

The Shirpur Vishwa Mandal Sevashram

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Mr. Chidambaram Narayanan
ASHA - Zurich

Dear Mr. Chidambaram

This letter follows up my last sent on July 27, 2004.

I here enclose a revised proposal-estimate which takes care of revisions in costs and plan strategies.

Hoping you have received the hard copies of our Memorandum of Association, the FCRA permission, etc.

Shanmuga and Subashree's report to you was read by Frazer and myself with some happy amazement - like coming across a favourable sentence from a magistrate!

Just now I'm trying to support the efforts of a traditional Vaidu (an adivasi from faraway Chattipani in the hills of Shirpur) in his study and practice of herbal medicine. He will be part of our team spreading and strengthening the wisdom of the tribal in dealing with health. Besides I've an experienced farmer - tribal - who makes the rounds of villages nurturing experiments in organic farming. Not to miss out the young Rajesh Pradhan, the adivasi youth who with a bit of good orientation, now visits villages to administer medicine for cattle. So much to be done to realise Gandhiji's dream of village resources being fully used for development. And to draw on these resources for designing educational programmes.

Looking forward to your partnership.

Sincerely



Fr. Godfrey D' Lima

Director, The Shirpur Vishwa Mandal Sevashram

P.S. What a blessing not to have depended on computers. The wretched things break down + demand heavy costs transporting them to Mumbai for endless repairs!