

**Project Report 3**  
**Reporting Period: May – September 2007**

1. Project Name

Education Centre for Child Waster Pickers at Pilanji

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3. Project Type

Non formal and formal schooling for child waste pickers

4. Details of Schools:

Centre 1: Ram ka Godaam

Centre 2: Udal ka Godaam

Both centres are located in an area known locally known as Vivekanand Camp in Chanakya Puri. The landmarks would be the Pakistan Embassy (the community is behind it) and the American Embassy (the community is in front of it).

Centre 3: Naushad ka Godaam

This centre is located in an area locally referred to as Cement Godaam, near the Pilanji village in Netaaji Nagar. The closest landmark is the famous Sarojini Nagar Market.

6. Details of children:

Total Number of students in Ram and Udal Godaams = 50 (- 4 who shifted residence)

Total Number of students in Naushaad Godaams = 28 (-5 drop-out)

Total Number of students enrolled in the Project = 46 + 23

= 69

Many students are still in the village.

7. Budget Related:

a. To be sent

b. List of all activities scheduled

As discussed in Report 1 and 2, the regularity and rhythm of the classes is critical in the short time that the children are available to us. Innovative teaching techniques and Individual Education Plans will be executed on site. This is the sole, limited and focussed activity planned for the coming year.

The following teaching material and aids were planned as possible additions at the time of writing Report 1. Since, there have been changes in response to the feedback from the ground at the time of implementation. Only additions or items, whose utility has changed, have been mentioned below.

- Textbooks for the teacher - Yes
- Story books to circulate amongst the children in the Library period. – We have not started work on this.
- Photocopy and lamination of work cards – a concept borrowed from Bodh Shiksha Samiti wherein a sequential series of worksheets is sourced for each subject taught and they are available

for the students to work on in designated time. - Yes

- A steel trunk to store educational materials – No. There is no place where this trunk can be stored. Instead teachers carry the education materials they intend to use, with them everyday.
- We would like to add textbooks for each student. The increase in levels is proving very difficult without structure.

c. Summary of major expenses not covered by Asha and covered by other donors

1. The honorarium of a peer educator – Vivan Sundaram –
2. The conveyance and communication costs of all teachers
3. The fee for the Teacher trainer, Farozina Shabnam who visits up to 6 times a month and with whom all teachers on the staff train 12 times a month
4. All costs of the English Subject Expert (Shahbuz Khan) and the Nursery Teacher (Jamal Khan).
5. The fee of the Education Advisor, Pritha Ghosh who is on call for the project through the month
6. The fellowship and conveyance costs of the students

## 8.Details of Chintan workers

There have been three stages of change in the schedules and staffing of the classes in response to budget constraints and the fluctuating needs of the community being served.

Stage I: As reported in Project Report 2

Stage II: 16<sup>th</sup> April to the end of July

Stage III: August to current

Name of Staff	Age	Sex	Salary/Hours	
Rajesh Singh	34	M	Rs. 6000/- (+ conveyance and communication = Rs. 2000/-)  8 hours of work	
Pawan Singh  Pawan was moved out of Pijanji on the 17 <sup>th</sup> of August.	21 DOB : 20.02 .1986	M	Rs. 3000/- (+ conveyance and communication = Rs. 500/-)  4 hours of work	Schedule in May-17 August 2-2.30: Home Visit 2.30-3.15: Hindi (N & I) 3.15-4.00: English and Math (N & I) 4.00-4.45: Math (I-IV) 4.45-5.30: English & Hindi (II-IV) 5.30-6.00: Rishtaa (II-IV)
Jamaal (Waste Picker, Student at Hope)		M		2-5PM <u>Schedule</u>

