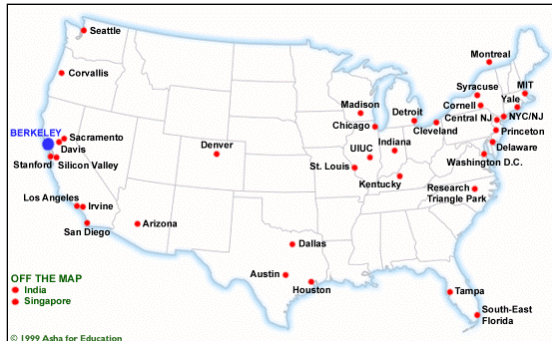


Asha for Education is a non-profit voluntary organization dedicated to the support of basic education in India. Our aim is to

- provide financial assistance to educate and empower the underprivileged in India
- increase awareness within the local community about these issues
- support and cooperate with persons and groups already engaged in similar activities

Asha was formed in the summer of 1991 by a group of students in Berkeley. From its modest beginnings, Asha has grown, and now has full-fledged chapters and dedicated volunteers in cities all over India, the US, and even in other countries!



Volunteers identify suitable projects and raise money to fund them, conduct professional site visits to every project considered for funding, monitor their progress, and document the tangible benefits achieved. All administrative costs are borne by the volunteers.

\$15 is all it takes to educate
a child for a year

Your **tax deductible** contribution will lead
children from there



to here



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Asha for Education (Arizona)

**An Action Group for
Basic Education in India**

<http://www.ashanet.org>

Asha Arizona

The Arizona chapter started in 1995. Volunteers actively participate in community events and have raised tens of thousands of dollars to benefit the poor in India. Anyone who is willing to take action and make a difference in the plight of underprivileged children is welcome to join the group. Meetings are held in the Memorial Union at ASU at 7:30 PM on the first Wednesday of every month.

Activities

Glimpses of India: This event, with songs, dances, and food, highlights the cultural diversity of India. The event not only raises funds, but also raises awareness about Asha's work.

Children's Day: Asha's annual event filled with fun 'n' games for children (adults can join in too!).

Work an Hour for Education: A nationwide online event, this is Asha's biggest fundraiser, drawing thousands of donors from around the world.

Projects

Sai Shiksha Sansthan (Vazidpur, UP) - The school caters to the children in the surrounding villages. \$3,300 has been provided for a science laboratory, to organize educational field trips, and to extend classes till the 8th standard.

Vivekananda Educational Society (24 Parganas Dist., W. Bengal) - The education of 350 child labourers was in jeopardy



Students outside VESC's classroom

when this school was in danger of shutting down due to a lack of funds. \$10,000 from various Asha chapters gave the project a new lease of life.

Abhiyan (Patna, Bihar) - Asha Arizona's newest project, it is being monitored and mentored by Asha India volunteers. \$5,300 was provided to start the first school in the region for low-caste children who do not have other avenues of learning.

Ankuran (Chatra Dist., Bihar) - This project has also benefited by its association with Asha India volunteers. \$6,500 was provided to start 5 educational centres in the nearby villages.

Deena Bandhu (Mysore, Karnataka) - A residential school for orphan children, it provides a wholesome environment for them to flourish. \$2268 was given for clothes, educational materials, and construction.

Manjari Sankurathri Memorial Foundation (Kakinada, AP) - MSMF has a very successful literacy program for children from classes 1 to 6. \$3,850 has been given to support the school and to extend classes for the older children.

Vivekananda Gramin Shodh Sansthan (Lucknow, UP) - The school is run by local well-wishers and has a lot of support from the community. \$3,000 is being given for educational materials, teacher's salary, and infrastructure improvements.

Other projects supported:

- Education centers for the children of migrant labourers in Kanpur.
- MV Foundation, working to abolish child labour in and around Hyderabad.
- Midday meal schemes in a school run by Vivekananda Education Society, Bangalore.
- Raghavendra school, in Ambattur, Tamil Nadu, which provides basic education and vocational training.
- An audio library for the Ramana Maharishi blind school in Bangalore.
- Sumavanam, a school developing innovative curriculum in Chittoor Dist., AP.
- Two schools in Kerala providing educational material to handicapped children. These projects were funded in association with Rotary International.



Students at MSMF