

Given below our responses to your questions :-

1. How are the children doing at home during this Covid-19 situation? How are their health and nutrition?

Our children are doing well at home during this Covid-19 situation. Their health is okay however we can easily guess that nutrition of few children might have been affected due to shrink of income of their families during this Covid-19 situation. However, we are sure that parents always try to provide best possible nutritional food to their children during any crisis.

2. When is the government estimating the schools to start reopening?

It is understandable that reopening of schools depends upon various factors pertaining to this Covid-19 situation. There had been reports that the government might be considering to reopen schools sometimes in the month of September. But it depends upon improvement of Covid-19 situation. Government is considering possibilities of reopening of colleges and school for seniors classes only. But till date there is no discussion to reopen junior classes - primary and pre-primary sections. Frankly speaking, spread of Covid-19 is not under well control in our areas. Parents of little children are very scared and most of them are not in favour of reopening the schools. We are not much hopeful to reopen our schools shortly.

3. What type of learning are the children doing home? What materials are using to keep actively learning?

Our children are studying in their homes with the help of their parents and other family-members. In fact their parents and family-members can easily help the children for this rudimentary learning. Children have their individual educational kits containing relevant books, exercise books, copies , writing-slate-pencils etc. All these materials were given to them in the beginning of the session.

4. How are teachers doing? Do they believe the kids are benefiting as much as when they were physically at the schools?

Our teachers are doing well . There is no case of Covid-19 in their families.

Most of them believe that the kids may not learn as much as when they were physically at the schools. Children must be missing the school environment of joyful learning by playing in groups. However, since we don't have any immediate possibility to bring them to schools, they must be in touch with their studies at home with the help of their parents and family members. Our children are doing that and in case of any particular issue, parents are taking guidance from our teachers.

5. How are the children doing on the take-home tests? How are their scores compared to when are in schools taking the tests?

Children are doing nicely on the take-home tests. During the last month of August we have arranged taking two home based tests . One test has been completed and another test is under process. Scores of 1st test is satisfactory and no mentionable difference has been observed on the scores compared to scores of tests previously taken in schools . However , please note that the objective of taking home based tests frequently is to keep our children engaged with their studies regularly and also for keeping

parents attentive to their children's studies at home. SWIRD is trying to organize the entire process of taking home-based tests thrice a month for all our 400 children for keeping children in regular touch with their studies by involving their parents , coordinated with teachers' guidance.

6. Is the accountant, field monitors, doctors, and teachers still working for SWIRD during this COVID period? If so, what are they doing? How does it compare to when the schools were open?

Yes , all the project workers including the accountant, field monitors, doctors, and teachers are still working for SWIRD during this COVID period.

However , apart from the account , their methods of working have been changed as per field requirement in this period.

During this COVID -period our accountant has been working in same fashion like pre-COVID period. In fact working of our accountant doesn't differ whether the schools are open or closed. So, there was no need of changing his pattern of office based work .

Both the field-monitors remain busy with jobs for organizing team meeting with the teachers, sometimes visiting teachers residence individually to discuss about any particular issue, or for developing suitable working plan to implement new strategy. Field monitors also meet the project management for sharing information and taking directives. They remain busy regularly with project related phone calls etc.

During this COVID -period our doctor has been continuing to give his service to our children. However, we have changed his work methodology. Since the schools have been closed, the doctor has been asked to provide telemedicine type service for our children. In case of illness of a child of any of our schools , the respective teachers have been instructed to contact the doctor and to take immediate action to link the respective parent and the doctor to obtain medical assistance from the doctor. The doctor gives medical advice for any minor health issue of the patient and if required, he also sends medicines to the parents. The doctor has been requested to follow up those health issues. For any critical case , the doctor refers the patient to the hospitals. SWIRD is thinking to resume our routine health check up once-a-month in all our centres. Only the interested parents will be asked to bring their children for monthly health check-ups. However , the management hasn't taken any final decision on this monthly health checkups for all the children.

Currently the all the teachers are engaged in implementing our project in a different style. In this new method, they are visiting residences of our children. They come to SWIRD office every fortnight for team meeting with our Supervisors and Project-Director. They participate in the group discussion as to how the project can be implemented effectively during this COVID crisis period. They collect test-papers from the supervisor(principal field monitor) during the team meeting . They go to respective villages for organizing the home based tests for the children by involving the parents. In this method they handover question-answer sheet (test paper) to the parents, do interactions about children studies and give instructions to the parents to take home based tests. After few days the teachers again give a round of home visits of the children to collect the answer sheets. After assessment the teachers prepare the score sheets. Assessed answer sheets are given back to the parents doorsteps for follow-up actions. Thus our teachers are putting more efforts than before in this COVID crisis period for continuation of studies of our children by involving their parents.

7. Can you provide a line by line budget from July 2020 to Dec 2020? Please indicate which line items are crucial vs non-crucial.

