

Dear Priti and Pravin,

We wanted to know whether the Vashi Turbe is leased or owned.

Vashi Turbhe centre's premise is leased and not owned by Prerana.

Last year budget mentions 8 "study class teachers" though we did not fund them. This year's budget says 6. Did the other two leave? If not, how are their salaries being paid?

Their salaries were paid through the UNIFEM grant. This year we are referring the older children from the Falkland road centre for study class to another programme called Jigisha. These classes are conducted in the local Municipal school which the children attend. They are conducted by another voluntary organisation for all children attending the municipal school and not specifically to the children of the red light area.

We were wondering what specifics were included in "scholastic supplies" (see new budget)

Followings;

Notebooks, Books, Pencils, erasers, sharpeners

Since last year from children from grade 1 to 7 have been getting text books note books uniforms, shoes, socks, water bottles, pencil box, tiffin box from the municipal corporation. We hope they would get all these this year too.

We supply note books as some of the younger children tend to lose their note books, pencils, erasers, etc

Older children use up their note books and need additional.

For children in and above grade 8 we need to supply almost everything mentioned above.

Additionally we need to and do provide raincoats, umbrellas.

For grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 we also buy guides. Children can refer to them when they visit the centres.

For 10 & 12 as it is the Board exams we buy sets of Board papers, solved papers etc for reference at the centre if not individual copies.

We were curious, what other funding sources the various centers have, and if you could provide a list detailing this.

Other funding sources for the red light area based projects are as follows;

1. ASSKAM Switzerland
2. Global Fund for Children Washington D C USA
3. Johnson & Johnson Ltd.
4. UNIFEM South Asia regional office
5. L & T Ltd.

There is a budget item for medical emergencies, could you provide specific examples? Who funded this last year?

Example of what is included in 'medical emergency':

1. providing medicines which cannot be procured free of cost from the public hospitals
2. getting pathological tests like: EEG, CT Scan, specialized Blood tests
3. Meeting deficits for specialized investigation charges (although they are concessional) Concessional rates) when prescribed by the doctors at the public hospitals.

Last year this was covered under the funds given by Johnson & Johnson Ltd.

Last and this year we were given medicines by Larson & Toubrous Ltd. through their supplier for all the three centres. We have to go out and buy medicines only when those are not part of the medicines given by L & T.

Nutrition is for 120 children, but 80 children go to the 3 day residential camp (see new budget). Is this correct?

Nutrition is for 120 children attending the NCC and the DCC and those who attend the study classes and are part of the ESP.

The 3 days residential camp has nothing to do with the money spent on nutrition. Three days residential camp is conducted only once or twice a year and generally in Summer.

What is the 3 day residential camp? Are they starting it new this year?

In 1990 we started with one outdoor residential camp for children. As the demand grew and the group became heterogeneous the number went up to two camps. The children are taken to a camp site like J J Nursing Association's camp site at Aksa beach Malad or any other site. This year in the month of May we had two residential outdoor camps for children. In the past ASSKAM has supported the camp. The others who supported it at different times are;

Family Health International
Johnson & Johnson Ltd
UNIFEM

What are the "important days and festivals" this year? We were curious that this number has increased from 8 to 12.

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Birth Anniversary
Independence Day
Republic Day
World AIDS Day
World Anti Narcotics Day
International Children's Day
International Women's Day
Christmas / New Year
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Diwali
Dasara
Ganesh Chaturthi
Gokulasthami
Holi
Etc.(These days are decided by the children

What are the roles of (senior/junior etc.) caretakers?

Junior Care Takers: freshly appointed or have worked for one to two years in the organization. Their work includes;

Personal hygiene of children, cleanliness of the NCC, serving and feeding children, cleaning the premise after food is served and eaten.

Senior Care Takers:She is the Supervisor of the NCC. We have asked for two post –one each for vashi and for Falkland road. Better trained to handle medical emergencies. Since more experienced they are encouraged to interact with the mothers. Consistently been with the organization for more than 2 to 3 years and has shown good leadership qualities.

Work includes;

Everything mentioned above. Devote more time towards conducting activities with children along with the supervisors and/ or outreach workers, project coordinator. Accompany the outreach worker and/ or project coordinator sometimes for health check up to the public hospitals. Attend to visiting doctor. Responsible for daily purchases of vegetables, sometimes also accompanies the outreach worker and the project coordinator for community visits. etc.

Additionally, we appreciate it if you could send a break down the different budget items for Falkland Road and Vashi Turbe separately? I understand this make take longer than the other questions.

Certainly! Being sent separately by our Finance Officer.

Also, we've not had a conference call with you in several months and we would be happy to talk with you again soon, perhaps in early July?

Surely!

Mr. Dilip Menon volunteer from Asha who visited us recently have prepared his visit report. You might like to read them before the conference call.

Many Thanks!

Karl

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