

## Pool Result:

### Question

Do you approve INR 8,00,000/- for 2012-2013 funding of Isha Vidhya Project. We did not fund this project for 2011-2012 due to lack of site visits. Project Page:

<http://www.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=933> Renewal Proposal:

[http://www.ashanet.org/projects-new/documents/933/Renewal\\_Proposal\\_2012\\_2013.pdf](http://www.ashanet.org/projects-new/documents/933/Renewal_Proposal_2012_2013.pdf)

Meeting Minutes: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ashasv-vol/message/9332> [May 23, 2012] Site

Visit Update: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ashasv-vol/message/9525> [Sept 5, 2012] Site Visit

Report: [http://www.ashanet.org/projects-](http://www.ashanet.org/projects-new/documents/933/SiteVisitPresentation_July2012_QA.pdf)

[new/documents/933/SiteVisitPresentation\\_July2012\\_QA.pdf](http://www.ashanet.org/projects-new/documents/933/SiteVisitPresentation_July2012_QA.pdf) Poll closes Dec 18, 2012. Regards.,  
Sarath

### Responses

Choices	Votes	%	1 reply	Respondents
NO	3	30		devilspot@... aaroahi.amit@... vinod.2v@... pratik_mehta_99@... reshu_rajiv@... viv.bhandari@...
YES	7	70		manoj.bhattacharyya@... ksunilsingh@... mxkge57@gmail.com ruksanaav@...

### ISHA VIDYALAYA

1. rural children empowerment
2. 2006 the first school was started with 298 children and in 2008 another school was started and then in 2009 2 more schools were opened.
3. right now there are 7 schools with 3500 odd children
4. about 150 villages are being impacted by these schools being run
5. 2100 kids are being sponsored by Isha vidyalaya with the various donations
6. in 2009-2010 asha SV started supporting 80 kids at Rs. 10,000 per kid
7. the parental attitude has changed in the last few years about schooling for their kids and this is because of the schools and their success.
8. the schools run by Isha are on par with more urban schools in Erode, etc. and that is a big achievement for the kids
9. the kids are mostly from day laborer populations and there are other various populations that are low income who are sending their children to the school
10. the children are progressing very well
11. last year there was no site visit done and there were no funds were released for 2011-2012 year but in September there was money released by Asha SV
12. Isha did find other sponsors for the 80 kids that asha was supporting
13. the operating cost has increased and if the funding is at the level as before \$240 per child, it will only cover tuitions and books
14. the current requirement for 2012-2013 is 80 kids at Rs. 10,000 per kid.
15. the breakdown for the Rs. 10,000 will be sent later

16. there will be a new school coming in 2012 and there are people in the community who have offered to donate land for the school
17. totally it costs about \$400 per kid which includes nutrition, transportation, etc.
18. for the uniforms for the children there are other donors who have been able to support
19. Sudha Murthy from Infosys foundation and the CEO of Titan Industries are current big donors for the project
20. Isha has other sponsors like Cognizant, Barclays, etc. who also donate
21. last year 2011-2012-how did the school run? with other donors and the school was able to sustain itself
22. Isha school one of the focus on girl child and english education.
23. There were suggestion to have Isha to follow the Asha project proposal template
24. If education isn't provided, one of thing is avoided the child to go to child labor.
25. If there is a government school, why the need for Isha school? The location of the school support 25 villages, the location is where lots of kids can attend. The quality of the education gets them in par with the urban school being in the rural area.
26. If ISHA school isn't here, is there any motivation to send the kids to school for education? They interview the parents to determine if the kids will get scholarship. 70-80% is scholarship.
27. Was there a site visit done? we are missing a site visit. the funds was disbursed in sept. The site visit needs to focus on the quality of the education. They follow the government criteria to be private school.
28. Follow up is to see if government can support certain aspects of the school
29. What's the closest proximity to the government school? Subhu to follow up.
30. out of 2100 students, can we support certain percent of it? If so, is there other revenue to support this certain percent. There are individual donors - they don't support every year. There is an increase in the number of students.
31. if the renewal is not approved, how will they support it? The 80 kids (part that Asha support) they find another way to support the kids.
32. one suggestion is to probably convert this to asha stars or asha SAC program
33. the discussion is focusing on what is the core of the problem that we are trying to address; in terms of the Asha SV pool, how much is going to Isha and what it is achieving
34. given that isha has a good donor base here, it might be a good idea to convert it to SAC model and use the donor base that Isha has and maybe we dont touch the SV pool of money
35. the key thing is that the site visit is important and the data on government involvement, why did Isha use this model as opposed to the traditional model
36. is there someone who can do a site visit? if there are government schools in the vicinity would it help to work like a Rewards model or a Sowbhagya model
37. we need a steward-the plan was to have Kirti as an Asha volunteer who is also an Isha foundation volunteer