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| **Project Name: Vidyarambam-R V School Project** |  | **Date:Jul. 11, 18** |

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#### Part I: Information about your group/organization

**Please feel free to attach any additional sheets and/or information such as brochures, press reports etc.**

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| ***1. Name of the group/organization requesting funds.***VIDYARAMBAM TRUST |
| ***2. When was the group established?***2002 |
| ***3. Briefly describe the motivation for starting this group.***Mr.Ranganathan, founder of Vidyarambam is the man behind this not-for-profit organization and its grass root work ! Vidyarambam was founded in 2002 - one man's desire , passion and commitment to reach out and help less-privileged children by giving them free quality education through early intervention programs and ensure that they do not get left behind … 15 out of 100 children do not get past the 8th grade in rural schools. With no promising future, their way out is child labour or child marriage or much worse ! This is a cycle that is hard to break ! Children enroll in schools not for the learning but for the noon-meals provided in the school - despite the enrollment and efforts by the Government, learning levels are very low ! All of these were the motivation for VT to provide free quality education to under achievers from less-privileged sections of society - by giving them a strong foundation that will ensure high learning levels and curiosity and enthusiasm to continue studying …  |
| ***4. Briefly describe the aims of your group.***Vidyarambam is dedicated to providing enjoyable quality education to all the less – privileged and under-achieving children at pre- primary, primary and secondary levels, encouraging them to successfully continue their education. To achieve the above vision, Vidyarambam offers free supplemental learning at various levels:• Quality pre – primary education for children in the age group of 3 to 6• Support Class Junior for students of classes II and III, to improve their reading ability, and simple arithmetic• Support class Senior for students of classes IV and V, to raise their level of reading and arithmetic and also assist with their school curriculum• Easy Learning English for Classes VI, VII and VIII of rural government schools to teach them the fundamentals of English grammar and conversation• A children’s library for every village• A mobile toy library that travels from village to village • an ENGLISH MEDIUM /SCHOOL for children of Tsunami affected Fishermen |
| ***5. Does your group have any religious or political affiliation? If yes, please describe the type of affiliation and the reason for it.***No Vidyarambam does not have any religious or political affiliations! |
| ***6. What non education-related community development activities is your group involved in?***A direct outcome of Vidyarambam model is the 6951+ strong women tutors "Akkas" who have been trained in Vidyarambam methodology and are the main stay for the learning centers. These women are change- agents who go beyond Vidyarambam after their marriage, transforming the community they live in.  |

