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| **Project Name: SWIRD - Pre-Primary Educational Centers**  |  | **Date:** **Jan 2018** |

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#### Part I: Information about your group/organization

**Please feel free to attach any additional sheets and/or information such as brochures, press reports etc.**

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| ***1. Name of the group/organization requesting funds.***Society for Women in Rural Development(SWIRD) |
| ***2. When was the group established?***The organisation was established on the 24th December in 1991. |
| ***3. Briefly describe the motivation for starting this group.***One unfortunate incidence had motivated the women to establish SWIRD. It was in the year 1990. Many poor families could not arrange even one meal for every member of the family and the helpless mother had to starve along with her kids. One day a mother committed suicide as she could not arrange food for her children for some consecutive days. A local leading NGO facilitated some community leaders to sit together and discussed about their duties to uplift the condition of the families especially by the women themselves. This meeting gave a formation of a group which decided to form an NGO which would run exclusively by the rural women. Thus in the year 1991-1992 a not for profit NGO was formed viz. “Society for Women in Rural Development” or ‘SWIRD’ in short. Now Society for Women in Rural Development’ (SWIRD) is a women run organization by a group of women especially the house-wives who know about the distressful situation of the women of the poor rural families living below the poverty line.  |
| ***4. Briefly describe the aims of your group.***SWIRD aims to have a society free from hunger, injustice, exploitation and deprivation by ensuring every one of the society with basic human rights ,based on love , peace, universally accepted human values of justice, solidarity , equality, mutual cooperation among mankind for peaceful coexistence. The prime objective of the organisation is to initiate sustainable development of the people with their active participation in comprehensive manner to become self-reliant in every aspect of life.  |
| ***5. Does your group have any religious or political affiliation? If yes, please describe the type of affiliation and the reason for it.***No, we don't have any kind of religious or political affiliation.  |
| ***6. What non education-related community development activities is your group involved in?***Given hereunder non-education related community development activities in which we are involved. • Mother & Child health check-up camps • Legal Rights Training camp • HIV-AIDS Awareness Activities • Observance of International Women's Day• Swachh Bharat Awareness Programme• Tree Plantation Drive• Sit & Draw Competition • Community Sensitization on Several Issues• Relief Programme• Observance of special days |

