

Proposal for Poorna Vidhya Project for the year 2025-26

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 Chennai City and Chennai Metropolitan area in Tamilnadu. Asha Chennai Chapter has been working with government schools since 2003. Today, Asha Chennai is actively executing about 10 projects which together support more than 500+ schools, run 10 libraries, run 9 Regional Technology Centres and provide scholarships for over 100 students. 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.

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 computer teachers to schools that do not have one. Depending on the size of the school we typically provide either a full time teacher for a school or a teacher to be shared between two schools working for 2 or 3 days a week in each school. We provide the Digital Literacy and Computer Science curriculum and detailed lesson plans for the teachers to follow
3. Train our teachers.
4. Maintain the computer labs at these schools.
5. Support the schools in conducting annual day , sports 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
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, written & Computer assessments to benchmark the schools and identify potential areas of improvement.

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 Eleven Schools and will support Olcott Memorial school from this year onwards.

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

The first three schools and Olcott memorial school are in Chennai city and the other seven are in and around Guduvanchery in Chennai metropolitan area. The total strength of the schools supported is around 1700 students. The above schools will be supported by 11 Asha teachers (5 Computer teachers , 4 regular teachers, 1 Karadi Path teacher and one lead teacher)as follows:

- One Computer teacher shared between Olcott Memorial school & CPS Shastri Nagar
- One Lead 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 for PUMS Guduvanchery
- Four Regular teachers - One each for ADWS, Nandivaram, PUPS, Nandivaram , PUPS Kattankulathur and PUMS Guduvanchery. In addition the regular teachers in ADWS Nandivaram and PUPS Nandivaram will also handle Karadi Path classes
- One Karadi Path (spoken English) teacher for PUMS Guduvanchery and PUPS Madambakkam.

C. Proposed Annual Budget for Poorna Vidhya (2025-26)

The proposed budget for Project Poorna Vidhya for Financial year 2025-26, is given below and works out to Rs 32.8 Lakhs

	Poorna Vidhya Budget FY 25-26					
	10 Current Schools + Olcott School					
	Expense Head	Description	Per Unit Cost	No of Units	mon ths	Total Cost (INR)
1a	Honorarium for Five computer teachers	Ave of 16K/month/per teacher (incl conveyance, data plan, Bonus & Uniform).	16,000	5	12	960,000
1b	Honorarium for Four regular Teachers	Ave of 15.5 K /month / teacher (incl conveyance, data plan, bonus & uniform)	15,500	4	12	744,000
1c	Honorarium for one Lead Teacher	24k /month	24,000	1	12	288,000
1d	Honorarium for One Karadi Path Teacher	Ave of 15K/month/per teacher (incl conveyance, data plan, Bonus & Uniform).	15,000	1	12	180,000
2	Stationery Material	200/student	200	1700	1	340,000
3a	Sports Material (for large schools)	3000/ school	3,000	6	1	18,000
3ab	Sports Material (for small schools)	2000/ school	2,000	5	1	10,000
4	Mats	140/mat	140	100	1	14,000
5	Teacher training expenses	Involves travel allowance for teachers, food, tea, and training materials @ 2000 per month	2,000	1	10	20,000
6	Computer accessories and repairs	5000 / School	5,000	10	1	50,000
7	Project Coordinator (part time)	6000 /month	6,000	1	12	72,000
8	Reimbursement for Trips made by lead Teachers/ interns from Asha Chennai to schools	1000/ Trip (Conveyance - 700 & food - 150 * 2 persons)	1,000	6	1	6,000
9	Assessment Expenses	2000/ School	2,000	10	1	20,000
10	Printing supplies, Xeroxing, laminating etc. of study materials, worksheets for classroom use. Rs 1000 per school.	1000/ School	1,000	10	1	10,000
11	Admin Expenses (conveyance, documentation, accounts, shared workstation, office shared rent etc.)	3000/ Month	3,000	12	1	36,000
12	Miscellaneous	500/ Month	500	12	1	6,000
13	Karadi Path (spoken English)material for 4 schools (2 sets)	85000/set	98,500	1	2	197,000
14	Laptop for new teachers	40000/laptop	40,000	2	1	80,000
15a	School day/Annual day (small school)	5,000/ School	5,000	5	1	25,000
15b	School day/Annual day (large school)	10,000/ School	10,000	6	1	60,000
16 a	Blackboard Painting (small school)	2500/ school	2,500	2	1	5,000
16 b	Blackboard Painting (large school)	5000/ school	5,000	2	1	10,000
17	Teachers Excursion	4800/Teacher	5,000	11	1	55,000
18	Olcott School specific special Expenses					
18 a	Olcott School - data plan for 8 teachers	3000/Teachers	3,000	8	1	24,000
18 b	Olcott School - additional expenses for annual day, sports day etc.					50,000
	Grand Total					3,280,000