#### Part II: Details about your educational project/s

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| ***7. List the school/s run by your group, and their locations. If you are requesting funds for only a few of several schools, please specify which one/s***.Vidyarambam is having only one FULL TIME school running in Samanthampettai in Nagore Blcok in Nagapattinam District. The Fund is required for this school named 'The Rotary Vidyarambam Nursery and Primary School' |
| ***8. Location of school/s***[ ]  Urban [x]  Rural [ ]  Other       |
| ***9. Specify the type of education provided (e.g. basic literacy, vocational training etc.).***The School is catering the Basic Education for the children from KG to Grade V |
| ***10. Please tell us about your teaching techniques (conventional vs. alternative).***We have a special Methodology to teach Tamil, English and Arithmetic in an easy and fun learning way. The Tamil language is taught by an innovative method of using visuals before introducing reading and writing. For teaching English language, phoneme based syllabus is used which helps remove the fear of English as a foreign language; and get the children to be able to confidently read, write and speak English. Phonemes of the alphabet are taught to the children before teaching graphemes. This helps them grasp the sounds easily and apply it to the new words they learn. Teachers also use the method of associating an action with a sound, making learning visual, fun and easy. To teach Mathematics in a fun way covering a broad range of knowledge and skills and at the same time removing the phobia associated with the subject. The program covers the basic tenets of seeing, hearing, and doing Maths – deriving inspiration from everyday objects, activities and even nature. The program provides a strong foundation that forms the basis to succeed as these children get to higher grades and face increased complexity in Maths. |
| ***11. What is the literacy rate in the local community?***The literacy rate in the Fishermen community is 45 percent among men and 67 percent among women. Even though schools have 99% enrollment rate, the learning levels are disappointingly low. And that is where Vidyarambam comes into the picture, reaching out to children from less-privileged sections of society and first generation learners - making a difference with the early education intervention through the "Akkas" - triggering a social transformation. |
| ***12. Describe the socio-economic background of the children and their parents (e.g. education, occupational). If any of your students are employed, please tell us about that as well.***The children in the rural Fishermen community are of very much backward economically. Since our school is only about 10 years old, Seven batches of children have passed and joined middle schools to continue their education. |
| ***13. In addition to education, does your group provide any other services to the children in your schools (e.g. food, health care, clothing, etc.)?***We are only concentrating on basic education. Vidyarambam also sets up a library to encourage reading and proficiency in English through the same. In essence every school that VT is present in, there will be a library setup so that children can borrow books and read… |
| ***14. Does your school have:***Its own building(s): [ ]  Yes [x]  No Number 1Number and type of classrooms (e.g. Pukka): 11 **Yes No** **Yes No** **Yes No**Toilets [x] [ ]  Playground [x] [ ]  Toys [x] [ ] Chairs & Tables [x] [ ]  Blackboard [x] [ ]  Library [x] [ ] Drinking water [x] [ ]  Electricity [x] [ ]  Computers [x] [ ] Laboratory [ ] [x]  Teaching aids (e.g. books/slates) [x] [ ]  |
| ***15. How many children are currently enrolled in your school(s)?***Male 110 Female 107 Age Range 3-11 |
| ***16. How many staff are employed at your schools?***Teachers 14 Minimum Qualifications B.ED/DTedOther staff 5 |
| ***17. Average distance the children travel to attend your school*** 2kms |
| ***18. How many children have gone through your program in the past five years and what are they doing currently? Please tell us about their future education and employment possibilities***.Currently students having cleared their grade V exams successfully in the past 7 years have joined higher schools and are in the top ten rank holders in their new schools.  |
| *19. Do you help your students with their future education efforts after they have passed out of your school?*Not applicable in VT's case.      |
| ***20. Are there any other schools (Kindergarten/Balwadi****,* ***Elementary school****,* ***High school****)* ***in the area? If so, please list the schools and the range of classes each of them offers.***Near and around our school there is a Balwadi, Elementary School and Middle School1. Balwadi - Pre school children of age group 3 to 52. Elementary - Grade 1 to 53. Middle School - Grade 1 to 8 |
| ***21. Is your program different from that provided at these schools? Please explain.***Yes - VT teaching methodology and framework for ELE and ELM is different. In ELE - Phonemes of the alphabet are taught to the children before teaching graphemes. This helps them grasp the sounds easily and apply it to the new words they learn. Teachers also use the method of associating an action with a sound, making learning visual, fun and easy. ELM program covers the basic tenets of seeing, hearing, and doing Maths – deriving inspiration from everyday objects, activities and even nature. The program provides a strong foundation that forms the basis to succeed as these children get to higher grades and face increased complexity in Maths. These two programs have been created and customized by VT for the children … |
| ***22. Why are the children in your school/s not attending government/other schools in the local area***?Our school offers quality basic and free education in English Medium no charging education fee. Further there is no English medium school for primary level run by Government.  |
| ***23. Do you try to involve the parents of the children in the running of the school (e.g. in setting the syllabus etc.)? Please specify.***As part of our ELE programs, we involve the teachers in the school and in the rural villages the Head Masters are also involved in the review process to ensure high learning and proficiency levels ! |
| ***24. What are your expansion plans for the future (e.g. adding more classes or schools)?***There is no immediate expansion plan since the building has been used fully to its capacity. |
| ***25. Do you have any suggestions on how Asha can be a positive influence in changing the education scenario in India?***Request Asha to continue to look at supporting programs in the grass root level that are impacting ground up , and making a difference to women and children. |

***26. If possible, please provide us with the contact information of two individuals from your community who can describe the impact of your program***.

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***27. Asha for Education requires reports from its projects every six months to continue funding. Please provide the contact information for the person from your group who will be responsible for these reports.***

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#### Part III: Financial Details

**Please feel free to attach any information such as annual reports, budgets etc.**

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| ***28. What sources fund your group’s activities at present? List the sources and the current and future funding from each of them. If these funds are meant for a specific part of your group’s activities, please describe those restrictions.***Vidyarambam Trust is a not for profit organization. We rely on funds from various partners – Pratham, Vibha, Give India, CAF India , Open India Charitable Trust , Corporate - Lister Technologies, Polaris Financial Technology Ltd, AVO Carbon, Sri Paramaswami Poomariamman Educational Charitable Trust, and other generous individual donors. We currently stand at a 1 crore operating budget. |

***29. Please provide us with details of your projected budget for the next 3 years:***

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| Year(s) | Recurring costs | Fixed costs |
| 2018-19 | 24,53,803 | Nill |
| 2019-20 | 26,99,183 | Nill |
| 2020-21 | 29,69,101 | Nill |
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***30. Salary expenditure details:***

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|  | Number | Salary Range |
| Teachers | 14 | 4000-13000 |
| Paid Staff | 5 | 3000-12000 |
| Volunteer Staff | 0 | NIL |

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| ***31. Please provide details of the fixed costs of your school/s for the next three years.***There will be no fixed cost since we have no plans for expansion. |
| ***32. How many of your students pay school fees? Please provide details.***Free Education given to all students. |

***33. What amount are you requesting from Asha, and for what specific purpose?***

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| Items | Amount | One time / Annual |
| Staff salary | 15,66,742 | Annual |
| Consultant Fee | 2,40,000 | Annual |
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