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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.

- Asha for Education

Date: Jan. 14, 18

Name of the Project: Childlife Preserve Shishur Sevay

Name of the Organisation Running the Project (if different): Same as above

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 0% Education 40% Health 30%

Other 30% (please specify) home based care (childcare, food & nutrition, sanitation etc.) and security.

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

There is a governing body which has a total of eight members. Dr. Michelle Harrison, the founder, is the Secretary of the board.

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
Founder Dr. Michelle Harrison	Care and Learning
Local Govt	Support

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? The children all came through the Child Welfare Committee who were previously housed in an institution. They come from the greater West Bengal Area and are not from this community, but they are being raised as a part of this community.

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

The children at Shishur Sevay are orphans who have lost touch with the family and community they were born into. Only one child has a parent.

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?

NA, please see above

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.)*

NA, please see above

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

7. *If yes, how far are the Government Schools from the community?* Less than 1 KM

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

NA

9. *When you visited, how many children were present in the class?* 12

What is the regular class strength? 12

Comments: They all stay at the facility

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

In a sense 'Yes' since they all stay at the facility and prefer living there than any Government or other place,

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?*
 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?*

NA

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

None

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

For formal certification some of the children will be availing the National Institute for open Schooling (NIOS).

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

They are one of the first to adopt the Toby Software from Microsoft for self, adaptive learning.

They create their own material and also use other available material like text books available in the market, material available from NIOS etc. They also use materials available online. They avail of online courses like K5learning, khan academy etc. and do online classes through videoconferencing with a professor in the US.

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

X Training to be assistants to special educators.

6. How many staff or volunteers are recruited from the community? 15

How many of the staff are women? 10

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

None

8. How many new teachers have joined in the past year? 1

9. Does the organization train the teachers? Yes No

If yes, how do they provide the training? Yes. As the focus and approach to education there is different, orientation is required for the new teachers. The teachers who are experienced in conducting inclusive classes share their experiences and methods with the new teachers. Several of their teachers have been there for five to six years and have gathered valuable experience in inclusive education.

10. How much is the staff paid? There are two full time teachers (35+ hours per week, five days a week), four part time teachers/physiotherapists (< 35hrs. per week, five days a week) and six tutors who have 1-3 classes per week. The salary is decided individually depending on the number of hours and the skill and knowledge in their fields. The range of salary is between ₹1500 to ₹23,000.

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: Asha, Colorado is only going to fund a few items of the budget

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.

NA

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

NA

PART E: Comments

(Feel free to attach documents if necessary)

I think, members of Shishur Sevai are extremely devoted set of people and they are doing excellent work which should be supported as much as possible