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Site Visit Questionnaire

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Dear Volunteer

Thanks for conducting this site visit.

The following set of questions is only a suggested guideline. Some of the following questions may not be relevant or applicable to the particular project you are visiting, but please do try to answer as many of them as possible. Please note that Part sB & C necessitate that the information be gathered through conversations with the children and their parents, and not simply the group's teachers and staff.

Please feel free to attach any documents/photos you feel are pertinent to the project.

Thanks.

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Date: Jan. 22, 16

Name of the Project: Kedi Residential School for Tribal Girls

Name of the Organisation Running the Project (if different): Kaivalya Trust

Was your site visit announced? Yes, it was planned

No, it was a surprise visit

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PART A: Particulars about the organization and its environment

1. What are the different focus areas of the organization? (give a rough estimate of the % of their total effort/funding)

Community development 20% Education 80% Health ___%
Other ___% (please specify) _____

2. What is the administrative structure of the group (e.g. Board of Directors/Grassroots-based)?

Trustees: Aparna Kadikar (Mentor), Pankaj Kadikar , Dr. Sudarshan Iyengar, Dr. Mahendra Chotalia, Shraddhben Jani,Teacher
Head Teacher: Jignesh Kurkutia, Apexaa Tandel,.Mukeshbhai Patel, Msc (Maths) , Ankit Sharma,& others. Part Time Rectors: Anjuben Choudhari

3. Are there any other organizations working in the area providing any one or all of the services provided by the visited organization? (Briefly mention their names and their objectives)

Organization	Objectives of the organization
Vanpath Chatralay	Hostel for Girls 80 students, Class 11 and 12 only. Kedi coaches their students for English, Sanskrit and Maths
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Government High Schools SMSM	It is 2.5 Km away. Education up to Standard 10. 3000 students. 125 students/ class. In X std they got ZERO% result in 2015. 450 students failed. Earlier, they were getting 55% pass but when Government clamped down on copying/ cheating, no student passed. Despite such poor result, no action was taken against the school or the teachers by the Government. Only the Principal, who had reached retirement age, retired. There is no accountability in Government school for the results, leading to neglect and no desire to improve. There are Junior colleges in the surrounding area.

PART B: The organization and the community it serves

(Information to be gathered from parents and children)

1. Approximately how many families live in the area? Students from 6 districts or nearly entire south Gujarat come to Kedi. Criteria is to admit most disadvantaged students who:

1. Come from remote areas.
2. Not accepted by other schools
3. Coming from poor family
4. Max 40 students per Standard, 2 classes per Std
5. Students come from long distances of 15 KM to 150 KM from Six districts. . Students from Narmada & Tapi districts are better as their mother tongue is Gujarati and generally are from second generation school goers. Students of Dharampur and Kaprada are from the border area with Maharsahtra and their mother tongue is a mix of Gujarati & Marathi. Their learning in the primary school is not as good due to the language barrier. They are also generally first generation school goers.

2. What do the parents do for a living? (Agricultural worker, Daily wage laborer etc.)

75% Small Farmers, Daily wage earners in construction and farms. Family income around Rs 3000/M , 6 people in the family.

3. At the time of enrolment, does the school ask for the names of both parents?

Yes No, just the father's name No, just the mother's name

4. How often do the teachers meet the parents?

At least twice a year. More for students who need more attention. many parents come from the hills for the weekly flea market to sell their stuff. They stop by & meet the teachers about once a month.

5. How do the parents participate in the organization's activities? (e.g. by contributing their time, money or labor in the school's activities etc.)

2 Girls Muslim, 36 Christians, Tribal religion. Parents live in remote areas . Fees are Rs 1500/ year for lodging, boarding, education, health and all other expenses of the student. Many parents find it difficult to pay and pay in installments. 15 students can not pay anything but get scholarship as arranged by Kedi with individual donors..

6. Are there any Government Schools in the area? Yes No

7. If yes, how far are the Government Schools from the community? 2.5 KM and in the town of Dharampur.

8. Why did the parents choose this school over the Government School?

1. Government schools give a stipend of Rs 75 / pm , a bicycle, no fees, uniform and books. Still parents prefer to send to Kedi because:

- 1.1 Better quality of education
- 1.2 Vocational training
- 1.3 Overall development
- 1.4 Better reputation
- 1.5 More than 80-85% of the students who graduated from Kedi have been able to find good jobs.

9. When you visited, how many children were present in the class? 60 students. 23 had gone to for collecting Government scholarship as the govt sends the cheques to their distant villages and the students are required to sign to get the delivery of the cheque from the post office. The parents of the students come from the villages, take them home, then they go to the towns where the students have bank accts , deposit the funds & parents have to come back to drop the students. As some students come from long distances,often changing 3-4 buses and walking, they stay back for a day or two. All these hassles for collecting scholarship of Rs 2000 for 9th Std, Rs 3000 for 10th and Rs 4000 for Std 11th. The Government may have good intention to ensure that the students get the scholarship funds. However, parents often take away the scholarship funds & the girls have no choice.

What is the regular class strength? 20 per class

Comments: Students need intensive teaching as they come from Government schools where learning is not good due to various problems associated with remote Tribal areas.

10. Do the children seem to enjoy coming to school?

Yes. 8 & 9th, max participation in activities. Students of 10th grade very busy with exam preparations

PART C: Project particulars

(Information to be gathered from students and staff)

1. What is the mode of teaching in the school? (Check the appropriate choices)

- A. Formal (State Board, Central Board etc.) **till what class?** standard 10.
 B. Non-Formal Education (NFE) **do the students also attend formal school?**
 C. Vocational
 D. Other . Please specify _____

2. If A (Formal), up to what grade(LKG, 5th, 7th etc.) does the school conduct classes?

8, 9, 10. Education department has approved the arrangement with another school that Kedi students appear in SSC Board exams as students of another Government school..

3. If B (Non-Formal Education) how many of the children also attend formal schools in the area?

All students also study formal syllabus of Gujarat.

If none do, does the project plan this for the future?

4. If Non-Formal Education, does the organization create its own study material (books, games)?

Yes. Kedi designs own curriculaum for 8 and 9. They have designed the books. They use NITS books , which are well designed.

5. If C (Vocational), what do the children do after they finish training?

All students in the past have gone for higher education.

6. How many staff or volunteers are recruited from the community?

100%

How many of the staff are women? 10 women out of 14, Most with MS.

7. How many teachers have left the school in the past one year, and why?

4 teachers were recruited on probation but were allowed to leave as the performance was below expectation. No teacher went during the year to Government school.

8. How many new teachers have joined in the past year? Net Nil

9. Does the organization train the teachers? Yes No

If yes, how do they provide the training? Invite several outside resources from university and other institutes

10. How much is the staff paid? Rs 3500 to 6000 PM. One teacher, Ankit Sharma, who teaches 11th and 12th Std the subjects like statistics, accounting is paid Rs 12,000 pm

Is it on par with the salary paid to the staff in the Government schools? Yes No

PART D: Financial resources of the organization

(Feedback from the person conducting the site visit)

1. Do you think the proposed amounts in the budget are reasonable? Yes No Maybe

2. Are all items covered in the budget? Yes No Maybe

Comments: Kedi believes in teaching simple life, frugality and high ideals. They manage the costs within a low limit.

3. Is there anything you think should be added or removed from the budget?

Yes No

If you recommend any changes to the budget, please explain your reasons for this.

4. Did you discuss the proposed changes with the project? If so, please describe their response.

No

PART E: Comments

(Feel free to attach documents if necessary)

Kedi is continuously evolving for better learning and acquiring life skills and values by its students. It is a very creative school.