

At Payir, we constantly come across children who fall out of school and leave schooling as early as age 8. In the past, our efforts focused in Thenur and nearby villages, only on counseling the child, their parents, bringing their case to the attention of the local public school administration and working with the teachers on the need of alternate approaches to retain such children.

Over the years, we have also found that, these children after reintegration to the school system are not able to cope up with it and do not feel belonged. The teachers instead of finding newer techniques to deal with these children, treat them as misfit and academically poor. And in a short span, the same child again falls out. Also, as a few of our activities has spread to the entire District, we come across many such instances especially children in much more dire conditions.

In June 2016, we came face to face in handling such a child, when, per the recommendation of the District Collector, a shepherd boy rescued from bonded labour, was placed under our custody. The boy was physically in a fragile state, scared of company, with strong feeling of being exploited by adults. Our teachers took this as a challenge and worked with him, to bring in a change with this boy towards his life, learning levels and with his health. This opened a new realization and conviction among our teachers, that we can bring an amazing transformation with these children. And this took shape as the Residential Center for deprived children. Last academic year, we had 40 children from 17 families. Asha for Education, UFlorida has been supporting their education all these years.

All of the families are either nomadic type or doing bonded labour or working in migratory jobs like underground drainage construction. In this Covid-19 pandemic, even though there has been widespread socio-economic distress among vulnerable communities, it has affected these families even more. We are keeping 9 children of 3 families here due to some dire family situation while the rest had to go back to their families as per government regulations.

We wish to provide the remaining 14 families with Rs. 3000/- per month for 6 months so that they are able to provide enough food for the children. Our children will keep track of the money spent on a suggested list of groceries to provide as best nutrition as possible and report to us on a weekly basis.

The following is the budget for the 14 families from August 2020 to January 2021. We request you Asha for Education to support the children and their families as Covid relief. Thank you.

S.No	Particulars	Amount (in Rs.)
1.	Monthly grocery support for 14 families of our children for 6 month @ Rs. 3000 pm	2,52,000
2.	Monitoring, Documentation, Banking cost at Rs.1000 pm for 6 months	6,000
	Total	2,58,000

- Two Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand only