



Thulir - School Campus

Proposal for Phase - 2 construction

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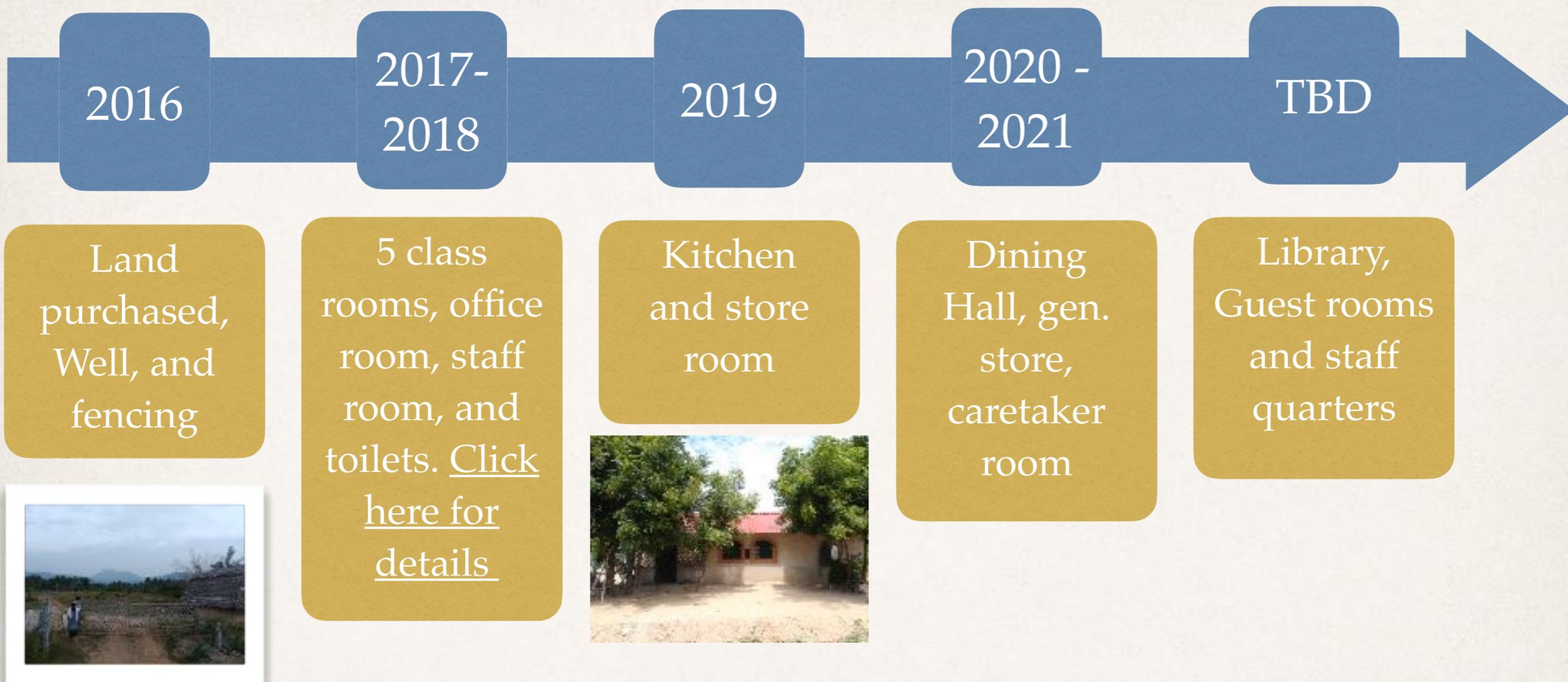
Background

A sanctuary where children and adults learn and explore in an atmosphere of freedom, equality, Inclusion, co-operation, dignity and joy. A place where childhood will bloom naturally in goodness to responsible and caring citizenship.

- ❖ Started by Anu and Krishna in 2004 to address the educational needs of Sittlingi, a tribal village located in Dharmapuri district.
- ❖ Initially established as a centre for alternative education for school drop-outs and after-school program for regular school going children.
- ❖ With the increased awareness on formal education, the need of the community moved towards a formal school set-up.
- ❖ Given Thulir's good track record and the lack of other good quality education systems in the valley, the community requested Thulir to help start a school. Thulir started the formal School in 2016 and moved to the present campus in 2019.

Impact of COVID-19 in Sittlingi

- ❖ The school has to be shut down as per instructions from the government. Infrastructure is inadequate to try any form of e-learning. Teachers meet students at their home and share worksheets and activities in 'old-fashioned' way that they can do individually and small groups.
- ❖ The presence of self-supported institutions like THI, Porgai, and SOFA has helped Sittlingi to come with ingenious solutions to the new challenges. The concerns about future remain though.
- ❖ Alumni of Thulir, who were trained in construction techniques and masonry and working in other places have returned back to Sittlingi. They are presently unemployed and it is unlikely that they will be able to resume for few more months.
- ❖ The valley has not reported any COVID cases so far. Anyone travelling outside the valley has been quarantined and thus, effectively contained. [More about it in this news report.](#)



