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UFlorida Chapter

Gators for Asha, 300-9 J W Reitz Union, P.O Box 118505, Gainesville, FL 32601

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FORWORD Approval Minutes

Date: 20th September 2012 (Asha Biweekly meeting)

Attendees:

Shivashankar Halan (project steward), Amey Barde, Devesh Chugh, Harneet Arora, Namrata Gholve, Lokendra Bengani, Radhika Bhala, Apoorva Mohan, Akshay Rajopadhye, Anand Patil.

Background about FORWORD

Project FORWORD (FORum for WOMen's Rights and Development) was started in 1991 by Ms.Shiamala Baby to support women and educate them about their rights. Asha for Education has been supporting FORWORD's educational projects since 2001. Asha UFlorida has been supporting the project since 2007. FORWORD has been running 14 evening centers in Kanchipuram district of Tamilnadu to help children from the villages in the area improve their academic performance. These centers are in addition to the basic education that the children receive from the schools in the region. The evening centers function everyday between 5-8 pm and also during Saturdays.

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- The funding cycle for the 2013-14 year was initiated by submission of the annual budget by the project - http://www.ashanet.org/projects-new/documents/263/FORWORD_Budget_2013-14.pdf.
- Following this, the project steward visited the project in June 2013 to complete the site visit for the project for the 2013-14 year.
- The site visit report was compiled and shared with all the volunteers in July 2013. The details of the site visit were presented and discussed along with the budget at three consecutive biweekly meetings on July 26th 2013, 9th August 2013 and 23rd August 2013.
- Based on the discussions, the volunteers came up with specific questions to discuss with the project partner and a conference call was organized on 1st Sept 2013 with the project director Ms.Shiamala Baby. The conference call went well with a lot of constructive discussion and explanations provided by the project partner.

Based on the discussions, site visit report and conference call, the volunteers at Asha UFlorida voted on FORWORD's budget for the year 2013-14. There were 10 volunteers present at the meeting. 9 out of the 10 volunteers voted in favor of disbursing an amount



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of \$12,500. One volunteer abstained from voting. It was decided to disburse a first installment of \$6000 immediately.