

Project Sangamam-Poondi
Uniforms for Sangamam School Students, Thiruvallur Dist.
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Background:

Asha Chennai has been working with 89 schools in Thiruvallur District of Tamilnadu. Asha Chennai supports these schools in a variety of ways,

1. Appointing trained teachers to work alongside the government teachers at schools where there aren't sufficient number of teachers.
2. Send computer teachers to the schools to teach them computer science as well as teach them Maths, English etc. using contents on the computers.
3. Provide essential stationery and other materials to students and schools. Paint the blackboards at the schools.
4. Maintain the computers in the schools and where possible augment it with computer donations from corporates.
5. Make learning joyful by sponsoring excursions and supporting the annual day functions at the schools.
6. Provide nutrition support to villages which are the most backward and thus in most need of such support through Project Arogyam.
7. Where we are able to repair and build new toilets for schools that need them through project Sugtadharam.

Uniforms for Children

Under support from Hyundai Glovis, Asha used to provide a set of uniforms to the children. This was done in the years 18-19 and 19-20. Government provides uniforms for the children. However these are of poor quality and don't even last the full year. I still see the children wearing the uniform that we last gave in early 2020. Some of the schools still have their 4th and 5th std children wear these uniforms one day a week! It is remarkable that the children and their parents have preserved this so well for more than 3 years. And despite these dresses being quite short these days, they are wearing them. It is also a testimony to the quality of the dress that we had given.

However this could not be done during the Corona years. We have seen the importance given to this by the schools, the children and parents. We would like to do that once again in the beginning of the coming academic year.

Here is a picture from PUPS Athivakkan taken last week of the 4th std children still wearing these dresses. You can see that the majority of them have still preserved this dress so well after these years. We hope to give the children something of similar value to them this year as well.



Proposal

The plan is to do the following,

- Provide shorts and T-shirts similar to above for class 1 to 5 boys.
- Provide skirts and T-shirts similar to above for class 1 to 5 girls.
- Provide full-pants and T-shirts for class 6 to 8 boys.
- Provide a chudidhar set (dark grey bottom and dhuppatta and white top) for 6th to 8th girls.

The number of students in the 89 schools is as follows

Class	Boys	Girls	Total
1	378	369	747
2	442	220	882
3	451	448	899
4	487	503	990
5	531	580	1111
6	139	161	300
7	150	145	295
8	145	147	292

There are a total of 5516 children. But note that these are the current number of children. We hope to deliver the dresses at the start of the next academic year (2023-24). The number is likely to change a little.

The cost of the dresses vary from Rs 290 for 1st std boys to about 430 for 8th std boys. We are assuming an average cost of Rs 360 per student.

Project Budget

SNo	Description	Cost Details	Cost for Poondi Block schools
1	Cost of Dresses	Rs 360 * 5500.	₹ 19,80,000
2	Transportation and Miscellaneous	There will be some extra costs associated with transportation, organizing function for distribution etc.	₹ 20,000
	TOTAL		₹ 20,00,000