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## **FORWORD – TN Floods Relief and Rehabilitation Proposal**

**Date** : **16th November 2015**  
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**Chapter** : **Asha - UFlorida**

### **FORWORD Background**

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 13 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 and have the following goals to accomplish:

1. To motivate them to attend to school.
2. Promote nil-absence to regular school and promote continuity to higher education.
3. Ensure healthy children, in the deprived communities.
4. To bring academic efficiency in them.
5. To develop attitudinal change (positive thinking, creative action) and healthy interpersonal relationships.
6. To empower them with rights-based quality education with love for nature, fellow human beings, peaceful living and social justice.
7. To empower them with peoples politics and to develop participatory leadership in them.
8. To enable them to identify human rights violations, name them, challenge them and change them.
9. To sensitize the community on the issues of children and to organize them as child-rights protectors

### **Floods of November 2015**

Chennai and Kanchipuram district were hit by heavy rains and floods over the past two weeks and were affected in the worst way possible. Most pictures from the area showed flooding in the urban areas due to improper drainage facilities. The areas in which the 13 evening learning centers were located were also affected by the flooding and heavy rain.



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Since the children supported by FORWARD and their families hail from poor socio economic conditions, they have become the worst victims. Around 350 children studying in our education centers are severely affected by rain. Some immediate relief materials like warm clothes, bed sheets, blankets, food packets are the immediate needs of the affected people. In this context, the project partner has requested if some amount can be mobilized to meet the immediate needs of the affected people. Roads are blocked today due to floods on all main roads (mobility restricted). The Director of FORWARD (Ms. Shiamalababy) will be visiting these areas tomorrow (Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 2015). At that time the project partner will also share few photographs of the affected areas.

## **Requested Budget**

<b>Sl.No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
1	Tharpai (Water Resistant Floor Mats)	₹ 640	250	₹ 1,60,000
2	Sweaters for the students	₹ 270	350	₹ 94,500
3	Blankets/ Bedsheets	₹ 230	350	₹ 80,500
4	Biscuit packets	₹ 12	500	₹ 6,000
5	Rice	₹ 38 / kg	1000 kgs	₹ 38,000
6	Bread	₹ 15	300 packets	₹ 4,500
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>₹ 3,83,500</b>