PROJECT PROPOSAL (One-time) 2015 – 16

of PAYIR submitted to Asha for Education U Florida Chapter

Project in Details

Introduction

The mission of Payir is to facilitate in the transformation of Indian villages into socially stimulating, self-sustaining, growth-oriented communities. We believe that to achieve this transformation it is necessary to have a holistic approach, where all aspects of challenges in rural life are addressed.

Education and nutrition of children are some of the major focus areas of Payir.

Payir School
A quick summary of the current scope and activities from the last year:

- The School currently has 40 students across UKG to 5th Standard supported by 8 full time teachers including PT & Karate masters
- Additionally Payir is also providing partly government funded residential school support for drop-out kids (ranging from 3rd to 8th std.). About 11 students take advantage of this facility, however we have approval for 50 students.
- The ‘Skype’ based distance learning have stalled due to network connectivity issues, but we are aggressively pushing to get them restarted and also make the same available to government schools

Nutrition Program

- This is a new ‘end to end’ program that was started in the February 2015 under the ambit of the Department of Integrated Child Development Services and the State Planning Commission using district infrastructure. Nearly 70% of girls aged 15-19 are found to have anemia; Malnourishment levels are high. This not only affects the girls, but the newborn infants they will have in a few years.
- The nutrition program is aimed to develop and distribute supplementary nutrition food items aimed at increasing calorie levels and balancing the daily nutrition intake. It will also provide training to children on nutrition as well as health and sanitary practices. Rigorous analysis will be conducted to assess the progress of the program.

Other Initiatives

Senthilkumar, founder of Payir, also focuses on other areas, with the broader vision of holistic development of the village.
- Health: Train locals as health workers to provide health care and health education.
- Income Generation: Develop skills of locals and provide support to create and encourage local entrepreneurs.
- Infrastructure: Strengthen the availability of basic infrastructure that can provide basic health, education and sanitation facilities along with space for social activities.
• Agriculture: Demonstrate organic farming techniques in Payir farm and facilitate farmers to adapt the same.
• Local Governance: Partner with the Panchayat in its activities and facilitate participation of more people in the Gram Sabha activities.

Senthilkumar’s Stipend

Asha U.Florida has been working on a Fellowship Award for Senthilkumar, and the Fellowship has been studied and approved by the U.Florida Chapter. He has been facing tough times for over a year now with regards to finances to carry out his activities. Due to the Fellowship process requiring more time for consultation at Asha-wide level, additional funds are requested for the period Jan 2016 – June 2016 to provide relief while the Fellowship application is analysed. The below mentioned amount is for 6 months. Documents related to this budget can be found here: http://www.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=1246.

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