The School Campus

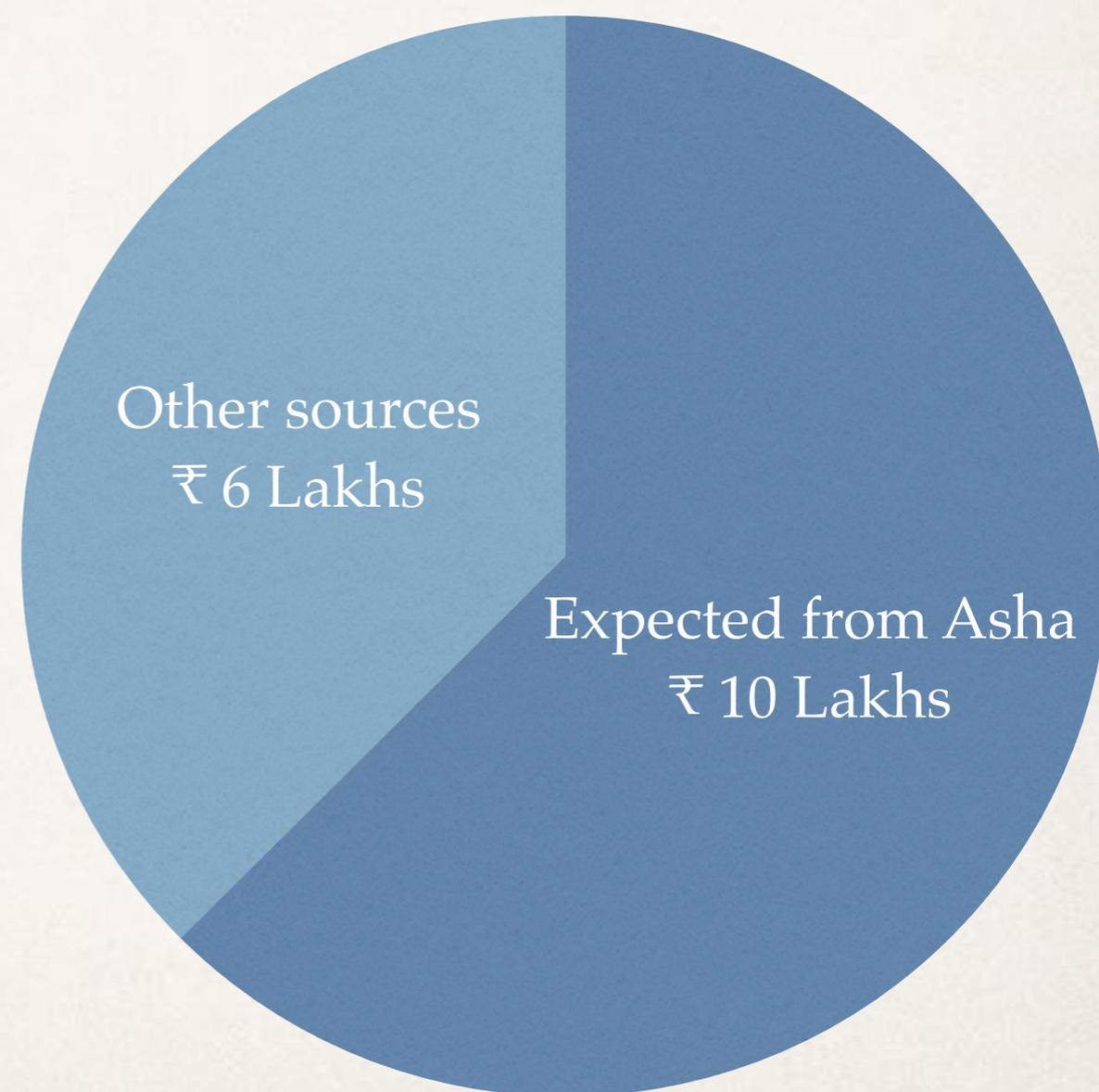
Time-line of the School Construction

Proposal to Build Dining Hall

- ❖ Given the availability of competent workforce and temporary closure of school, it is ideal to start a construction activity.
- ❖ We propose to add the Dining Hall to the school campus. In addition, a store room, and two rooms for caretakers will be added.
- ❖ The estimated budget for the same is Rs. 16 lakhs, of which remuneration to artisans is expected to be about 50% (based on phase 1).
- ❖ The project is expected to engage about 30 artisans from the valley.
- ❖ The supplemental income to them provided by this project can help in starting other economic activities in the village.
- ❖ The key constraint in the project is unpredictability in the availability of supplies and Government announcements on lock-downs.

Cost Break-up and Funding

	Rs. (lakhs)
Dining Hall	8.00
Store Room	2.00
Caretaker's residence	6.00
Total	16.00



For more information

- ❖ Thulir website - www.thulir.org
- ❖ Thulir's most recent blog - <http://www.thulir.org/wp/blog/>
- ❖ Report in The News Minute - <https://www.thenewsminute.com/article/how-tribal-community-tamil-nadu-took-measures-guard-itself-against-covid-19-125139>
- ❖ Asha project page - <https://ashanet.org/project/?pid=967>
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Thank you
