

## Conference call on Oct 23, 2009

Attended by: Jayram, Rekha, Aravind, Ankur, Praveen (Portland), Tanushree (Atlanta)

(P = Praveen, J = Jatinder, R = Rekha, Y = Jayram)

Rekha: Is anyone from SF on this conference call? Are they informed about these?

Y: No.

Praveen: How long have we been working with Prayas?

R: Since 2008. We have been related to them for 3 years.

P: Organizational structure of Prayas?

How employees are there as a part of pRayas? Is there a board that governs the decisions or just Jatinder?

Rekha: Mostly Jatinder takes care of it; she has a couple of helpers as J is sick most of the time lately. We are not aware if they have a board or something.

R: Do you have a board that looks after Prayas?

J: It's a committee with 7 people. Then, there are people appointed as Supervisor and Coordinators and below them are the teachers. All the people in committee are volunteers. Shail Mukud Bihari, Rabindra China (House wife) Asoka, NK Vyas (CA)....

T: Is there anyone else in Prayas we can get in touch with?

J: Mr. Maula visits Prayas on a daily basis and knows about the project.

Healthwise, she is doing fine, will need to go a kidney transplant, she's waiting for a cadaver.

Jayram(Y): Did you guys receive the money from Second installment yet?

J: We have not received it yet, it takes about 3-4 weeks for it to reach there.

They have got the sustainability award and they take out money from that whenever they are in crunch and re-fill it up. They can fund themselves for about 3-4 months through the grant money.

Praveen had a list of questions:

P\*1) In general, whats the mission for prayas? Do you want to spread it to more kids/places?

J: For now, due to health concerns, we are focusing on the current schools. J says so far, the whole responsibility is on her. Once she starts doing better on health front, they want to expand it to children in orphanages.

P\*2) It takes a long time to bring behavioral changes in mentally disabled children, particularly does not have a residential school?

J: We try to integrate the kids with the other kids. Depends on the "IQ" of the child.

P\*3) What's the plan for the Sanganer school?

J: Sanganer is about 14km away from main city, we are facing problems hiring teachers for Sanganer school. On top of that, these are situated in slums. They have applied for larger place for schools. Amargarh started in 2003, Sanagner in Aug 2007, both of these are in slum area. Two teachers from

Problems with Sanganer: Space and recruiting teachers. Prayas has applied for space from the govt. We are looking for reasonable land in the vicinity of current school. We are hopeful that teacher retention problem would eventually resolve.

Y: We would like to do a site visit some time soon. Tanushree will be visiting India some time in the middle/end of November.

Y: How is the Rajapark school functioning with the new funding?

J: Its working pretty well.

Y: Whats the situation with Tata funding?

J: We get money on a 6 monthly basis. TATA funding is at a max of 2-3 years. Currently, it's only for 2 years. Previously, TATA funded Prayas, they fund projects on a 2-3yr cycle basis, then a break of couple of years and then they take it up again. CRY was funding Rajapark for 10 years.

Y: Is there a possibility that CRY will take up funding again?

J: No, I will not apply again.

Amargarh: Only Vibha is funding Amargarh.

Central Govt (Jhalana), TATA (Rajapark), Vibha (Amargarh) and Asha (Sanganer + Amargarh)