

Asha for Education™

Site Visit Questionnaire

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Dear Volunteer

Thanks for conducting this site visit.

The following set of questions is only a suggested guideline. Some of the following questions may not be relevant or applicable to the particular project you are visiting, but please do try to answer as many of them as possible. Please note that Part sB & C necessitate that the information be gathered through conversations with the children and their parents, and not simply the group's teachers and staff.

Please feel free to attach any documents/photos you feel are pertinent to the project.

Thanks.

- Asha for Education

Date: ~ 20 January 2014

Name of the Project: ISW

Name of the Organisation Running the Project (if different): ISW

Was your site visit announced? Yes, it was planned ☒

No, it was a surprise visit ☐

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PART A: Particulars about the organization and its environment

1. What are the different focus areas of the organization? (give a rough estimate of the % of their total effort/funding)

Community development ☒% Education ☒% Health ☐%
Other ☐% (please specify) ☐

domestic violence / child marriage reduction

2. What is the administrative structure of the group (e.g. Board of Directors/Grassroots-based)?

Grassroots based.

Headed by Nupur Sangal and friends

3. Are there any other organizations working in the area providing any one or all of the services provided by the visited organization? (Briefly mention their names and their objectives)

N/A

Organization	Objectives of the organization
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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PART B: The organization and the community it serves

(Information to be gathered from parents and children)

1. Approximately how many families live in the area? ☐

2. What do the parents do for a living? (Agricultural worker, Daily wage laborer etc.)

Agriculture, casual day laborers and Rickshaw Pullers.

3. At the time of enrolment, does the school ask for the names of both parents?

Yes ☒ No, just the father's name ☐ No, just the mother's name ☐

4. How often do the teachers meet the parents?

once every three months

5. How do the parents participate in the organization's activities? (e.g. by contributing their time, money or labor in the school's activities etc.)

Students pay a nominal Rs.10.00 per month.
Parents do not involve much outside of that.

6. Are there any Government Schools in the area?

Yes ☒

No ☐

7. If yes, how far are the Government Schools from the community?

~ 1 kilometer

8. Why did the parents choose this school over the Government School?

For the good student-teacher relationship and personal care students get in ISW school.

9. When you visited, how many children were present in the class?

What is the regular class strength? 250

Comments:

I visited just after the pre-primary school ended.

10. Do the children seem to enjoy coming to school?

Yes

PART C: Project particulars

(Information to be gathered from students and staff)

1. What is the mode of teaching in the school? (Check the appropriate choices)

A. Formal (State Board, Central Board etc.) ☒

till what class?

8th standard

B. Non-Formal Education (NFE) ☐

do the students also attend formal school?

C. Vocational ☐

D. Other ☐. Please specify

2. If A (Formal), up to what grade (LKG, 5th, 7th etc.) does the school conduct classes?

8th

3. If B (Non-Formal Education) how many of the children also attend formal schools in the area?

If none do, does the project plan this for the future?

4. If Non-Formal Education, does the organization create its own study material (books, games)?

5. If C (Vocational), what do the children do after they finish training?

6. How many staff or volunteers are recruited from the community? 100%
How many of the staff are women? 90%

7. How many teachers have left the school in the past one year, and why?

None

8. How many new teachers have joined in the past year? 2

9. Does the organization train the teachers?

Yes ☒

No ☐

If yes, how do they provide the training?

providing educational materials/books.

10. How much is the staff paid? Rs 2500.00

Is it on par with the salary paid to the staff in the Government schools?

Yes ☐

No ☒

PART D: Financial resources of the organization

(Feedback from the person conducting the site visit)

1. Do you think the proposed amounts in the budget are reasonable? Yes ☒ No ☐ Maybe ☐

2. Are all items covered in the budget? Yes ☒ No ☐ Maybe ☐

Comments:

I would have liked tiffins to be provided. They occasionally provide fruits or buns but not on a regular basis. They like us to support them with staff salary.

3. Is there anything you think should be added or removed from the budget?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If you recommend any changes to the budget, please explain your reasons for this.

We need to shrink the budget to fit Asha's ARC guidelines.

4. Did you discuss the proposed changes with the project? If so, please describe their response.

Yes. I told Napur ~~we~~ we may be unable to provide the one time costs of furnitures. She is OK with it.

PART E: Comments

(Feel free to attach documents if necessary)

The project is overall very satisfactory. The NGO is very motivated about running the school. Teachers seem to love their job. They have a huge campus (donated by an Australian non-profit org) encompassing two big school buildings, gardens and playground. The establishment seems permanent and local people seem to take ISW's effort seriously. The organization is mainly run by women. They are dedicated to help women suffering from child marriage / trafficking / domestic violence.

Project ISW

Third cycle

Site visit report and new budget

ISW Trivia

- Founded in 1978 by Nupur Sanyal and friends.
- Runs preprimary, primary and secondary schools in Barasat and Kidderpore.
- Runs coaching centers for street children
- Runs campaigns/awareness programs against domestic violence.
- Runs schools for adolescent girls.
- Trying to work with underprivileged community to stop human trafficking and child marriage.

Partnership with Asha-San Francisco

- Asha-SF is considering funding the recurrent costs of Barasat preprimary, primary and secondary schools for the third financial cycle.
- Sriparna has visited the schools on site and finds the project agreeable to be funded by Asha-SF.
- The following slides present some of the photos from her site visit.
- Asha-SF has also submitted ISW's proposal for 2014's WAH campaign.

Site visit of Barasat school: Sri and the teachers



The first floor of this new school building is made by Asha-SF's one time funding.

The current school building that will later be the primary school



The current school is seen in the backdrop. Nupur is in the center

The classroom in the primary/secondary school. The paintings are done by the children. They are used to decorate the walls



Trivia on Barasat School

- Two buildings, one primary and another secondary (upto 8th standard)
- The students are eventually sent to the local government schools for higher education
- Currently have 120 male and 130 female students ages 3-14
- 9 teachers and 2 staffs run the school. They have a minimum education level of class 12.
- They also run after-school coaching for students who need special attention.
- Currently all students are placed in class according to their merit and not age. Some retarded children go to lower classes.
- They have a good student – teacher relationships. Students like to come to the school. On most days the attendance is almost 100%

The new budget for 2014-2015

As per Asha-SF's current guideline, we can not sanction more than 3,30,000. Thus, we need to let go of one time item #1 and #2. This point is open for discussion

Item	Amount	One time/Ann
Ceiling fan - 8 nos. X Rs. 3,000.00 =	24,000	One time
Sitting Bench & High Bench - 60 nos. X Rs. 1,500.00 =	90,000	One time
Education Materials for 12 months	12,000	One time
Educational Workshops for 12 months	15,000	
Maintenance & Supervision for 12 months	18,000	
Teacher's salary - @ Rs. 3,000.00 X 6 nos. X 12 months	2,16,000	
Paid Staff's salary - @ Rs. 1,500.00 X 3 nos. X 12 months	54,000	
Volunteer Staff's salary - @ Rs. 1,000.00 X 4 nos. X 12 months	36,000	
TOTAL =	4,65,000	