

# [asha-dc-projects] Minutes - Projects Meeting, June 14 2009

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Hello everyone,

Please find below the minutes from the projects meeting:

## Asha Projects Meeting

**June 14, 2009**

*Attendees: Bikram, Sirish, Steve, Manju, Madhuri, Moni, Satya*

### Jagran Project Proposal – Monimalika Day

- Nishta is a project based in West Bengal. The main focus for Nishta is around women's empowerment. They work in 72 villages

- Asha Atlanta has been funding the night shelter

- Jagran – targeting 4 specific villages. There are Govt schools but the dropout rate among the girl children is very high. They goal is to reduce the dropout rate – peer to peer approach, select a group of children who are doing well so they can support the other students. Planning a core leadership group of about 25 students who can talk to the other students about health, rights and so on. Some of the adults are involved in these activities as well. Example, the group had a debate around the topic of marriage and age.

- Parents of these kids are farm workers

- Goal is to have a social worker to coordinate part of this activity

- Budget – admission fee, salary for the social worker, travel expenses for the social worker, tuition fee (this is for coaching the leadership group ), educational material, uniforms

- Total # of children – 200

- Budget requested from Asha - \$7750. Asha Alabama has funded \$2000, they are approaching DC for the remaining amount (\$5750)

- Alabama will continue to provide the \$2K going forward

- Vocational training is something they could consider

- the kids are in primary or more

- need more understanding around admission fee

- identify the 200 children that we are supporting and if we can get attendance and perhaps pass percentages (academic performance) of the kids

- need reports every 6 months from the project

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- at present they are surviving mainly on grants. They are well connected with the local community
- Moni will be the project steward
- All in favor of supporting the project (7 votes). **DC chapter has approved \$5750. We will send this amount in two installments**

#### **Fellowship for Ashis Panda - Sirish**

- Asha Bangalore and Asha-wide have approved the fellowship
- Santosh Padmanabhan from Asha Bangalore is the Project Steward
- budget – Rs. 20,000 per month ~ \$5,100 per year
- Sirish will be the project steward
- fellowship details:

<http://data.ashanet.org/files/Focusgroups/Fellowships/Proposals/Pending/AshisPanda/AshisAppForm.pdf>

Nomination:

<http://data.ashanet.org/files/Focusgroups/Fellowships/Proposals/Pending/AshisPanda/AshisNomForm.pdf>

Resume:

<http://data.ashanet.org/files/Focusgroups/Fellowships/Proposals/Pending/AshisPanda/AshisResume.pdf>

- Would like to receive the site visit report done by Santosh Padmanabhan
- DC chapter to vote on the fellowship after seeing the site visit report

#### **BTS Update for disbursement of 2nd Installment - Bikram**

- Bikram visited with the Secretary who runs BTS
- the whole area has been devastated by the cyclone
- \$17.5 K sent as part of the cyclone relief funds, out of this amount \$3K came from DC
- the school is unaffected since it was at a higher elevation
- some of the organic farming initiatives have been affected
- first installment for 2009 (\$4K) has already been sent
- need is to send the second installment of \$3K
- no issues seen, we can send the second installment

#### **Swagath Proposal - Manju**

- Approved \$1K for Swagath
- They do not have FCRA and we may have to work through Asha Bangalore for fund transfer

- Manju to contact Sangeetha Prasad for the donation
- Manju to set up a projects page

**Sanctuary update – Manju**

- site visit update provided by Manju
- site visit report posted on the projects web page
- first installment of \$5K to be sent

**Mahila Action - Sameer/Umesh**

- Next steps

**DC Project updates:**

Name of project	Steward	Funding commitment
Nalamdana	Steve	7,000
Sanctuary	Manju	15,500
BTS	Bikram	10,000
Hardoi Schools	Sirish	6,000
Mahila Action	Vijay	10,000
Mahesh Fellowship	Sirish	3,300
Parijat Academy	Umesh	4,600
Nishta	Moni	5,750
Swagath	Manju	1,000
Ashis	Sirish	5,000
Total		68,150
Cyclone relief		3,000
Grand total for 2009		71,150

Conservative estimate from marathon - \$35,000

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