#### Part II: Details about your educational project/s

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| ***7. List the school/s run by your group, and their locations. If you are requesting funds for only a few of several schools, please specify which one/s***.We have been running 10 Balwadi Schools with financial help of Asha for Education San-Francisco chapter, U.S.A. We are requesting funds for the year-2018 for all these under mentioned 10 schools. 1)Bardabar Sitala Balwadi Center  2)Bhogpur Saradamoyee Balwadi Center 3)Deulbar Kaberi Balwadi Center 4)Kishorchawk Kalpana Chowla Balwadi Center  5)Kodalia Gandhiburi Balwadi Center 6)Kodalia Mother Teresa Balwadi Center 7)Nahala Indira Balwadi Center 8)Nandaigajan Ayesha Balwadi Center 9)Saradabasan Gargi Balwadi Center10)Tahala Matangini Balwadi Center |
| ***8. Location of school/s*** [ ]  Urban [x]  Rural [ ]  Other       |
| ***9. Specify the type of education provided (e.g. basic literacy, vocational training etc.).***We are working for basic literacy with this project. We provide elementary education to the underprivileged children within the age group 3 to 5 years. Our project can be considered as the steppingstone for entering into formal education. We motivate the parents in our communities to send their children especially the girl children to our schools to give them a start for education.  |
| ***10. Please tell us about your teaching techniques (conventional vs. alternative).***In this project we nurture our target group pre-school level children through an enjoyable method of learning by singing, dancing and playing rather than traditional punishment based teaching procedure. This method of joyful learning has become popular in our community. Our teachers provide them basic education with motherly loving and caring technique in a pleasant atmosphere to make them habituated to the school atmosphere. The children are taught language in mother tongue and in English & basic arithmetical lessons.  |
| ***11. What is the literacy rate in the local community?***So far as the concept of literacy is concerned, in India who can write their name is called literate. In that sense as per Govt. statistic, the rate of literacy in our community (Block level) is 95 % and about 5% people are absolutely illiterate. But the number of truly educated people in our community is very low. Out of 95% literate people only around 23% people can read and write but the rest can somehow write their name only .  |
| ***12. Describe the socio-economic background of the children and their parents (e.g. education, occupational). If any of your students are employed, please tell us about that as well.*** Socio-economic background of our beneficiaries is very poor. A considerable part of the total population of the area lives Below the Poverty Line, who are categorised by government by BPL population. They generally belong to the lower caste people. The majority marginal farmers and landless labourers fight for existence as daily wage labourers. Floriculture is one of the leading agricultural activities in this area and a large number of populations are directly and indirectly dependent on floriculture. Overall community health is very poor, while children and women are the worst sufferers. The health care service is miserable here. Literacy rate is very low especially among the women. Problem of school dropout and child labor is prevalent. Malnutrition among the children is the common feature. Most of the families are trapped in vicious cycle of poverty for generations and fail to break it. In most of the cases, parents cannot fulfil the basic needs of their children and as a consequence child-labor system is predominant in our community. Gender inequality is awfully prominent. The parents have a very low level of awareness regarding the need of girl children’s education. However situation is changing gradually. Agriculture based joint family system is breaking down and small size unitary families are coming up. Due to family planning quality of living is of local people is improving. Education of girl children is now appreciated in the community, although incidences of school dropouts for girl children are quite high.  |
| ***13. In addition to education, does your group provide any other services to the children in your schools (e.g. food, health care, clothing, etc.)?***We started our school long back. Previously due to financial constrains we could not provide any other service to the children apart from education. But since 2009 ,after Asha- San Francisco has started providing financial support we have been able to provide those school children some other kind of services like clothing (school dress), medical care etc. in our schools . Occasionally on special days we provide our children with light refreshments by local arrangements and sponsorship. |
| ***14. Does your school have:***Its own building(s): [ ]  Yes [x]  No Number      Number and type of classrooms (e.g. Pukka): Presently we are running 10 Balwadi schools in different places. Out of these 10 class rooms 7 rooms are Pukka and rest 3 rooms are fanced-mud house. **Yes No** **Yes No** **Yes No**Toilets [ ]  [x]  Playground [x]  [ ]  Toys [ ]  [x] Chairs & Tables [ ]  [x]  Blackboard [x]  [ ]  Library [ ]  [ ] Drinking water [x]  [ ]  Electricity [x]  [ ]  Computers [ ]  [ ] Laboratory [ ]  [ ]  Teaching aids (e.g. books/slates) [x]  [ ]  |
| ***15. How many children are currently enrolled in your school(s)?***Male 192 Female 208 Age Range 3-5 years  |
| ***16. How many staff are employed at your schools?***Teachers 10 Minimum Qualifications School Final passed Other staff 4 |
| ***17. Average distance the children travel to attend your school*** - Less than 1/2 km |
| ***18. How many children have gone through your program in the past five years and what are they doing currently? Please tell us about their future education and employment possibilities***.During last five years more than 2000 children have studied in our schools ( taking around 400 children every year). Although we started our project long back, but we got Asha funding support for last 8 years since 2009 . Therefore we have got about 3200 children during this Asha funded project period of 8 years. Out of this in last 5 years about 2000 children have been covered. If we calculate the rate of outgoing children, @ about 45% every year it can be calculated that about 900 children has passed-out during last five years. All the children, who have passed during last five years, are studying in the local Govt. primary schools. Many of the students passed previously are studying in high schools. We hope that the children will continue their education in future. It is too early to comment about their future employment possibilities. However we expect that these children we be able to get a scope for the diversification of their livelihood resources. Thus the child of an illiterate daily wage labourer will get a scope of employment in some Govt. or private offices, after being properly educated. |
