trip is planned for girls’ children of 6th to 8th class. Since, girls find less opportunity(s) for exposure and new learning, we would like to conduct it as planned. If there is any budgetary limitation, you can take decision as appropriate.

Decision:

1. Asha Chicago Chapter decided to fund everything but staff exposure.
2. Student exposure trip is not promised yet for every year. We want to see the response from students and teachers to evaluate its benefit this year.
3. Menstrual hygiene cost is only for this year. From next year it will be included in health Mela.
4. We are sending free notebooks to Gramya this year through another non-profit organization. We are hoping this will reduce the education material cost if we can continue this every year.

Following people attended the conference call and voted yes:

1. Raksha Venkat – Voted yes
2. Bhavik Modi – Voted yes
3. Sreerama Jayanthi – Voted yes
4. Chrsity Sophia – Voted yes
5. Hemalatha Bhoopathi – Voted yes
6. Kaiz Asif – Voted yes
7. Vikram Bhatnagar – Voted yes