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| **Project Name: Balia Gram Unnayan Samity (BGUS)** |  | **Date:** **1th May** |

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#### Part I: Information about your group/organization

**Please feel free to attach any additional sheets and/or information such as brochures, press reports etc.**

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| ***1. Name of the group/organization requesting funds.***  BALIA GRAM UNNAYAN SAMITY. (BGUS) |
| ***2. When was the group established?***  Feb. 28, 1979. |
| ***3. Briefly describe the motivation for starting this group.***  The history of the Organization can be rooted back to the 1960s, when few motivated youths endeavored to work for the social upliftment of the area under the banner of Netaji Club. Later the Club rechristened as ‘Balia Gram Unnayan Samity’ (BGUS) and got registered as a formal Voluntary Society in 1979 under West Bengal Society Registration Act, 1961. The Organization with it’s Head Office at Vill. – Balia and it’s 10 centres in 10 villages, located at a distance of 65 k.m. from Kolkata, is working in the spheres like Health, Sanitation, Education, Nutrition, Income Generation, Agriculture & Environment among others for the cause of the underprivileged in Haripal Block of Hooghly district in West Bengal. It has well equipped office with modern communication system & well trained dedicated balanced works force with experience and youth. We have one Soil Testing Laboratory, Pisciculture Unit, Grain Banks, Book Bank, Library, Agro Service Centre, Poultry Training cum Production Unit, etc. etc. The Organization implemented successfully the Sponsorship Program with 1059 Children & Families in the area of Health & Sanitation, Early Childhood Care & Development, Education, Nutrition, Income Generation, Agriculture, Environment etc. among others focusing the well being of children in close association with Christian Children’s Fund, Inc. (CCF) an International, non profit, non sectarian, humanitarian Organization, Head Quartered at Richmond, Virginia, USA from Jan. 1986 to September,2005 with good rapport & honesty. Now post phase out work of CCF Project is going on. The Organization also implemented working children program, Immunization program on Pulse Polio, PD/Hearth program on low cost nutrition intervention, Awareness Generation program on RCH & HIV/AIDS in Haripal Block in the District of Hooghly, West Bengal. |
| ***4. Briefly describe the aims of your group.***  Goals :- To ensure well-being of the Children, Youth, Family & Community through effective people’s participation for sustainable development.    Objective : -  i) To Enhance the upliftment and awareness of the village people.  ii) To reconstruct Indian life and Society on educational and cultural basis.  iii) To organize various cultural and physical activities for local children and community.  iv) To work actively on livelihood generation especially through advanced agriculture.  v) To rehabilitate and provide relief to the community effected by natural calamities.  vi) To establish various community welfare centres and to run welfare related activities for the people.  vii) To undertake development activities in the field of agriculture, animal husbandry, pisciculture etc. and other community development related program.  viii) To promote Khadi and Village industries, Small and Cottage industries or any other Socio-economic programs for economic upliftment of the people.  ix) To undertake other activities related education, Child welfare and Social welfare. |
| ***5. Does your group have any religious or political affiliation? If yes, please describe the type of affiliation and the reason for it.***  No |
| ***6. What non education-related community development activities is your group involved in?***  Currently, other than running pre-primary schools, coaching centers and book banks, following non-educational programs are also run by BGUS:  A. Soil health management project and SHG formation, funded by NABARD, West Bengal: Awareness generation on soil pollution, bad effects of use chemical fertilizer repeatedly, soil testing, preventive measures to reduce soil pollution, awareness generation on SHG formation etc.  B. ANM(R) training school: ANM training provided to women, selected by Government of West Bengal from different Blocks of West Bengal. Under Public, Private, Partnership scheme of NRHM, Government of West Bengal. The duration of the training is 18 months. After training Government appointed them as ANM.  C. Napkin production unit funded by the Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor, Government of India with an aims to reduce Gynological diases causes due to maintain old unhygienic cloths during menstruation period. Side by side creating opportunity for earning.  D. RCH 2 program under MNGO/FNGO scheme of Government of India and Government of West Bengal continuing from 2007. Awareness generation on safe mother hood, immunization, institutional delivery, pre and post natal care anti/ post natal check up adolescent care, prevention of early marriage health care etc.  E. Malaria control program funded by Government of West Bengal awareness generation on prevention of Malaria, bed net washing. |