2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2007

**Report by Farozina, educator, on why children dropped out**

- At Chintan's Pillanji centre, four children- all siblings- are no longer attending classes. The four are- Jaigun, 11 years old; her brothers Jalaluddin, 13 years; Jabbar, 7 years; and Shakeel, 3 years. Their parents are Rustam Ali and Julesa. All of them work as waste pickers.
- The three older children had been coming to the centre for the past one and a half years.
- Their absence follows the incident below:
  - 10 days ago, a new family shifted near Jaigun's house in the 'jhuggi' cluster her family lived in. This family had two grown-up daughters, aged 20 and 17.
  - On 31 July, the elder daughter was bathing outside the house at night while the younger one was sleeping inside.
  - Jaigun's father Rustam entered his neighbour's house. He kept Rs. 2000 in the younger girl's hand and tried talking to her.
  - The girl's mother came in at that moment and raised a hue and cry. She and the other neighbours beat Rustam up badly. The assumption was that Rustam had entered the house with the intention of propositioning the girl.
  - By early next morning, i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> August, Jaigun's family had moved out of their home.
- It is not yet known where the family has gone. Efforts are on to trace them.

June 2007

#### Case Study: Marian

Marian has been with Chintan since work first started in Pilanji. After it was noticed that he had artistic leanings, he was made an apprentice of the artist Vivan Sundaram. The money he earned as an apprentice was then used to pay for the time he spared from waste picking as he was trained to be a peer educator. While this worked well for a few months, a couple of months ago, he dropped out of class as well as opted out of his social worker duties. In fact we were quite peeved that he was unable to attend two educator meetings, even though we had expert facilitators for them.

When Rajesh came back from his annual leave and after the emergency of the fire was behind us, Rajesh began to pursue Marian in earnest. Regular visits to the community had not resulted in contact with Marian. After a great deal of persuasion over his cell phone, Marian agreed to meet Rajesh.

The meeting made it clear why Marian was avoiding meeting with his mentor. Marian has three elder brothers. The eldest of the three has a family of his own and he was selected by the family to move to the village and farm the little land that the family owns. Recently Marian and the rest of his family here in the city found out that this young man had mortgaged all of the family land and lost all the money that he had got from the mortgage, so that in effect the family lost the land.

This brother and his family are now returning to the city and will become dependent on the rest of the family. Marian has two other brothers, both of whom work but do not contribute to looking after their mother and will not look after their elder brother's family. Marian does not have a father. Thus, Marian stopped coming to Chintan class and also stopped working for Chintan as a community mobiliser and peer educator.

Rajesh has spoken with Marian about getting out of the debt cycle and the poverty trap and how the first step in that needs to be him investing in his education. Chintan has convinced the donor who paid Marian's stipend as a peer educator to pay the same amount to Marian if he just steals an hour away from his family responsibilities to study. Marian has since come to class regularly.

Rajesh's efforts with Marian have also had another effect, which is still unconfirmed, but we hope that we can assist to make his wishes come true. Rajesh spoke to Marian about Amar Jyoti and the visit the children made there for Anti-Tobacco Day and that there is a vocational class there on binding and block printing. With his talent, it is quite possible that with a seed cost of just Rs.10,000, Marian may be able to start an entirely profitable business removed from waste picking.

We have investigated the repercussions this switch may have on his daily schedule, his ability to support his family in the interim and the junk dealer he sells to allowing him to continue living in the community. But there is a new ray of hope and thankfully we have not lost Marian to his troubles just yet. Hats off to Rajesh!!

Marian joined Akshay Pratishthaan's vocational program on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September, 2007.

Marian's sister was in love with a young man. They chose to take the relationship forward by eloping. The man was charged with kidnapping by Marian's parents, the man was arrested and Marian's sister was married immediately, to someone else of her parent's choosing. The girl ran away from her new husband's home and returned home. The family has decided to get her married again!! The cost of both marriages are to be borne by Marian alone.

