Question
Do you approve for Rs 18,85,360 towards the annual budget [Jan’13 - Dec’13] of Asha Darshan. Project details were presented at Asha SV chapter meeting on March 27, 2013. Minutes:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ashasv­vol/message/9842 Project page:
http://www.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=284 Budget:

Responses

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MEETING MINUTES

Asha Darshan Trust - Assam (Renewal)
Started with self help groups (SHGs) for women and schools for children
11 schools, 39 teachers, 1406 children - Pre-primary to 10th
Many extra curricular programs are also a part of the program (field trips, etc.)
473 SHG groups in 2 districts; Children of these women are attending the schools
MSS spreads awareness against insurgency

Govt school (taken over) in Lakhinarayanpur is not doing as well
Can we ask Biju for more details on this school? How can Asha Darshan monitor the transitioned govt schools?

Books were provided until last yr by Govt - discontinued this year
Need to find out why they stopped?
What is Asha Darshan doing about this? Currently preparing for mocha with students.
And what can we at SV do?
By when will they find out about the books?

Because of lack of funds and 20% cuts, mid-day meals are affected. More enrollment and more attendance has led to less money for meals. Mid-day meal is critical. Kids are in school from 9-3 and some go without meals.

Goals from past:
Are the schools recognized by the govt?
Can they find budget for mid-day meal from elsewhere or govt? Which orgs were approached? Was the govt approached?
Professional teacher training by Sikha Mitra?
Can jobs be created by NREGA and used for the SHGs? Connect with fair trade commission to develop and sell their products?

Budget:
Last year’s budget amount was Rs 1,885,360 after 20% cut. Proposal is to increase it to 2011 amount i.e. Rs 2,356,700?
What are the cuts affecting? Need a table for comparison between 2011, 2012, 2013 of teachers, students, meals, etc

Site visit planned for Apr 1st
Need to get all the questions above addressed before Apr 1st
Plan to conference call with Biju on Apr 3rd
Need to open the poll quickly after Apr 3rd and plan to disburse soon thereafter