#### Part II: Details about your educational project/s

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| ***7. List the school/s run by your group, and their locations. If you are requesting funds for only a few of several schools, please specify which one/s***.  We run 7 pre-primary schools in 7 rural villages ( Balia, Jigra, Ichapur, Kashipur, Narayanpur, Bahirkhand & Dullya under Haripal Block of Hooghly District, West-Bengal), coaching centers and 1 book bank/reading room in the Hoogly district of West Bengal. Funding is being sought for the running cost of these three programs, which includes teachers salary (for both pre-primary schools and coaching centers), education materials for the children, nutrition program, health check up, and books. |
| ***8. Location of school/s***  Urban  Rural  Other |
| ***9. Specify the type of education provided (e.g. basic literacy, vocational training etc.).***  Pre-primary schools for kids of age 3-6 and coaching centers for children of ClassI - ClassVIII to support them with homeworks/exams, so that they don’t drop out of the schools. |
| ***10. Please tell us about your teaching techniques (conventional vs. alternative).***  The teachers use conventional and alternative methods as and when necessary. They use charts and books to teach the children; at the same time they also educate the students on hygine, nature, and places a strong emphasis on learning by doing methods by using different educational toys. |
| ***11. What is the literacy rate in the local community?***  When the program started the literacy rate was 30%. But now most of the children go to schools due to BGUS'S continuous efforts. |
| ***12. Describe the socio-economic background of the children and their parents (e.g. education, occupational). If any of your students are employed, please tell us about that as well.***  Economically Backward Class (E. B. C.)  These children whom BGUS caters to are all from very poor family. Their parents are mostly daily wage earners, weavers, farmers. They are extremely poor and are not educated at all. But due to constant effort of BGUS, the community people support and appreciate the effort of BGUS. Thus they send their children to schools run by BGUS, so that their children can overcome the barriers which they couldn’t, due to lack of education. |
| ***13. In addition to education, does your group provide any other services to the children in your schools (e.g. food, health care, clothing, etc.)?***  We provide mid-day meals to the students. In addition, we conduct regular health-checkup. |
| ***14. Does your school have:*** Its own building(s):  Yes  No Number Number and type of classrooms (e.g. Pukka):  **Yes No** **Yes No** **Yes No**  Toilets   Playground   Toys  Chairs & Tables   Blackboard   Library  Drinking water   Electricity   Computers  Laboratory   Teaching aids (e.g. books/slates) |
| ***15. How many children are currently enrolled in your school(s)?***  Male 160 Female 143 Age Range     3-6 (for preprimary) [Additional 150 students for coaching centers from Class I to ClassVII] |
| ***16. How many staff are employed at your schools?*** Teachers 20 Minimum Qualifications High School Other staff 11 |
| ***17. Average distance the children travel to attend your school*** < 2 kms |
| ***18. How many children have gone through your program in the past five years and what are they doing currently? Please tell us about their future education and employment possibilities***.  i) 550 children completed pre primary education with in 5 years and all the children are admitted in Government school for primary education and continuing studies no drop out.  ii) coaching centers- 130 students completed the coaching program up to class seven. Out of them 22 students appeared in Madhyamik (Secondary) examination this year. Our coaching program under ASHA started from 2007-08 and the first batch appeared in the secondary examination this year which was held on February 12. Result yet to be published.  In addition, an earlier survey about the effectiveness of pre primary programs is attached:  http://www.ashanet.org/projects-new/documents/794/survey-on-effect-of-preprimary-education.doc |
| *19. Do you help your students with their future education efforts after they have passed out of your school?*  Yes, we guide them in getting admitted to primary schools run by government in these local rural areas. |
| ***20. Are there any other schools (Kindergarten/Balwadi****,* ***Elementary school****,* ***High school****)* ***in the area? If so, please list the schools and the range of classes each of them offers.***  There are government run primary and high schools. |
| ***21. Is your program different from that provided at these schools? Please explain.***  Our schools are the only pre-primary schools in the locality, serving for the children of economically backward community. |
| ***22. Why are the children in your school/s not attending government/other schools in the local area***?  Ours are the only pre-primary schools. These schools prepare these children with basic english, bengali and maths skill, so that they can get admitted in government run primary schools in the locality. This has helped to reduce the high drop out rate drastically. |
| ***23. Do you try to involve the parents of the children in the running of the school (e.g. in setting the syllabus etc.)? Please specify.***  We conduct regular Mother's meeting (monthly) to discuss learning, health, hygiene.  Mothers take turn to cook the meals for the children enrolled in the pre primary schools and they also contribute grains etc. |
| ***24. What are your expansion plans for the future (e.g. adding more classes or schools)?***  Currently, four of our preprimary schools needs repairs and reconstruction. Moreover we also need to reconstruct the toilets of all the schools and tubewells in some. Due to fund constraint, we are not able to do these. But once these are done, we can expand the existing capacity. |
| ***25. Do you have any suggestions on how Asha can be a positive influence in changing the education scenario in India?*** |

