

# **Proposal for Poorna Vidhya Project for the year 2020-21**

## ***A. Project Objectives and Activities***

The Poorna Vidhya project of the Asha Chennai chapter aims to contribute towards Asha for Education's broader goal of improving the quality of education in government schools in Tamilnadu. Asha Chennai Chapter has been working with government schools since 2003. Our primary strategy has been to augment existing resources in terms of personnel, skills and teaching aids. We provide regular teachers to schools that have insufficient number of teachers, provide computer teachers to schools where required, provide training to our teachers and to government teachers, provide materials to aid the teaching at the school, and support in improving the infrastructure at the school to make it effective.

Although the Government of Tamilnadu and the National Government have introduced several initiatives to improve the quality of education imparted in government schools, it has not translated into desired outcomes. The quality of learning among students in such school remains to be improved greatly. This is evidenced by several evaluation studies on classroom processes in government schools, which shows relatively low achievement of children as compared to their counterparts in private schools.

We typically do the following work at the Project Poorna Vidhya schools that we support:

1. Provide regular teachers where the teacher student ratio warrants it.
2. Provide a computer teacher to schools that do not have one. Depending on the size of the school we typically provide a teacher for 2 or 3 days a week to work at these schools providing the curriculum and computer education to students.
3. Train our teachers.
4. Maintain the computer labs at these schools.
5. Support the schools in conducting annual day functions.
6. Provide laptops for our teachers. Train the teachers on using the laptops.
7. Provide Internet enabled Wifi hotspots to the teachers along with data plans so that they can all use the Internet. Provide Wifi dongles for the

computers in the schools so that they can also access the Internet through these hotspots.

8. Provide contents that are aligned to the lessons in the curriculum to improve the quality of education. We would provide contents suitable for primary schools with particular emphasis in English and Maths.
9. Conduct annual oral and written assessments to benchmark the schools and identify potential areas of improvement.

This project also leverages other Asha Chennai projects like [RightStart](#) . RightStart is an annual teacher training course that is held in May for the teachers of Asha Chennai from all the projects as well as teachers from partner organisations.

### ***B. Poorna Vidhya's Current Work***

The Poorna Vidhya project currently supports Nine Schools. The schools are

1. CPS, Shastri Nagar
2. CPS , Odaikuppam
3. CMS Canal bank Road
4. CPS, St. Mary's Road
5. CPS, TV Kuppam
6. ADWS , Nandivaram
7. PUPS, Nandivaram
8. PUMS, Guduvanchery
9. PUMS , Orathur
10. PUPS, Kattankulathur

The first five schools are in Chennai and the other five are in the Guduvanchery area. The total strength of the schools supported is around 1100 students. The above schools are supported by eight Asha teachers (4 Computer teachers & 4 regular teachers) as follows:

- Four Regular teachers for - CPS, Shastri Nagar, ADWS, Nandivaram, PUPS, Nandivaram & PUPS, Kattankulathur
- One Computer teacher shared between - CMS, Canal Bank Road & CMS, St Mary's Road.
- One Computer teacher shared between – CPS, Odaikuppam & CPS, TV Kuppam
- One Computer teacher shared between - ADWS, Nandivaram & PUPS, Nandivaram
- One Computer teacher shared between - PUMS, Guduvanchery & PUMS. Orathur.

We have a requirement for one more teacher for these schools which we could not fulfill last year, though it was budgeted. We propose to continue supporting the above existing schools with 9 teachers (8 Current plus one additional teacher that we could not fulfill last year). We are also proposing that Arputhadurairaj, one of the senior computer teachers, takes on additional responsibility of coordination work for the Guduvanchery schools with a commensurate increase in compensation.

### ***C. Proposal for expansion in the year 2020-21***

We propose to expand the scope of the Poorna Vidhya project to include two more schools from the Guduvanchery area. This would take the total number of schools supported to 12. We expect this to add about 200 students to the overall strength of schools supported by Poorna Vidhya. We plan to add two more teachers (1 regular & 1 computer teacher) to support the proposed expansion. Considering the current situation, we are proposing to do this only from the second half of the academic year. We have shortlisted a few potential schools and will need to evaluate a few more before finalizing the schools to be supported.

