

Proposal on ‘Running of the Night-Shelter’

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Introduction

‘Nistha’ has been running night shelter, for the past 13 years, with the support of “Asha for Education’ in order to provide protection and support to the vulnerable children of the commercial sex workers, residing at the red-light area of Baruipur, located at South 24 Parganas, West Bengal.

Background

The children of commercial sex workers are prone to various types of abuse and threats. The children are at the risk of sexual exploitation. Along with the unhealthy living condition, lack of acceptance in the society, open contact with the sex traders, use of abusive language, negligence of parents, absence of proper family endanger the life of these children. Thus, it is important to provide these children security and protection and a healthy environment to ensure their basic rights and give them proper space for the development.

Justification:

As it is mentioned that the life of the children of the sex workers are at risk with numbers of threatening factors present within their living condition. The prolonged Covid pandemic and lockdown along with two previous devastating storms (Yash and Amphan) have brought added problems in the life of the sex workers. The economic crisis effected their business as well. The number of clients decreased drastically. The few clients who are coming, paying excessively less, most of the time 20/- to 30/- rupees, which is not sufficient to earn even the daily bread. Considering the situation, it is impossible for them to meet up with the basic minimum needs of the children, so protection is far away.

It seems very difficult for the sex workers to change their profession also due to lack of acceptability in the society, lack of skills and opportunity. The miserable life situation has put both the mother and the child at more vulnerable situation.

Thus ‘Nistha’ proposes to continue the project to ensure protection and formal education of these innocent children, involving the local stakeholders and police personnel.

Goal of the project:

- ☐ **To ensure protection to 32 children from the most vulnerable children residing in Baruipur, red-light area, through education, protection and life skill training.**

Project objective:

- ☐ To ensure protection of 90% children from trafficking, sexual abuse and intoxication.
- ☐ To ensure retention of 90% children in formal school.
- ☐ To ensure protection of 30% boys from illegal affairs and crimes
- ☐ To ensure behavioural change in 80% children through counselling and help developing coping up strategies.
- ☐ To motivate 50% mothers to take proper care of their children and give protection from sexual threats.
- ☐ To sensitize the neighbourhood to support the mainstreaming of these children in the society.
- ☐ To sanitize the local stake holders to support the mothers and children

Strategies:

- ☐ Running of Night Shelter 24/7, all 365 days in a year, excluding festivals, Natural calamities and Holidays.
- ☐ Ensure the protection and behavioural change of these children through various initiatives
- ☐ Reduce the dropout rates from the formal school
- ☐ Support the mothers and enable them to take care and provide protection.
- ☐ Sensitize the local stakeholders

Activities:

- ☐ Conducting 6 mothers' meetings
- ☐ Conducting 2 stakeholders' meetings
- ☐ Admission of children in the Govt. schools
- ☐ Reduce the dropout rates.
- ☐ Placement of grown-up children in the residential schools
- ☐ Provide educational support to the children. (Regular homework, study, exam preparation)
- ☐ Bring behavioural changes in the children through co-curricular activities, regular counselling. Address their psychological needs like aggression, depression etc and provide need-based therapies through art, dance etc. 3 counselling sessions are provided.
- ☐ Conducting 2 grooming sessions per day to rectify the use of filthy language by engaging them in story telling activity.
- ☐ Distribution of clothes to the children during Durga Puja.
- ☐ Distribution of Hygiene kits every month.

- ☐ Distribution of educational materials twice a year.
- ☐ Distribution of dry food to the mothers of the children.

Name of the Organization : Nishtha		
Name of Project : Night Shelter		
Project Period : 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024		
Budget for the period from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024		
S L. No.	Particular	Budget
A	Personnel Cost	
A.1	Part Salary of Accountant	
	(Rs.4000 X 01 head X 12 Months)	48000.00
A.2	Internal Auditor Fees / Travel Allowance	
	Rs.5750 x 12 Months	69000.00
	Sub Total	117000.00
B	Programme Cost	
B.1	Night Shelter	
B.1.1	Honorarium of Social Worker	
	(Rs.6500 X 2 head X 12 Months)	156000.00
B.1.2	Honorarium of Cook	
	(Rs.4500 X 01 head X 12 Months)	54000.00
B.1.3	Part Hono. of Supervisor	
	(Rs.4000 X 01 Months X 12 Months)	48000.00
B.1.4	Clothing for Children	
	(Rs. 400 X 30 heads)	12000.00
B.1.5	Dinner for 32 children	
	(Rs 10 X 28 heads(average attendance) X 340 days)	95200.00
B.1.6	TA for Staff	
	(Rs. 600 X 12 Months)	7200.00
B.1.7	Toiletry for children	
	(Rs 50 x 30 heads x 12 months)	18000.00
B.1.8	Honorarium of 01 Care Giver	
	Rs.4000 x 1 head x 12 Months	48000.00
B.1.9	Food for Mothers (04 times in a Year)	
	Rs. 200 x 30 heads x 04 times	24000.00
B.2	Creche for 08 children	
B.2.1	Clothing for 08 Children	
	Rs.500 x 08 children	4000.00

B.2.2	Food for 08 Creche Children	5000.00
	Sub Total	471400.00
C	Administration & Monitoring	
C.1	Electricity, electrification, electrical fittings, other maintenance etc	4000.00
C.2	Printing , postage & stationeries	5000.00
C.3	TA for monitoring	1200.00
C.4	Miscellaneous Exp.	2000.00
C.5	Audit Fees	2400.00
	Sub Total	14600.00
Grand Total		603000.00