| *19. Do you help your students with their future education efforts after they have passed out of your school?*Yes, after our children pass-out from our school, we assist them to get admission in the local primary schools. We follow up and help the children so that they can continue their studies. We have experienced that the students especially the girl children in our community have the tendency to dropout from school in the primary and high school level and become potential child labourers. SWIRD closely follow up this process and motivate their parents to continue their children to send to schools. It is mentionable that after we have got support from Asha San Francisco, we have been able to organise some workshops cum seminar by involving almost all the parents of our students to prevent dropout and motivated them to continue their children’s education in the Primary - High School and onward levels. We particularly motivated parents of our pass-out girl students to provide scope to the daughters’ to continue their future education. We got remarkable result and have observed that 100% of the outgoing children from our Balwadi schools have been admitted in local primary schools during last 5 years.  |
| ***20. Are there any other schools (Kindergarten/Balwadi****,* ***Elementary school****,* ***High school****)* ***in the area? If so, please list the schools and the range of classes each of them offers.***Yes, in our operational area ( in two village panchayats ) there are many others schools. Given bellow the type of the schools, their number and range of classes: -  Type of the school No. of schools Range of the class Anganwadi (Govt. aided pre- primary school) 5 nos. Nursery Govt. aided primary school 10 nos. Std. – I to Std. – IV Higher Secondary School 2 nos. Std. – V to Std. – XII  |
| ***21. Is your program different from that provided at these schools? Please explain.***Yes, the teaching programs in other local schools differ from the programs in our schools. In other schools the students are imparted education by conventional teaching techniques. In those schools due to boring conventional punishment based method of teaching system children don’t get pleasure in learning and consequently the children have a general tendency, not to attend schools. But our pre-primary school programme is different from other schools of the locality. Our teaching technique involves learning by playing, story-telling, singing songs and rhymes, etc. which gives enormous joy in the learning system. The teachers play role of mothers as well as teachers in a friendly atmosphere. In comparison to the students of other schools our schools students are really interested to come to classes as our teaching technique gives them ample pleasure for their learning by playing , singing and dancing. As a result of this system our children become intelligent, brighter and sharper in comparison to the children of other schools.  |
| ***22. Why are the children in your school/s not attending government/other schools in the local area***?From long back, pre-primary schools of SWIRD have some special reputation in our rural belt. The parents always prefer to get admission of their children to our schools because, in comparison to the children studied in Government pre-primary school or other local schools, the little children who are trained in our schools do better result in the admission tests for Primary Schools. Parents in our community have a faith on our system of grooming up or in the process of nurturing the pre-school level children which we follow. So this is the reason why the children don’t prefer to join Govt. primary school. |
| ***23. Do you try to involve the parents of the children in the running of the school (e.g. in setting the syllabus etc.)? Please specify.***Frankly speaking , we cannot involve the parents directly in running the schools, although from time to time we organise teacher-parents meeting to discuss any social problem relating to running the school or to solve any particular problem hindering the progress of the children in our schools.  |
| ***24. What are your expansion plans for the future (e.g. adding more classes or schools)?***In fact in this remote rural belt we are struggling to make our Balwadi Schools sustainable. Unless we make these schools self-sustainable we can't plan for further expansion. However we have our future plan to increase the number of children in each school. For last few years we have been running this project with average student strength of around 40 students per center in 10 centers. Currently we have 400 numbers of students. All these children are covered under Asha for Education financial aid. We are happy to continue this project within this limit. Due to rising up price index our budget for 400 is gradually increasing. So we have decided not to increase number of children from last year and want to apply for financial support for 400 students in 10 Balwadi schools.  |
| ***25. Do you have any suggestions on how Asha can be a positive influence in changing the education scenario in India?***Underprivileged children in our country mostly do not have access to nutrition, education, health and proper recreational facilities. School attendance by a child in India is highly correlated with family income. Many poor families, who are not in a position to fulfil the basic needs of their children, feel their only choice to send children to work rather than sending them to school. We believe that education is essential to ensure a better quality of life for all children and a better world for all people. Asha can help these underprivileged children so that they can go to schools and get education to become a responsible citizen of our country in their future life. Education is the only weapon which Asha can provide to the poor community children to break the vicious cycle of poverty, prevailing in their family for generation after generation. Along with educational support the family support mechanism can be strengthened for supplementary family income. In this way Asha can uplift the quality of life with an empowerment of the down trodden through this process towards the community development in India.  |

