

ASHA 3rd Questionnaire

1	<p>0.5, 0.3, etc. towards # of units in the salaries for Blessings. Is there any overlap of these teachers/staff with the other programs? Overall comprehensive budget - each division, Samarth, Blessings, Samvedan, etc. with the salaries of staff. In other words, the overall organizational structure and operating expenses of the entire KWS.</p>	<p>The # of units in the mail before at some places is less than 1 as there is overlap with other programs and they primarily would be shared administration used for various projects as rightly understood by you.</p> <p>We are working on the document that gives the overall organizational structure and operating expenses of the entire KWS.</p>
2	<p>Why is there a huge fluctuation in terms of donations? The financial report for 2006 cites 36 lacs as funds from donations. The same for 2008 cites 16 lacs. Was the fund rising aggressive in the previous years to cover the costs of the land and the building? If our understanding is correct, there is no outstanding amount due towards the land/building. Only outstanding loan is that of the school bus, amounting to 2.7 lacs.</p>	<p>Very inconsistent & cannot be explained, due to which we need to look for building up Corpus account.</p> <p>Most of the NGOs working in the areas of disability have to always depend upon fund-raising. As the recurring costs of operations are highly expensive as compared to other social causes.</p>
3	<p>Budget for 08-09, is from which month to which month? KWS is open all 12 months? What about the Blessings program?</p>	<p>We follow the financial year from April-March. Blessings operate on the lines of a special school, under which children get 50 days of Summer Holidays and 15 days of winter holidays. The staff is also entitled for these holidays but the number is based on the ones of the regular schools around. Hence, the staff is entitled for the salary for 12 months.</p>
4	<p>One of the volunteers had this important point to make. He simply asked, being based in Gurgaon, so close to New Delhi, why are they having issues with raising money? The Clinton foundation, grants from Japanese companies, The India America society, Gates foundation, etc. and a horde of other foundations are around in India. He further stated, one NGO based in Jaipur got a grant for 90,000 USD from a Japanese organization. He felt, in the long run, getting such grants would benefit KWS more, because, no matter what, ASHA-Austin has to work with limited resources and fluctuating fundraising outcomes. Are such options being pursued?</p>	<p>From the sources and based on the information we got the various funding agencies that you mentioned, Money is either routed through the Central Government or state government. The implementing projects may be the field level organizations like us. In case of Clinton Foundation too a similar procedure took place. We are prepared to approach if you could help us in getting us the appropriate channels and the details for them, thanks.</p>

	ASHA-Austin would look positively at funding the salary for a grant-writer to actively target for such grants from such foundations. We could also help with the grants, if need be.	
5	Please do send us the list of students currently enrolled in the Blessings division of the KWS.	<p>Since, centre is going to be closed on the occasion of religious holidays the whole of next week, it shall be a little challenging for us to send Answer to the raised queries by this weekend.</p> <p>We also plan to send a consolidated budget as has been asked for with entire operating expenses and the organization structure of KWS along with a list of beneficiaries.</p> <p>Hence, we shall be able to send you a consolidated reply latest by 14th October'08. Hope you would bear.</p>