### **Qualitative Report**

#### Current Class Schedules

##### Ram Godaam

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2.30 – 3.15	Nursery Hindi Rajesh	Nursery Hindi Rajesh	Nursery Math Rajesh	Nursery Hindi Jamaal	Nursery English Rajesh	Nursery English Rajesh
3.15 – 4.00	I, II, III Hindi Rajesh	I, II, III Hindi Rajesh	I, II, III Math Rajesh	I, II, III Hindi Jamaal	I, II, III English Rajesh	I, II, III English Rajesh
4.00 – 5.00	NIOS Hindi Rajesh	NIOS Hindi Rajesh	NIOS Math Rajesh			
4.00 – 4.30				NIOS Hindi Jamaal	NIOS English Rajesh	NIOS English Rajesh
5.00 – 5.30	Home Visit	Home Visit	Home Visit			

##### Naushaad Godaam

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2.00 – 3.00	Jamaal Adult Literacy Hindi	Jamaal Adult Literacy Hindi	Shahbuz Adult Literacy English	Shahbuz Adult Literacy English	Jamaal Adult Literacy Math	Jamaal Adult Literacy Math
3.00 – 4.00	Jamaal Nursery + I Hindi	Jamaal Nursery + I Hindi	Shahbuz Adult Nursery + 1 English	Shahbuz Adult Nursery + 1 English	Jamaal Nursery + I Math	Jamaal Nursery + I Math
4.00 – 5.00	Jamaal II,III,IV Hindi	Jamaal II,III,IV Hindi	Shahbuz II,III,IV English	Shahbuz II,III,IV English	Jamaal II,III,IV Math	Jamaal II,III,IV Math

## **Academic Development**

### **National Institute for Open Schooling**

Chintan has started the process of collaboration with Salaam Balak Trust to enroll students for the NIOS examinations. The organization will facilitate the NIOS certification of students for classes 3,5,8,10 and 12.

The current list of students who are prepared to take the examination are as follows:

Name	Age	Class Level
Jharna	13	5
Abdul Rashid	14	5
Keena	18	3
Vakeel	15	3
Mariyan	18	10
Tapejul	13	3
Gulzar	12	3
Gulbaar	10	3
Mukhtaar	8	3
Ausaad	14	3
Rophikul	14	3
Mukesh	15	5
Majarul	12	3

### **Vocational Education**

Amar Jyoti has been identified as a partner NGO for the vocational education extension program. They have very kindly volunteered to contribute to the effort by inspiring the students to join and remain attached to the program, as well as bear the cost of uniforms. Chintan will bear the cost of the course fees and ensure that the students complete the NIOS examinations along with the vocational courses they are enrolled in. The travel costs of the students are being raised through the Friends of Chintan network by way of fellowships – individual donations of sorted dry waste, which is collected and sold by the fellowship student.

Name	Age	Class Level
Jharna	13	5
Abdul Rashid	14	5
Keena	18	3
Vakeel	15	3
Mariyan	18	10
Tapejul	13	3
Gulzar	12	3

Students were taken on exposure visits to Amar Jyoti on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July and again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August.

The students are being counseled by both organizations to enroll in courses that teach skills which will allow them to find jobs easily. Thus, some tough decisions have to be taken. There are students who are enamored by the prospect of learning to use a computer but are being encouraged to learn Mobile Repairing, to be an Electrician, a Baker etc.

### **Integration into Private School**

Amar Jyoti has decided to admit the Chintan children into its school when the annual admission process is

on in April.

### **Integration into Government School**

#### **Admissions in Ram Godaam**

Month	Name	Class
April 2007	Rafiq	I
	Maneka	III
July 2007	Saleema	Nursery
	Sophia	Nursery
	Shafiqul Islam	I

#### **Admissions in Udal Godaam**

Month	Name	Class
April 2007	Sireena	I
	Sarfeena	Nursery
	Shabana	Nursery
	Rubeena	I
	Hussain	I
	Shivshuddin	I
	Mustafa	I
	Kohinoor (Died in the fire)	I
	Saleema	Nursery
	Morain (Died in the fire)	I
	Ajmeera	Nursery
July 2007	Tamur	Nursery
	Arwaz	Nursery
	Nadeem	I
	Ajnabi	I
	Rukhsaar	I

#### **Admissions in Naushaad 2007**

Month	Name	Class
April 2007	Meera	I
	Ujjain	I
	Shakeel	Nursery
	Gulabsha	I
	Kajal	Nursery
	Pooja	I
	Asha	I
	Shahid	Nursery
July 2007	Jaigun (Has left the community)	II
	Rakhi	Nursery
	Sharmin	Nursery
	Yasmeen	Nursery

## **Financial Assistance to Students**

### **Fellowships**

Three students who come to the Pillanji centre have been provided fellowships by Chintan in association with Sanskriti School, Chanakyapuri. The purpose of the fellowships is to motivate children to attend classes by providing them with The students are- Abdul Rasheed, Keena and Asaad. All three used to work as waste pickers earning approximately Rs. 40-50 per day. On persuasion by teachers at Chintan, they have given this up. In return, they are provided a work opportunity that gives a steady and bigger income, as also the time to attend classes on a regular basis.