***26. If possible, please provide us with the contact information of two individuals from your community who can describe the impact of your program***.

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***27. Asha for Education requires reports from its projects every six months to continue funding. Please provide the contact information for the person from your group who will be responsible for these reports.***

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#### Part III: Financial Details

**Please feel free to attach any information such as annual reports, budgets etc.**

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| ***28. What sources fund your group’s activities at present? List the sources and the current and future funding from each of them. If these funds are meant for a specific part of your group’s activities, please describe those restrictions.***PRESENT ACTIVITIES SOURCES OF CURRENT & FUTURE FUNDING 1. Mother & Child health check-up camps --------------Public donation & SWIRD general fund2. Legal Rights Training camp----------------------------------------------------- SWIRD general fund3. HIV-AIDS Awareness ---------------------------------------------------------- SWIRD general fund4. Observance of International Women's Day--------------SWIRD general fund & Local donation 5. Swachh Bharat Awareness Programme-----------------------------------------SWIRD general fund6. Tree Plantation Drive----------------------------------------------------------Donation by local traders7. Sit & Draw Competition---------------------------------SWIRD general fund & Local fundraising 8. Relief Programme------------------------------------------------------------------------- Public donation 9. Observance of special days------------------------------------------------------- SWIRD general fund |

***29. Please provide us with details of your projected budget for the next 3 years:***

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| Year(s) | Recurring costs | Fixed costs |
| 2019 | 900000 | Nil |
| 2020 | 925000 | Nil |
| 2021 | 950000 | Nil |
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***30. Salary expenditure details:***

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|  | Number | Salary Range |
| Teachers | 10 | Rs.2000/- |
| Paid Staff | 4 | Rs.2000/- Rs.3000/- |
| Volunteer Staff | Nil | Nil |

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| ***31. Please provide details of the fixed costs of your school/s for the next three years.***Nil  |
| ***32. How many of your students pay school fees? Please provide details.***Most of the children of our project belong to very poor families. Their parents can’t afford to pay school fees. So we provide them this basic education in our school free of cost. Since we have collaborated with Asha for Education, we do not take any school fees from these children.  |

***33. What amount are you requesting from Asha, and for what specific purpose?***

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| Items | Amount | One time / Annual |
| Yearly cost for rent of schools sheds per month for 10 schools. @ Rs. 500per school per month ( Rs500/- x 10 sch.s x 12 months )  |  60000 |  Annual |
| One time expenditure for purchasing classroom –floor mats, water- jugs, waste paper bins, doormats for all 10 schools @ Rs 2200/- X 10 | 22000  |  One Time |
| Estimated yearly cost for chalk, duster, roll call register , toys for the children and various teaching materials etc. for 10 nos. of schools@ Rs 3200/- per school = (Rs3200 x 10) |  32000 |  Annual |
| Expenses for two sets of school dresses -- (Rs220x2) + Shoes & socks (Rs.160) +one school bag (Rs 100), for 400 students. = Rs. (440+160+100) =Rs700/-per head for 400 students ( 700 x 400 ) |  280000 |  One Time |
| Annual expenditure for monthly salary for 10 teachers of 10 nos. of schools @ Rs.2000 /-per head per month ( Rs.2000 x 12 months x 10 teachers ) |  240000 | Annual  |
| Annual expenditure for monthly salary of the doctor to provide regular health checkup support to all the students @ Rs. 3000 per month ( 3000 x 12 )  | 36000  | Annual  |
| Yearly expenses for provision of medicines for all the poor students to be given during illness under special cases only ( Lump sum- Rs 1000 per month X12 month) |  12000 | One Time  |
| Yearly expenditure for salary of two field monitors cum social animators @ Rs2500 per head per month for 12 months X 2 heads (Our 10 Balwadi centres are located in a scattered area. Hence two field monitors are necessary) | 60000 |  Annual  |
| Travelling cost for two field monitors @Rs500/ per month per head ( 500x2x12)      | 12000 |  Annual |
| Yearly expenditure for conducting class test (Half yearly and annual examinations) @ Rs.500/- per exam per school =(500x10schools x 2 exams)= Rs10000/-        |  10000 |  One time |
| Yearly cost of organizing Annual Sports, various types of competition, functions etc per center with prizes &refreshment@1500 per centerX10 |  15000 |  One Time |
| Estimated annual cost for Mass awareness generation for prevention of dropouts by organizing two meets in two different places of the all the students’ parents as seminar cum cultural function to motivate them to continue their children’s education in the Primary - High School and onward levels . Cost including pandal, stage arrangements , sound system , hiring power generator, Resource persons honorarium etc @ Rs 10,000 per function x2 |  20000  |  One Time |
| Cost of lunch for invited parents and the student for 400 families in the above mentioned Mass awareness generation programme ( 2heads/ family ) in the proposed two workshops ( 200 families in each seminar) for prevention of dropouts - @Rs35 per head ( Rs35x 2 heads x200 families x2)     | 28000  |  One Time |
| Yearly expenditure for salary of one part time accountant @Rs2200 per month for 12 months  |  26400 |  Annual |
| Admin cost for SWIRD including printing , office stationeries, telephone, meeting exp, internet, reporting, monitoring travel exp for management personnel etc @Rs2000 per month X12 = 24000 + Expenses for service charge to an external auditor to audit and provide evaluation certificate to Asha for the given funds for this project @ Rs3000 yearly( External audit for FCRA funds is compulsory in India)  = 24000+3000=27000 | 27000 | Annual  |
| TOTAL  | 880400 | For the year -2018( No change from previous year's budget)  |