Asha meeting

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PUVIDHAM- renewal- Sachin Rai

* we are a month delayed already
* School started in dharmapuri in 2000
* SV has been supporting it since 2008 prior to that asha London
* 81 children and 6 teachers last year, we have kept the funding for them constant through the years
* Puvidham is a rural development trust and we support the school and hostel part of the trust
* The school children are part of an organic farming project that the trust runs. The trust wants to tach through self learning and getting children to participate in these activities to teach them farming and other skills
* The syllabus incorporates farming into the integral teaching methods
* Puvidham also got an Asha wide Quality of Education development grant to revamp their syllabus.
* Puvidham chose to develop a new curriculum- 5 modules earth, fire, sun, water, space.
* These modules have multiple subjects in them - this curriculum was reviewed by asha volunteer in India and the text books and other materials were reviewed to see if the module is fulfilling its role.
* Curriculum tries to have children do meaningful activity connecting the material to something else, like a play where they incorporate all their learning.
* Age limit of the children is grade 1 to grade 8.
* Curriculum was implemented in 2011 formally but they had been experimented with it.
* The first batch which left Puvidham 2 years ago appeared for the 10th standard exams- 7 kids appeared and all but one were successful. One dropped out and one failed math. Average score was 400 out of 500.
* The children had a smooth transition from eighth grade to regular school.
* Puvidham does a lot of other visits and does participate in a lot of other activities with other non profits and collaborates with them.
* Meenakshi, the founder, is exploring the case of small schools and RTE
* Budget for 2012-2013- proposal has been sent to Asha SV, Asha London and individual organizations
* We need to discuss why this project does not have a good way to leverage private and foundation grants
* The budget is similar to the last year budget and about Rs.2 Lakhs is usually what Asha London sends, starting point this year is a total request of Rs. 11 Lakhs or so with the 20% cuts
* Sachin will check with Meenakshi about review of the curriculum, options for outside funding, explore possibility of site visits, etc.
* What we may have to do is to encourage them to explore options for outside monies and funds
* Sachin will update the notes with all this information and then let us know when the poll will be setup for voting.

**Question**

Funding Renewal Poll: Do you approve INR 682,281/- for Puvidham project towards 2012-2013 budget. The funds will be used toward hostel facilities, salaries, admin, stationery and staff training expenses. Last year's budget of INR 651,280/- represented a 20% budget cut over 2010-2011. The budget for this year at 682,281 INR is due to a increase in salaries and overall running expenses. The budget was presented at the chapter meeting on August 1, 2012. Project Page: http://www.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=578 Renewal PPT: http://www.ashanet.org/projects-new/documents/578/Puvidham\_2012-13\_renewal\_presentation.ppt Budget proposal:http://www.ashanet.org/projects-new/documents/578/Puvidham\_2012-13\_itemized\_budget.doc Poll Closes Oct 25, 2012. Regards., Sarath

**Responses**

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