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Project Name: SEVA CHAKRA ORPHANAGE SCHOOL

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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.

1. Name of the group/organization requesting funds.

SEVA CHAKKARA SAMAJAM

2. When was the group established?

Founded in 1986 by Mr A Velayudham

3. Briefly describe the motivation for starting this group.

The set-up was a voluntary service and charitable organisation with the object of uplifting the down-trodden, poor, handicapped, mentally retarded and destitute children through residential education and help create a caring and humane society.

4. Briefly describe the aims of your group.

1. Running of kinder-garten & primary school, with the object of child development and provision residential school accommodation for orphans.
2. Women Development
3. Providing assistance to poor children for continuing education.

5. Does your group have any religious or political affiliation? If yes, please describe the type of affiliation and the reason for it.

The group has no religious or political affiliation.

6. What non education-related community development activities is your group involved in?
1. Providing shelter for orphaned and destitute children and women.
 2. Conducting Medical Camps
 3. Conduct of Holiday Camps to create awareness among children and women as to the importance of education, hygiene, discipline, good habits, literacy, care for the aged etc.

Part II: Details about your educational project/s

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.
1. Seva Chakkara KinderGarten, 6, Thulasi Naicken Street, Demellows Road, Chennai 600 012
 2. Seva Chakkara Primary School, 6, Thulasi Naicken Street, Demellows Road, Chennai 600012
8. Location of school/s Urban Rural Other
9. Specify the type of education provided (e.g. basic literacy, vocational training etc.).
Basic literacy and helping orphans & destitutes in vocational training.
10. Please tell us about your teaching techniques (conventional vs. alternative).
Conventional Methods
Teaching aids which do not cost much like blackened wooden boards, chalk etc.
11. 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.
Children are from the downtrodden section and very poor economic background of all castes and communities. Most of the children are orphaned or abandoned by parents.
Around 25 out of 30 children who were educated in our schools have found employment in Govt/hospitals and other service areas.
12. What is the literacy rate in the local community?
Very low.
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.)?
Yes. Shelter, food, clothing and healthcare are provided to the children of this school.

14. Does your school have:

Its own building(s): Yes No Number

Number and type of classrooms (e.g. Pukka): Two, one each in GF and FF, asbestos roofing covering 1000 sq ft.

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
Toilets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Toys	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chairs & Tables	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blackboard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Library	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drinking water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electricity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Computers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Laboratory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teaching aids (e.g. books/slates)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. How many children are currently enrolled in your school(s)?

Male 43 Female 23

Age Range 3 - 12 years

16. How many staff are employed at your schools?

Teachers 4 Minimum Qualifications SSLC (Pass)

Other staff 6

17. Average distance the children travel to attend your school Within 1/2 km radius.

18. Are there any other schools in the area? If so, please list the schools and the range of classes each of them offers.

Kindergarten/Balwadi: 1. Offers pre-primary education.

Elementary school: 3. Offer education upto class V

High school: 2. Offer education upto secondary level.

19. Is your program different from that provided at these schools? Please explain.

No, it is as good as that offered by other schools in the area. The important difference is the qualification of the teachers and the very poor/orphan background of the children receiving the benefit of education.

20. Why are the children in your school/s not attending government/other schools?

They are too poor to pay the fees charged by the other schools. Our schools provide education free of cost. Food and healthcare is also provided free of cost.

21. 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.

30 Children have benefited through the services provided by our schools. 25 of them have found employment in government/hospital/other service areas.

Many of the children have joined other schools for higher education with the assistance provided by our school. The assistance is in the form of sponsors identified by our organisation.

Our organisation also assists physically handicapped children in getting other employment

22. Do you help your students with their future education efforts after they have passed out of your school?

Yes. We identify sponsors who fund the children for their further education.

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.

A Parents' Meet is called once a year to interact with them. Otherwise, since the parents are from poor and uneducated background they could not be involved in setting the syllabus or other academic activity. Any advice from them on vocational training is accepted and acted upon.

24. What are your expansion plans for the future (e.g. adding more classes or schools)?

1. To increase the number of beneficiary children to 75 and 100.
2. To introduce vocational education and training.
3. To acquire property to accommodate the additional strength and for the hostel.
4. To start a high school/higher secondary school in the near future.

25. Do you have any suggestions on how Asha can be a positive influence in changing the education scenario in India?

YES. Asha could provide all other kinds of support in addition to financial support to bring education of good standard within reach of the poorer sections of society.

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

1.	Name	Mr K Ramalingam
	Address	Addl DIG of Police
		Chennai
	Phone	103

2.	Name	Mr Padmanabha Iyer
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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.

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.

1. Some interest from endowments provides a small regular income to meet essential expenditure.
2. There is no permanent corpus. There are no regular donors either.
3. The sources from where funds came in in the past are listed in the enclosure.

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

Year(s)	Recurring costs	Fixed costs
2001-2002	(Uniforms, blackboard, chalk, books, stationery etc)	Salary to Teachers & staff: 16,650 pm x 12= 1,99,800:00
	12,000+3,000+9000+ 2000}	Rent 1500x12: 18,000:00 Office Expenses 500x12 6,000:00
	Total: Rs 26,200:00	Total: Rs 2,23,800:00
2002-2003	-Do- Rs 34,200:00	-Do- Rs 2,79,750:00
2003-2004	-Do- Rs 42,750:00	-Do- Rs 3,49,687:00

30. Salary expenditure details:

	Number	Salary Range
Teachers	4	Rs 1000-4000
Paid Staff	4	750-5000
Volunteer Staff	4	0

31. Please provide details of the fixed costs of your school/s for the next three years.

2001-2002 Rs 3,00,000:00
 2002-2003 Rs 4,00,000:00
 2003-2004 Rs 5,00,000:00

32. How many of your students pay school fees? Please provide details.

NONE

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

Items	Amount	One time / Annual
Salaries to Teachers	Rs 2 lacs	Annual
Uniforms & Medical Expenses	Rs 12,000:00	Annual
Admin Expenses (Rent, telephone etc)	Rs 32,000:00	Annual
Total	rs 2,44,000:00	Annual