ISW Chella

Overview

- ISW has a focus on solving for the inequality of the deprived sections of the society, with special focus on women and children.
- Apart from education, they also work on awareness drives, legal help and protection from domestic violence, health checkups, cultural activities etc.
- Apart from Chella, they have 5 education centres in different rural areas in and around Kolkata

Program specifics

- Current batch of students is 100 percent female.
- ISW primarily provides supplementary education rather than primary education.
- Completely funded from received funds, no fees to participants
- Combined funds from all other sources for all projects: \$54000
- This includes the two projects we fund at \$10500 and \$6500

Details of funds sought: ~USD 10000

Item	Amount(INR)	Type of spend
Educational aids	40000	Onetime
Construction	120000	Onetime
Salaries	270000	Annual
Study circles and campaign programmes	24000	Annual
Nutrition	128000	Annual
Electricity	12000	Annual
Conveyance	36000	Annual
Total	654000	USD 10000

Discussion points

- The salaries for teachers seems too low. Do we have reference to know if it is possible to actually get staff at this salary level?
- The Institution is definitely providing value by plugging gaps in the support provided by the current education setup
- Clearly defined target audience and the plan has direct impact on the communities.
- Support goes beyond education to provide support in terms of awareness, fundamental rights and legal help if needed.
- Project is not heavily funded and therefore, this contribution would make a meaningful difference to the project

Questions from V1

- What is the extent of construction? Do you own the land? Breakdown of construction costs. Construction to be done by the local villagers, land is procured.
- Clarity about the curriculum. Different subjects taught in every day and study groups created to help them learn school subjects.
- Can we fund this partially?
- Why Chella? High occurrence of Child Marriage, started a health clinic and this surfaced the issues of child marriage.
- 85 seems low. What is the typical time that students spend at your facilities? How many students do you hope to reach out to through Chella? 4-5 hours a day, 80 children. 6-10 in the morning on weekdays, sunday 10am-5pm.

Recommendation: Potential partial funding for this project