

Proposal for Poorna Vidhya Project for the year 2026-27

A. Project Objectives and Activities

The Poorna Vidhya project of Asha Chennai chapter aims to contribute towards Asha for Education's broader goal of improving the quality of education in government schools in Chennai and Chengalpattu districts of Tamilnadu. Asha Chennai Chapter has been working with government schools since 2003. Today, Asha Chennai executes projects in Government schools across 10 districts in Tamilnadu and 2 in UP, impacting around 60,000 students. In addition to its flagship Sprint program supporting Primary and Middle Schools, Asha Chennai runs 10 libraries, 9 Regional Technology Centres and provides scholarships for over 100 students. We provide Computer Science education in schools, provide regular subject teaching in schools that have insufficient number of teachers, provide training to our teachers and to government teachers, provide materials to aid the teaching at the school, and support in improving the infrastructure in schools to make it effective.

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

1. Digital Literacy and Computer Science teaching. Depending on the size of the school we send either a full time teacher to a school or a teacher to be shared between two schools working for 2 or 3 days a week in each school. Classes are based on Asha developed CS curriculum and follow very detailed lesson plans drawn up by Asha to ensure consistent delivery. They also use the Asha Kanini app to reinforce concepts in other subjects like English, Maths etc.
2. Provide regular subject teachers where the teacher student ratio warrants it. Teachers are trained to focus on teaching concepts rather than rote learning. Teachers follow detailed lesson plans drawn up based on the syllabus and leverage the Asha Kanini app which has rich content mapped to the lesson plans.
3. Conduct Spoken English training using Karadi Path tools in some schools
4. Train our teachers.
5. Maintain the computer labs at these schools.
6. Support fun activities in the school like Annual day and Sports day functions.
7. Take some of the students on an excursion, focused on learning
8. Provide laptops for our teachers. Train the teachers on using the laptops
9. Provide Internet enabled Wifi hotspots to the teachers along with data plans so that they can all use the Internet
10. Provide contents that are aligned to the lessons in the curriculum to improve the quality of education. We would provide contents suitable for primary and middle schools with particular emphasis on English and Maths.

11. Conduct Annual Oral, Written & Computer assessments to benchmark the schools and identify potential areas of improvement.
12. Conduct Annual Teacher assessments and supplement it with appropriate training

This project also leverages other Asha Chennai projects like RightStart and Computer Science training. 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 organizations. Computer Science training is held in December for all the Computer teachers in Asha

B. Poorna Vidhya's Current work

Poorna Vidhya project currently supports Twelve Schools:

1. Corporation Primary School (CPS), Shastri Nagar
2. Corporation Middle School (CMS) Canal bank Road
3. CPS, St. Mary's Road
4. Olcott Memorial School
5. Adi Dravidar Welfare School (ADWS) , Nandivaram
6. Panchayat Union Primary School (PUPS), Nandivaram
7. Panchayat Union Middle School (PUMS) , Guduvanchery
8. PUPS, Kamarajapuram
9. PUPS, Kattankulathur
10. PUPS, Madambakkam
11. PUMS, Orathur
12. PUPS, Neelamangalam

The first four schools are in Chennai city and the other eight are in and around Guduvanchery in Chengalpattu district. The total strength of the schools supported is around 2000 students. The above schools will be supported by 13 Asha teachers (8 Computer teachers, 3 regular teachers, 2 Karadi Path teachers and one lead teacher). Three teachers have been added to the PV budget this year , due to the withdrawal of Amazon support. The detailed break up of teachers is given below.

- One Computer teacher shared between Olcott Memorial school & CPS Shastri Nagar
- One Computer Teacher shared between - CMS, Canal Bank Road & CMS, St Mary's Road
- One Computer teacher for PUPS, Kamarajapuram
- One Computer teacher for PUPS, Madambakkam
- One Computer teacher shared between – PUPS, Nandivaram & ADWS Nandivaram
- One Computer teacher shared between – PUMS, Orathur & PUPS, Neelamangalam
- One Computer teacher for PUMS, Guduvanchery

- One Computer teacher for PUPS, Kattankulathur
- Three Regular teachers - One each for ADWS, Nandivaram, PUPS, Nandivaram and PUPS Kattankulathur. In addition, the regular teachers in ADWS Nandivaram and PUPS Nandivaram will also handle Karadi Path classes
- Two Karadi Path (spoken English) teachers. One for PUMS Guduvanchery and PUPS Madambakkam and one for PUPS Kattankulathur and PUPS Kamarajapuram. The second teacher is to be added this year to cover the two schools

C. Proposed Annual Budget for Poorna Vidhya (2026-27)

The revised proposed annual budget for Project Poorna Vidhya for 2026-27, is given below and works out to Rs 32 lakhs after taking into account the surplus of 6.88 lakhs carried over from 2025-26.