***26. If possible, please provide us with the contact information of two individuals from your community who can describe the impact of your program***.

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***27. Asha for Education requires reports from its projects every six months to continue funding. Please provide the contact information for the person from your group who will be responsible for these reports.***

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#### Part III: Financial Details

**Please feel free to attach any information such as annual reports, budgets etc.**

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| ***28. What sources fund your group’s activities at present? List the sources and the current and future funding from each of them. If these funds are meant for a specific part of your group’s activities, please describe those restrictions.***  Mar2012 UIUC $4,980.00  Nov2011 UIUC $2,000.00  Sep2011 UIUC $5,400.00  Feb2011 UIUC $4,000.00  Feb2011 UIUC $1,200.00  Oct2010 UIUC $4,600.00  Feb2010 Knoxville $3,650.00  Aug2009 UIUC $4,225.00  Aug2009 Work an Hour $1,750.00  Mar2009 Work an Hour INR 37,000.00  Mar2009 Work anHour $10,130.00  Jan2009 Knoxville $2,250.00  Oct2008 UIUC $1,666.00  Jul2008 UIUC $1,667.00  May2008 Knoxville $2,215.00  Jan2008 Silicon Valley $1,385.00  Oct2007 UIUC $3,300.00  Oct2007 UIUC $1,500.00  Aug2007 UIUC $1,250.00  Mar2007 UIUC $1,250.00 |

***29. Please provide us with details of your projected budget for the next 3 years:***

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***30. Salary expenditure details:***

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|  | Number | Salary Range |
| Teachers | 20 | Rs. 750 -1450 |
| Paid Staff | 1 | Rs3000 |
| Volunteer Staff | 17 | free volunteers |

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| ***31. Please provide details of the fixed costs of your school/s for the next three years.***  Four of the seven schools need reconstruction. BGUS also needs fund for reconstruction of sanitation(toilet) facilities and water tubewells. These are essential for the safety of the children. The total cost for these are Rs.2,04,235. Wwe at Asha UIUC have been trying our best to apply for some external funds but given the rural location of the project, we have not been successful in winning any such fund till date. Details of such reconstruction can be provided if necessary. |
| ***32. How many of your students pay school fees? Please provide details.***  Each children at the pre-primary school pay only Rs 10 per month. |

***33. What amount are you requesting from Asha, and for what specific purpose?***

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| Items | Amount | One time / Annual |
| Pre-primary Schools (teachers salary, books, nutition, health check-up) | Rs 4,52,930 |  |
| Coaching Centers (instructors salary, teaching materials) | Rs 1,05,610 |  |
| Book Bank | Rs 30,100 |  |
| Annual Games, Sports & Cultural meets | Rs 17,825 |  |
| Admistrative expenses | Rs 21,300 |  |
| Total Proposed Amount requested from Asha (2012-2012) | Rs 5,68,765 |  |
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