### ***D. Proposed Annual Budget for Poorna Vidhya (2020-2021)***

The proposed budget for Project Poorna Vidhya for 2020-21, is given below. The budget is broken up into two parts

- Budget for continuing to support the current 9 schools (Rs. 16.95 Lakhs)
- Budget for expanding the scope to include two more new schools. (Rs. 2.5 Lakhs), during the second half of the year.
- Any Covid related expenses like for hygiene etc. will be repurposed from some of the current budget heads

The budget details are given below:

A	CURRENT SCHOOLS (10 SCHOOLS)			
	Expense Head	Per Unit Cost (INR)	No of Units	Total Cost (INR)
I	Teacher's Honorarium			
a	Honorarium for Teachers (incl. one to be appointed)	80,000 per month based on Ave of 10K/month/per teacher (8.5K last year)	8 Teachers	9,60,000
b	Honorarium for one computer teacher cum Guduvanchery schools coordinator	14,000 per month	1 Teacher cum Coordinator	1,68,000
II	Annual Bonus for teachers	5000 / Teacher	8 Teachers	40,000
III	Educational Materials (for children and Class room) , Geometry Instruments Slates /Notebooks / Pencil, Teachers Kits, trays, atlas, education posters,	10,000 / School. Does not include the cost of computers and other accessories provided by Asha to schools as part of the Education and Technology effort	10 Schools	100,000
IV	Sports Material (or library materials)	3000 / School	10 Schools	30,000
V	Teacher training expenses (monthly)	Involves travel allowance for teachers, food, tea, and training materials @ 3000 per monthly session)	12 Months	36,000
VI	School day / Annual day function/Exhibition	10,000/ School	10 Schools	100,000
VII	Computer accessories and repairs	5000 / School	10 Schools	50,000
IX	Data plan for teachers	2500 / Teacher	10 Teachers	25,000
X	Teacher Kits	2000/ Teacher. Providing uniform sarees & Pant/Shirt and bag for teachers	10 Teachers	20,000

XI	Blackboard and Scribble Area Repainting	2000/ school	10 Schools	20,000
XII	Project Coordinator (part time)	5000 / month	12 Months	60,000
XIII	Reimbursement for Trips made by Teachers/ interns from Asha Chennai	1000/ Trip (Conveyance - 700 & food - 150 * 2 persons)	4 Trips	4,000
XIV	Assessment Expenses	1000/ School	10 schools	10,000
XV	Admin Expenses (conveyance, documentation, accounts, shared worksation, office shared rent etc.)	3000/ Month	12 Months	36,000
XVI	Miscellaneous (emergency, services etc.,)	500/ Month	12 Months	6,000
XVII	Laptop for teachers	30000/unit	1 Teachers	30,000
	<b>Total</b>			<b>16,95,000</b>

<b>B</b>	<b>NEW SCHOOLS (2 SCHOOLS)</b>			
	<b>Expense Head</b>	<b>Per Unit Cost (INR)</b>	<b>No of Units</b>	<b>Total Cost (INR)</b>
I	Teacher's Honorarium	9000 per Month per Teacher	2 Teachers for 6 months	108,000
II	Educational Materials (for children and Class room) , Geometry Instruments Slates /Notebooks / Pencil, Teachers Kits, trays, atlas, education posters,	10000 / School. Does not include the cost of computers and other accessories provided by Asha to schools as part of the Education and Technology effort	2 schools	20,000
III	Sports Material (or library materials)	3000 / School	2 Schools	6,000
IV	Teacher training expenses (monthly)	Involves travel allowance for teachers, food, tea, and training materials @ 500 per monthly session)	6 Months	3,000
V	School day / Annual day function	10,000/ School	2 Schools	20,000
VI	Computer accessories and repairs	5000/ School	2 Schools	10,000
VII	Laptop for teachers	30000/unit	2 Teachers	60,000
VIII	Data plan for teachers	1000/ Teacher	2 Teachers	2,000
IX	Admin Expenses (conveyance, documentation, accounts, shared workstation, office shared rent etc.)	3000 / Month	6 Months	18,000
X	Miscellaneous (emergency, services etc.,)	500 / Month	6 Months	3,000
	<b>Total</b>			<b>2,50,000</b>