

Meeting Minutes: 4/22/09

Attendees: Young, Neha, Pooja, Rupam, Aditi, Praveen, Shivani, Shanthi, Lakshmi, Nirmal, Mallika, Hemang

- General Info - NA
- Projects
 - Proposals
 - Sreenarayana Sevika Samajam (Lakshmi)
 - Looking to expand capacity of orphanage in Alluva, Kerala for girls (age group up to 16 yrs)
 - Site visit completed few weeks back by Tushar from Asha Bangalore
 - Nirmal: fwd site visit report to group
 - Construction has started with individual donations (need to find out how much); looking to complete by July prior to monsoon
 - Asha-Berkeley has approved funding for \$4000 (for plastering but not specific)
 - Addnl qns: what is the timeline for construction given target completion is July? What is the plan on loan timing given that needed funding for completion in July has not been obtained? How is the work being funded currently given all needed money is not in place?
 - Prayas (Shanthi)
 - Org in Rajasthan that helps disabled and non-disabled kids in slums; 4 schools
 - Requesting funds (approx \$14K) for 1yr for new home-based program - salaries for teachers (specially trained), coordinator, bikes, training, health supplies, etc.
 - Teachers try to find kids in slums; parents also enroll kids
 - Priority is for teachers for July (approx. \$8600 for 1 yr)
 - Asha Atlanta and UIUC have been funding the regular school; site visit in Nov done - wasn't able to see home-based program but very positive feedback on staff and program
 - Qn on whether to fund teachers salary only or complete budget
 - Decision to setup poll for project - options for \$14K and \$8600 (Nirmal)
 - Email update [May 31st]
 - Asha-SF approved \$9000 towards Prayas for the salaries of 8 teachers for 1 year.
 - CAN (Aditi's site visit)
 - Slum near Delhi; Helps disabled kids from underprivileged families
 - Funding for rent, furniture, salaries of staff
 - Good feedback on people running the project
 - Depending solely on Asha for funding in 2 centers for 15-18 kids
 - Concern - how to scale the effort; not sure what the reason is for not adding more kids - teacher bandwidth? (need to check - Rupam)
 - Recvd request for additional funding for next year; final progress report expected soon; need to request budget for new round of funding (Rupam)
 - Suggestion to help with sales of items produced - check w/ local businesses as well as Asha chapters in India on how to achieve this
 - Events
 - Marathon
 - Kickoff session on Sunday 4/26 at 2pm - pl try to attend!
 - Coaches - Tony & Rajeev

- Need volunteers for operations team - water stop, first aid and trail marking management
- Film Festival
 - Nomination form online; Mallika to send out link to group