

Senchiamma School



ANNUAL UPDATE FOR 2025

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Mission



- Support children during the formative years in preparation for mainstream school education
- Providing daily nutritional snack and lunch for the kids who attend the school
- Early childhood education
- Prepares the kids to attend the Government schools

History



- Started: March 2003
- Started by:
 - B. Ashok (bash at microsoft dot com)
 - Jayashree Janardhan Ashok (jayjanar2 at hotmail dot com)

Organization Structure



- Run by Bharathi Trust
- Contact person: Siddamma E
- Paid positions
 - Teachers – 1; Mariamma
 - Cook/maid - 1
- No Executive board

Location



Activities



- Bharathi Trust
 - Runs many schools and other social welfare organizations for Irular community
 - Also involved in rescuing people from bonded labor and similar situations
 - Siddamma is an advocate of organic farming, and she was given the 'Women Achievers Award 2019' by Raindrops NGO
- Senchiamma School
 - Focus on pre-primary education for children
 - Nutrition during the early years (6 months to 6 years)

Finances



- Rs. 6,80,040 is the ask for this year (April '25 – March '26)
- Asha, Seattle is the only funding organization
- No other non-profits support this project
- No savings in the bank

Asha, Seattle Involvement



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1	<p>How is Asha, Seattle planning to support the overall mission and objectives of the organization?</p> <p>Asha Seattle will provide continued support for children's education and early childhood healthy meals such as mid-morning snack and lunch.</p>
2	<p>Since when is the project with Asha, Seattle?</p> <p>2004</p>
3	<p>Were/are other Asha chapters involved in the project? If yes, in what capacity and for how long?</p> <p>No, other Asha chapters are not involved in this project</p>
4	<p>Key project contacts and how they fit into the overall org. structure.</p> <p>Siddamma E – works with Bharathi Trust</p> <p>Suganthi – Oversees finances for Senchiamma school</p> <p>Murali – Field Engineer</p>

Asha, Seattle Involvement Contd.



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| 5 | <p>If the organization runs out of multiple locations, which locations does Asha, Seattle support?</p> <p>Organization (school) runs out of only one location – Senjiagaram village in Uttukottai, TN</p> |
| 6 | <p>List all the activities supported by Asha, Seattle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing daily mid-morning snack and nutritional lunch for the kids who attend the school• Early childhood education• Provides learning aids |
| 8 | <p>If individuals are supported, how many are supported? What age group?</p> <p>Approximately 32 kids under the age of 6 are supported for the school year 2023-24</p> |
| 9 | <p>Annual budget (amount only) that has been approved by Asha, Seattle. .</p> |
| 10 | <p>Percentage of orgs total budget which is supported by Asha, Seattle</p> <p>100%</p> |

Asha, Seattle Budget for the previous 3 years

- Sep 2024 - Rs. 5,76,000 (for April '24 - March '25)
- Jan 2024 – Rs. 6,80,640 (for April '23 – March '24)
- Sep 2022 – Rs. 6,30,120 (for April '22 – March '23)
- Nov 2021 - Rs. 5,76,000 (for April '21 - March '22)
- Sep 2021 - Rs. 1,65,000 (one-time school maintenance funds donated by Sra Foundation)
- Jun 2021 – Rs. 1,92,000 (one-time COVID relief funds)

Updates for 2025



General Partner Updates for Asha



- Foundation given in this pre-primary school is setting up students for success in the elementary school.
- Most of them finish high school and some get diploma in technical courses, nursing etc.,
- Kids are from 6 months to 6 years.
- Kids are maintaining better health because of the meal program.
- Older students return to help and serve as role models
- Folks in the village are proud of the school and students' accomplishment.

General Partner Updates, contd.



Updates from the site visit on Aug 24, 24

- 32 kids (16 girls and 16 boys) are enrolled this year.
- The school building is renovated, and new learning materials are procured with the funds donated by Sra Foundation.
- Floor is fixed, walls are painted, and two new fans are installed.
- Kitchen is well-stocked, and a new cupboard is in place to store books and puzzles.
- Few small black boards are painted on the wall close to the floor to let young kids practice writing.
- Kids are learning Tamil and English alphabets, numbers, songs and stories.

General Partner Updates, contd.



Updates for the current year

- 30 kids (18 girls and 12 boys) are enrolled this year.
- One boy is graduating and moving to the elementary school this year.
- Three new kids joined this year.
- The renovated school building with toilets and water supply is working well for the kids.
- Kids are eating healthy meals – one mid-day snack and lunch with vegetables every day. Eggs are provided once a week.
- A good number of learning materials like stacking toys, puzzles, and posters are well used by the children.

Asha, Seattle Budget Proposal

April 2025 – March 2026



Recurring Items

Item	Amount per month (Rs)	Amount per year (Rs)
Teacher's salary (1)	4,000	48,000
Maid Salary (1)	1,500	18,000
Food (30 kids)	46,800 (30 kids * 60/day * 26 days)	5,61,600
Misc. expenses (admin cost, audit, etc.,)		15,000
Total		6,42,600









Resources



- Links to news paper articles, or other items of interest.

Questions?



FAQs



- **Some FAQs at Asha, Seattle meetings.**
 - How many Rs. are we spending per kid per year?
 - Does the amount being spent on infrastructure items (building schools, repairing roofs, etc.) look reasonable?
 - Where exactly is the partner located? (especially for remote projects. Be ready to locate the project area on a map)
 - What is the graduation rate of the school?
 - What is the student to teacher ratio in class rooms?
 - What is the girl to boy ratio in the school?
 - What are the line items in the budget?
 - Why is the partner asking for more funding for line item N?
(You will be asked this if there are changes in the budget line items)
 - Community opinion of the project.
 - What went well, what didn't go as expected, what can be done differently.