	Expenditures	INR	Remarks/ Justification	Need
1.	Salary for 10 Teachers for 6 months from July to Dec 2020 (@ Rs. 2200 per month X 6 months X 10 heads)	1,32,000	Teachers are putting more efforts than before to develop a new system. Please approve 100% salary	Crucial
2.	Salary for 2 Field Monitors for 6 months from July to Dec 2020 (@ Rs. 2700 per month X 6 months X 2heads)	32,400	Field Monitors are putting more efforts than before to develop a new system. Please approve 100% salary	Crucial
3.	Salary for Accountant for 6months from July to Dec 2020 (@ Rs. 2500 per month X 6 months)	15,000	Currently the accountant is working in the same fashion like pre-COVID period. Please approve 100% salary	Crucial
4.	Salary for Doctor for 6 months from July to Dec 2020 (@ Rs. 3000 per month X 6 months)	18,000	Rs.3000/- is already very low remuneration for a doctor. Please approve 100 % salary.	Crucial
5.	Travelling Allowances for two field monitors for 6 months from July to Dec 2020 (@ Rs. 1000 per month X6 months X 2heads)	12,000	Travelling frequently for meeting the teachers and management is essential to develop a new system.	Crucial
6.	Expenses for printing a bunch of 400 test papers, thrice a month for the period of remaining 4 months from September to December 2020. (@ Rs 800 per bunch X 3 occasions /month X 4 months)	9,600	Home based tests will be organised thrice a month on every 10 days (say on 10 th , 20 th & 30 th of each month)	Crucial
7.	Travelling Allowance for Project Director for 6 months from July to Dec 2020 (@ Rs. 2000 per month X 6 months)	12,000	Project director doesn't take his salary . He spends some money for motor bike travel & phone calls for project related work . Although it is not much crucial, yet he deserves this allowance.	Non Crucial
8.	Travelling / field refreshment allowance for 10 teachers for remaining 4 months from September to December 2020. @ Rs10 per day for about 25 days in a month = Rs250. (@ Rs. 250 per month X 10 teachers X 4 months)	10,000	Teachers are not used to work in this outdoor field jobs. They will visit 40 children for three occasions (120 visits per month by each teacher) .They should be given some travelling / field refreshment allowance, which will motivate them.	Crucial
9.	Hand sanitizer (with 70% alcohol) - 500 ml. bottle per head for 10	12,000	For handing over test papers and collecting	Crucial

	teachers and 2 field-monitors per month for remaining 4 months from September to December 2020. (@Rs.250 per bottle X 12 X 4 months)		answer sheets at doorsteps of children during 120 home visits every month by each teacher needs precaution by sanitizing their hands.	
10.	25% of the monthly rent of 10 school buildings for just keeping possession in those rented buildings for the period of 6 months from July to Dec 2020 (25% Rs 500/= Rs.125/- per school per month) (Rs.125 x 10 schools x 6 months)	7,500	Some landlords have started grumbling about their financial loss. Few of them are looking for other tenants. Few of them are opting for a partial rent to give us possession , which is justified. It may be given . We are negotiating with them.	Non Crucial
	Expenses for service charge to an external auditor to audit and provide fund utilization certificate to Asha for the given funds for 6 month for this project	1,500	External audit for FCRA funds is compulsory in India	Crucial
11.	Administrative Expenses for SWIRD @ 2500 per month for 6 months from July to Dec 2020 (Rs.2500X 6)	15,000	For office running overhead expenses, office stationeries , computer work , internet, printing & Xerox , meeting exp, telephone, reporting and various miscellaneous expenses.	Crucial
	TOTAL	2,77,000	Two lakh seventy seven thousand rupees	

8. How is the hygiene for the children, teachers, and other SWIRD staff? Is everyone getting clean water, food, masks, and sanitizers?

Hygiene for the children, teachers, and other SWIRD staff are okay. All of them are using masks and hand sanitizers. But our field workers are asking for supplement of hand sanitizers' bottles for their field jobs. In our area clean water is sufficiently available. However, an overall deterioration in food consumption quality and diminishing level of nutrition have been felt in the non-resourceful families due to shrink of income during this Covid-19 crisis. Recent dry food distribution for the children under Amphan-COVID relief drive has given them some sorts of support.

9. What is SWIRD's plan for the remaining part of 2020?

It is very difficult to give a clear plan at this moment for implementing the project for the remaining part of 2020, because it depends upon the COVID situation. Unless and until the local administration gives us permission to resume schools , we will continue home based studies for our children by involving and guiding the parents by our teachers. For the remaining part of 2020, we will continue to follow our newly adapted strategies, which have been described above. However, in case of

improvement of COVID situation and if we get new guideline from the government , we may change our plan accordingly.

10. Is SWIRD receiving any funding from other sources? If so, who are they and how much is SWIRD receiving?

No, SWIRD is not receiving any funding from any other source.

11. What is the status of repairing the schools? When the estimated date when the schools will be fully repaired? Will the landlords offer free rent till this date?

The landlords of the damaged school buildings have already repaired their houses with their personal resources. There is no problem in this regard. All the school building are in our possession for any activity, related to our project. In regard to the rent of our school building we have talked to the building owners. They have agreed that they wouldn't charge any rent until the schools are resumed. But, if we can restart our schools, we will have to pay rent from that particular month.

12. Is there any other information you would like to share?

Teachers and field monitors are becoming impatient for working without any salary. We need your urgent intervention to boost them up to do the project activities in a new approach.