

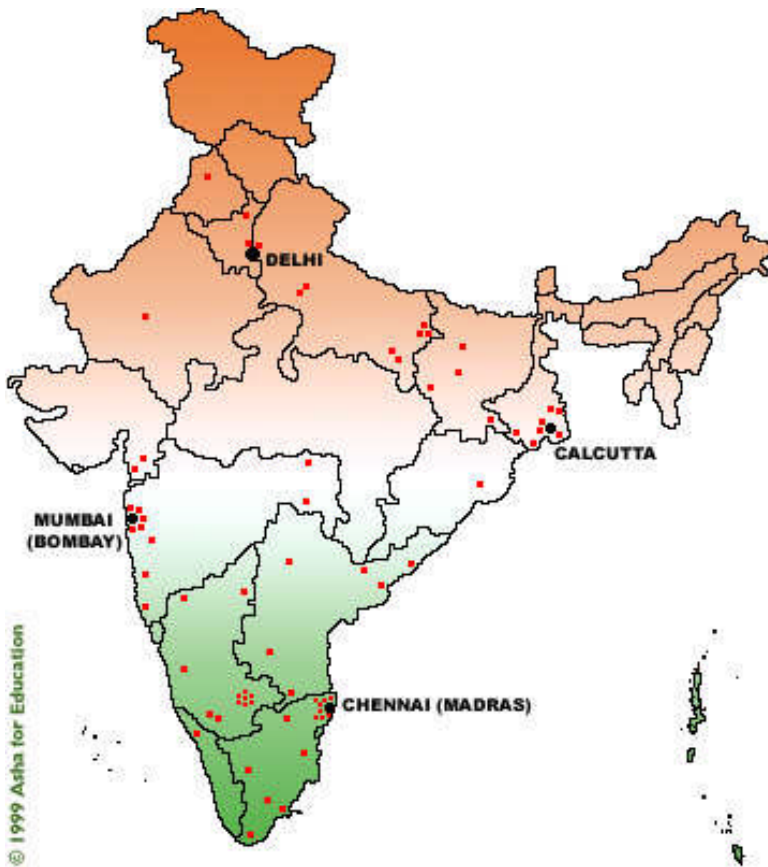
Asha FOR EDUCATION

an action group for basic education in India



Our Hope: To provide basic education to underprivileged children of India

Asha for Education is an organization dedicated to the support of basic education in India. It started at Berkeley in 1991 by a group of Indian students who shared the belief that basic education is a critical requirement for socio-economic change in India. Since then, Asha has grown steadily in strength and number. Today, Asha has over 35 chapters in the US, India and other countries. Each of these chapters raises funds to support various education-related projects in India.



Asha funds only projects without any political or religious affiliations

Asha has projects spread all over India

Every cent of your contribution goes directly to the projects since all organizational expenses are borne by volunteers

All projects go through a thorough review before funding, and regular monitoring afterwards to ensure proper implementation.

Locations of all Asha for Education Projects in India

Projects supported by Asha-Madison

Shiksha Niketan (Dhaturi Tola, Ballia, U.P.):

Shiksha Niketan runs an education center for girls in a village in Uttar Pradesh. The school was founded sixteen years ago as a part of JP's Sarvodaya movement. The school has over 450 students now, and its alumni has gone on to become teachers, IAS officers and one is pursuing a PhD. They have received funding from Asha-Berkeley in the past for a science laboratory. Asha-Madison sent them \$2000 to fund the construction of a library and a reading room.

Muskaan (Bhopal, M.P.): Muskaan is working for the education of children of the 'gond' tribes living in the slum "Ganganagar" in Bhopal for the last two years. Muskaan raises the skill-levels of children who have never attended school and gets them admitted to conventional schools. At present 80 children informally study at Muskaan. Asha-Madison sent \$1500 to Muskaan through Asha Stars Program to expand the enrollment of children to 200 and towards teacher's salaries & educational materials.

Vivekananda Foundation (Karnataka): VF is committed to improvement of education in rural Karnataka. The VF has proposed that a dedicated social worker be posted in each school who tries to curb corruption by cooks and the warden, provides loving care and personal attention to the children, interacts with teachers, parents and children, introduces innovative teaching methods, etc. The potential impact of this project is tremendous. Asha-Madison has sent \$2,400 to fund four such volunteers.

GIRD (Moruk Ingkhol, Manipur): Gandhian Institute of Rural Development runs 3 schools (Balwadis), each with about 25-30 children. They also maintain a dairy farm, a nursery, and a library. The focus is on teaching indigenous trades like weaving, nursery, honey making, and horticulture. Their weaving unit is currently making a profit by selling the products in nearby towns. Asha-Madison has sent \$2,750 to GIRD for teachers' salaries and for supporting various income generation schemes.

Can we make a difference?

Can our contributions really make a significant impact in the big scheme of things? Can people like us, living abroad do something that makes a *real* difference to the children in India?

Consider this: Non-Resident Indians earn more than the GNP of India each year. If we all contribute 0.5% of our salaries to developmental organizations like Asha (2% is what an average American family contributes to US charities), the total will be more than Indian Government's budget allocation for elementary education.

This is our collective potential !

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Asha for Education Contribution Form

- I am enclosing \$ _____
- I would like contribute \$ _____ every _____ month(s).
(Please make your checks payable to "Asha for Education")

Name : _____

Address : _____

Phone : _____

Email : _____

- Please add me to the Asha mailing list (asha@cs.wisc.edu)

All contributions made to Asha for Education are tax-deductible.

