

Please see below our answers to your list of follow-up questions, sent to SWIRD- general email address on Oct 19, 2020, given point wise serially:-

1. Why did the auditor expenses increase from RS1500 to RS 3000? Shouldn't an audit be one fixed price no matter how many months it covers as long as less than or equal to a year?

Previously we budgeted audit fee of Rs.1500/- for our projection of 6 months from July 2020 to Dec 2020 for the amount of Rs.2,77,000. Thereafter we have budgeted audit fee of Rs.3000/- for our projection of the entire fiscal year (12 months) towards this project (April to June,2020 plus July 2020 to March 2021) . You must knowing that fund utilization certificate to Gov. of India for this foreign fund as per FCRA for the entire fiscal year is mandatory. Auditable amount would be Rs74,000 (already received) + 4,34,700 (projected)= Rs. 5,08,700. Please note that in India charges for auditor depends upon the auditable total amount but not on the auditable period. Hence, it is justified to increase auditor expenses from Rs1500 to Rs 3000.

2. Administrative Expenses from Jan 2021 to March should be reduced from 6 months to 3 months. Please confirm if you agree and make the change accordingly.

Sorry, we have done the mistake. We agree with you that administrative Expenses from Jan 2021 to March should be reduced from 6 months to 3 months. We confirm that the change should be made accordingly. Please do it.

3. When school is back to normal operations, how is the "cost for provisions of medicines for all the poor students to be given during illness under special cases only (Lump sum- Rs 1000 per month X3 month). Is this different when the children are home school? Who pays for the medicine when a child gets sick?

Hope you will realize that the provision of Rs 1000 per month for medicines for all the poor students is a meagre amount. Since we provide homeopathic medicines, it is cheaper in comparison to allopathic medicines. In fact it is a token amount, kept for illnesses under special cases only. Special cases are meant for those cases, where parents are very poor and can't even bear that little cost.

As such, it is not much different when the children are at home school. But in order to reduce the project cost for home-school period we did not include that cost. Parents, who could afford, would bear that cost. However, for extreme cases SWIRD planned to manage it locally by raising some funds. Anyway, period of six months (July 2020 to Dec 2020') is almost over, hence there is no point of much discussion on this matter.

4. If we don't pay the building rent while the children are home-schooling, will this strain the relationship with the landlords?

No, if we don't pay the building rent while the children are home-schooling, this will not strain the relationship with our landlords. We believe that community bonding in our area is very strong and SWIRD gets good support from our school building owners.

5. Is school still expected to open in Jan 2021?

Hopefully yes but depends upon the overall COVID situation and government decisions.

6. What is the feedback/status of the new homeschooling plan? How are the children doing on the exams?

We have very good experience about our current home-schooling model. The outcome is also very good. Children are doing satisfactory result in the exams? In case a student is lagging behind, direct involvement of the parents and coordinated efforts by teachers and parents has been making improvement for that student. Since the virulence of COVID has been reducing gradually, children are interacting directly with the teachers during the home-visit sessions.

7. Will the children need a set of clothes when they attend school in person?

Since in this COVID affected situation, we have compromised with many matters for reducing the project cost, we have decided not to go for school dresses, even if the children attend school in person before the month of March2021. They will manage with old school dresses. But we plan to provide them with new sets of school dress onward April2021. Therefore we will include that cost in the next financial year.