1. Abdul Rasheed: He collects wet waste from Sanskriti School every afternoon at 4 pm. This earns him approximately Rs. 70 per day. On two days each week, he also collects cardboard, files and paper waste, which gets him Rs. 250-300 per day.
2. Keena- He goes to Sanskriti School once a month to collect old newspapers. He earns Rs. 300 per month through this. Keena was given a fellowship later than Abdul, who had by then been allotted work at the school. Hence, at the moment, his work and income is comparatively lesser. Keena has been attached to Sudha, a donor who collects newspapers on a monthly basis. Keena picks them up from her residence, sells them and uses the money for his travel to Amar Jyoti.
3. Asaad: He collects waste from ex-Prime Minister Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee's house every Tuesday. He earns Rs. 200-300 per week.



### Emergency Action

There was a fire in the Udal Godaam community on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, 2007.

By the 14<sup>th</sup> of May there had been 4 deaths, all from one family. In spite of timely support provided by the warehouse owner as well as Chintan, several families decided to leave the community for their village. Their date of return was undecided. Several have still not returned.

Children who left on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, at night.

1. Shahnara
2. Shahabani - new student. May not come back.
3. Asanara –
4. Anju - will come back
5. Ajmeera - leave on 15<sup>th</sup> of May, will return
6. Husan - will return after 2 months
7. Aneesha - will return in 1 and 1/2 months
8. Mohammad Ali - Have gone Nanak Pura on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May
9. Sofia - Have gone to Nanak Pura long time ago

### **Detail of Income and Expenses in Chanakyapuri**

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Mode of payments</u>
1	9.5.07	Anjali Alexander	5000	Cash
2	9.5.07	Krishna Iyer	1000	Cash
3	9.5.07	Devika & H. K. Singh	1000 + Cloth and utensils	Cash
4	9.5.07	Gautam Pandey	4000	Cheque
5	9.5.07	Sandeep Bansal	5000	Cheque
6	9.5.07	Kumkum & P.K.Ghosh	5000 + Clothes	Cash
7	9.5.07	Rukmini Chawla	5000	Cash
8	9.5.07	Shashidhar Jatia	9490	Cash
9	20.5.07	Sheema Mookerjee	Clothes	
10	9.5.07	Riverbank Studios	650	Cash
11	15.5.07	Mohini Prakash	Clothes	
12	20.5.07	Harbir (Courtsey Youth Reach)	Water jugs	
<b>Total</b>			<b>36,140</b>	

### **Expenses till 29<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

<u>S.No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>No of Units</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1	7.5.07	Clothes for Dead bodies	3	5,00
2	7.5.07	Clothes	25	2,250
3	9.5.07	Slippers and clothes for Samshuddin		2,15
4	9.5.07	Expenses in Fatiya		5,000
5		Hiring of Fans for Camp for 7 days (9 <sup>th</sup> May to 17 <sup>th</sup> May)	3	1,060
6	16.5.07	Vessels		4,997

		Folding Bed	1	4,50
		Bed	1	1,70
		Cooler	1	2,500
		Coconut Oil		80
		Transportation		1,20
		Bank account opening		5,00
7		Expenses in fatiya		5,000
8	29.5.07	Contribution towards treatment of Sakina (Samshuddin's wife)		13,290
		<b>Total</b>		<b>36,132</b>

**Staff Capacity Building**

Month	Date	Topic	Resource
April	12	Health and Hygiene	Naz Foundation
May	26	Nutrition	Naz Foundation
July	14	Sexuality	Naz Foundation
July	26	Adult Literacy	LearningInq