D. Poorna Vidhya Budget FY 26-27					All Amts in INR	
	Expense Head	Description	Per Unit Cost	No of Units	months	Total Cost (INR)
1a	Honorarium for Eight computer teachers	Ave of 17K/month/per teacher (incl conveyance, data plan, Bonus & Uniform).	17,000	8	12	1,632,000
1b	Honorarium for Three regular Teachers	Ave of 17K /month / teacher (incl conveyance, data plan, bonus & uniform)	17,000	3	12	612,000
1c	Honorarium for one Lead Teacher	27k/month	27,000	1	12	324,000
1d	Honorarium for Two Karadi Path Teacher	Ave of 16K/month/per teacher (incl conveyance, data plan, Bonus & Uniform).	16,000	2	12	384,000
2	Stationery Material	200/student	200	1500	1	300,000
3a	Sports Material (for large schools)	3000/ school	0	5	1	0
3b	Sports Material (for small schools)	2000/ school	0	7	1	0
4	Mats	150/mat	0	100	1	0
5	Teacher training expenses	Involves travel allowance for teachers, food, tea, training materials and accommodation during Rightstart	4,500	14	1	63,000
6	Computer accessories and repairs	3500 / School	3,500	12	1	42,000
7	Project Coordinator (part time)	7500/month	7,500	1	12	90,000
8	Reimbursement for Trips made by lead Teachers/ interns to schools	1000/ Trip (Conveyance - 700 & food - 150 * 2 persons)	1,000	6	1	6,000
9	Assessment Expenses	2000/ School	2,000	12	1	24,000
10	Printing supplies, Xeroxing, laminating etc. of study materials, worksheets for classroom use. Rs 1000 per school.	1000/ School	300	12	1	3,600
11	Admin Expenses (conveyance, documentation, accounts, shared workstation, office shared rent etc.)	6000/month	5,000	12	1	60,000
12	Student Excursion	250 students @600/student	0	250	1	0
13	Karadi Path (spoken English)material	98500/set	100,000	1	2	200,000
14a	School day/Annual day (small school)	5,000/ School	3,000	7	1	21,000
14b	School day/Annual day (large school)	10,000/ School	6,000	5	1	30,000
15a	Blackboard Painting (small school)	2500/ school	0	2	1	0
15b	Blackboard Painting (large school)	5000/ school	0	2	1	0
16	Teachers Excursion	5000/teacher	5,000	14	1	70,000
17	<i>Olcott School specific special Expenses</i>					
17a	Olcott School - data plan for 8 teachers	3000/Teachers	3,000	8	1	24,000
17b	Olcott School - additional expenses for annual day, sports day etc.					0
	Total					3,885,600
	Balance carried over from FY 25-26					688,475
	Total Budget for FY 26-27					3,197,125

E. Poorna Vidhya Budget vs Actuals FY 25-26					All Amts in INR	
	Expense Head	Per Unit Cost	No of Units	months	Total Cost (INR)	Actuals (INR)
1a	Honorarium for Five computer teachers	16,000	5	12	960,000	819,810
1b	Honorarium for Four regular Teachers	15,500	4	12	744,000	586,858
1c	Honorarium for one Lead Teacher	24,000	1	12	288,000	237,709
1d	Honorarium for One Karadi Path Teacher	15,000	1	12	180,000	200,231
2	Stationery Material	200	1700	1	340,000	159,715
3a	Sports Material (for large schools)	3,000	6	1	18,000	
3ab	Sports Material (for small schools)	2,000	5	1	10,000	
4	Mats	140	100	1	14,000	
5	Teacher training expenses	2,000	1	10	20,000	49,860
6	Computer accessories and repairs	5,000	10	1	50,000	21,317
7	Project Coordinator (part time)	6,000	1	12	72,000	77,500
8	Reimbursement for Trips made by lead Teachers/ interns from Asha Chennai to schools	1,000	6	1	6,000	
9	Assessment Expenses	2,000	10	1	20,000	18,041
10	Printing supplies, Xeroxing, laminating etc. of study materials, worksheets for classroom use. Rs 1000 per school.	1,000	10	1	10,000	252
11	Admin Expenses (conveyance, documentation, accounts, shared workstation, office shared rent etc.)	7,000	12	1	84,000	40,311
12	Miscellaneous	500	12	1	6,000	
13	Karadi Path (spoken English) material for 4 schools (2 sets)	98,500	1	2	197,000	196,788
14	Laptop for new teachers	40,000	2	1	80,000	
15a	School day/Annual day (small school)	5,000	5	1	25,000	18,720
15b	School day/Annual day (large school)	10,000	6	1	60,000	11,372
16a	Blackboard Painting (small school)	2,500	2	1	5,000	
16b	Blackboard Painting (large school)	5,000	2	1	10,000	
17	Teachers Excursion	5,000	11	1	55,000	45,460
18	<i>Olcott School specific special Expenses</i>					
18a	Olcott School - data plan for 8 teachers	3,000	8	1	24,000	21,096
18b	Olcott School - additional expenses for annual day, sports day etc.				50,000	21,485
	Grand Total				3,328,000	2,526,525
	Funds received from Asha St Louis				3,215,000	
	Excess over actuals				688,475	