Payir Budget Discussion Minutes

Date: 6th November 2015
Time: 6:30PM – 8:00PM
Venue: McCarty A 2186
Attendees: Devesh Chugh, Ravi Venkatraman, Gayathri B, Gayathri S, Dharini, Anand R

Agenda

- Payir Budget discussion
- Digmabarpur project proposal discussion

Payir Budget discussion

➢ Nutrition program:
  - Funding request for state wide nutrition program that has been piloted by Payir for girl children in their district to overcome malnourishment issues.
  - Payir coordinates 20-25 schools and provides supplementary nutrition food items.
  - Focus is mainly on girl children in these schools.
  - Government supports the program, however, there is shortage of funds, hence request for Asha UF to support.
  - This program is being piloted for two years.

➢ Payir school
  - Payir school, in past years, was following non formal learning system
  - Due to RTE, the school is now Govt recognized and now follows state introduced syllabus
Because of these changes, school didn’t do well last year, 50-60% dropouts
This year, school made a significant progress, dropouts reduced to less than 10%
Senthil’s long term goal- To make Payir school self functioning and utilize Asha’s support for other projects
One time funding request to improve lab infrastructure and build facilities for co-curricular activities.

Questions regarding Payir funding

• What steps are being taken to make the school self-functioning
• What does extra curricular tutors mean?
• Reason for 50-60% dropouts last year
• Nutrition program- 2 year pilot project. What next?

Ravi will soon send an e-vote to approve Payir funding

Further clarification over emails

What does teacher training include?

• Every year, for one week, they go to Anaikatti for a workshop during school days to attend a ‘live’ workshop.
• This year, teachers also went to Marudham, which has helped a lot more.
• Regular training happens on-site. This is conducted with help from an external trainer (Meenakshi), who comes 3 days a month. She has also started workshops for children.

Who are EC tutors?

• Extra-curricular tutors are instructors for Karate, PT, music & dance

Nutrition program:
What is the role of full time staff?

- Daily follow up on the field and monitoring data collection.
- Connecting with district officers for administrative purposes

Monitoring production of food.

What is the role of support staff?

- Health workers: Training children on health, gender sensitization, sex education, women empowerment
- They intervene between students, teachers, field staff, and monitor eating habits of students.
- Conduct cultural education program, street theaters etc.

What will happen with the program after June 2016?

- Planning commission is currently monitoring impacts and Payir will look to extend the project further.
- Control group has been created to monitor impact on kids.
- Secretary going to come and visit soon - they want to continue program in backward regions.

E-vote results

*Asha-U.Florida approves a budget of INR 7,90,000 to be disbursed to Payir Trust for the year 2015-16.*

Yes: 9 (Abhinav Rungta, Apoorva Mohan, Devesh Mohan, Gayathri Balakrishnan, Gayathri Srinivasan, Nalanda Chakraborty, Revathi Kadari, Ramya Sivakumar, Yogesh Deshkmukh)
No: 0
Abstain: 1 (Shivashankar Halan)