



# Asha for Education™

UFlorida Chapter

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## Approval minutes for TRINITA

Date : 09/21/16 (evote), budget discussion held on 08/26/16 and 09/09/16

Attendees : Poojitha Reddy (Project Steward), Devesh Chugh, Apoorva Mohan, Ramya Sivakumar, Meera Sitharam, Janani P, Abhinav Rungta, Gayathri Sindhu Srinivasan, Revathi Kedari, Shivashankar Halan

### Background about Trinita:

The appalling conditions of health and education in the slums of Kolkata, neighboring areas and in the districts the social status of women and children with unsanitary and unsafe living conditions make the children very vulnerable physically, socially and economically. Under these circumstances, there is a great need for extending integrated package of intervention especially for the underprivileged malnourished and school drop-out children. Improve their condition and provide them with an opportunity for a better and meaningful life.

The motivation starting the group was inspired by the need to help the poor and underprivileged, organize need based program and motivate the poor people living in the slums to understand the importance of health and education. A group of social activists and medical doctor joined together to work for uplifting the health conditions of poor people in the distress and to meet the challenge of their active participation where they will act as a change agent for the society.

The project is supported by Asha Atlanta (until 2015) and Asha UFlorida.

### Funding situation:

Starting this academic year, Asha Atlanta has pulled back their support to the project. This resulted in Trinita seeking additional funds from Asha UFlorida. Trinita has also requested a one-time funding for the computers which is included in the budget. For 2016-2017, Trinita has requested a budget totaling to Rs.5,24,980 which includes the complete budget and one-time funding. The detailed breakdown is below.

Particulars	Amount	Total Rs(INR)
<b><u>School back up support Centre</u></b>		
- 5 Teachers Honorarium for 5 centers	@Rs2500X5X12Month	1,50,000.00
- Educational material for 125 girls 2 times	@Rs 200x125girls	25,000.00
-Contingency (stationery ,traveling, center maintenance, School Admission Fees)	@Rs 2000x12 month	24,000.00
-Tiffin @Rs 8 X8daysX125GirlsX12Month	125xRs8x8Days X 12 month	96,000.00
<b><u>Skill Development Training</u></b>		



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One Vocational Trainer	Rs@2000 x 12 Month	24,000.00
Raw Material	Rs@1000 x 12 Month	12,000.00
<b>Remedial Coaching Center 1 in Hooghly</b>		
• 1 Eng Teacher @Rs 1800.00 per Month	Rs,1800X 1X12 month	21,600.00
• 1 Maths Teacher @Rs2000 per Month	Rs,2000X 1X12 month	24,000.00
• 1 History, geo, Bengali Teacher @Rs1500 per Month	Rs,1500X 1X12 month	18,000.00
<b>Computer Training Center for Accounting and Graphic Design for Marginalized Students</b>		
<b>Trainer</b>		
1 Computer Trainer	Rs,4000X 1X12 month	24,000.00
1 Tally Trainer	Rs,4000X 1X12 month	24,000.00
1 Spoken English Teacher	Rs,2000X 1X6 month	12,000.00
<b>Computer Maintenance (lumsom Amount)</b>	Rs,5000.00	5000.00
	<b>Total recurring cost (INR)</b>	<b>4,59,600.00</b>
<b>Cost OF 2 Desktop&amp;1EPSON ALL-IN-ONE L220 (PRINT, SCAN, COPY) (One Time)</b>	<b>Non recurring Cost</b>	<b>65380.00</b>
	<b>Total Budget (INR)</b>	<b>524980.00</b>

## Conference Call details

Participants- Poojitha Reddy, Ravi Venkataraman, Abhinav Rungta, Shampa Di, Anthony Sir

AshaUFlorida had a conference call with Trinita on 09/05/16 to discuss about the budget and the questions the team had in their previous discussions.

Shampadi and Anthony Sir gave a detailed update on the project. The computer programmes has helped students procure jobs. The value-added education like knitting, sewing helps keep them motivated going for higher studies rather than sinking back into just household work.



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Ravi asked about single biggest challenge they face. Anthony Sir responded that most of the girls getting married at 18yrs of age, even if they are working. Based on the financial situations of the families the students are pulled out of school and sent to work.

Poojitha asked the difference between remedial and school backup support.

Response : Remedial is free coaching/tuition center mainly for students who are already enrolled in schools. Students attend these classes in the evening after school. The one remedial center is in Hooghly. This is for higher grade students.

School Backup support is mainly for students who are not enrolled in school either because of financial situations or marginalized girls who cannot be enrolled in schools because of their age. These centers are in the slums where they have classes in the community.

On further discussion Anthony Sir, pointed out that because of the retention policy under RTE, students are passed even if they do not meet the standards. This is leading to lowering standards among students in some cases. They face a bigger challenge then after class 8.

Shampa di said that there is a good response for tally program and the students are showing interest in learning it and are motivated to attend these classes. 3 students who took the training are placed. Shampa di said that since the program is giving good results they would like to continue the program if supported.

Ravi asked about sustainability of the project. Does trinita want extra funds for one time (2016-2017) or in the future as well? Shampa di responded that they could try to sustain the computer program on their own in the future and are working toward it but would require funding for this year.

## **Approval timeline:**

During the meeting held on 8/26/16, the budget was presented to the AshaUFlorida team and there were questions about the repercussions if AshaUFloirda is not able to support the project. In the meeting held on 09/09/16, considering the current financial situation it was discussed that the AshaUFlorida can support the complete budget for 2016-2017 if approved by the members.

The evote was taken on 09/21/16.



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All the members agreed to this budget through evote. Also, the members decided to disburse the amount in 2 disbursements.

Total no of votes-9, Yes(9), No(0), Abstain (0).

Yes- Devesh Chugh, Ramya Sivakumar, Janani P, Abhinav Rungta, Gayathri Sindhu Srinivasan, Revathi Kedari, Apoorva Mohan, Shiva Halan, Anand Radhakrishnan,

**Asha UF will be disbursing INR 5.25 lakhs for the 2016-17 calendar year in 2 disbursements, one in November 2016 (INR 2.96 lakhs) and the next one in February 2017.**