

Project Name: SEVA CHAKKARA 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 (Seva Chakkara Orphanage School)

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 created as 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.

The organization is an orphanage that houses 72 children (at present). The primary aims of the group are to:

- i. Run a kinder-garten & primary school, with the object of child development and provision residential school accommodation for orphans.
- ii. After class V continue to provide for these children to study in local govt schools as the continue to live at the orphanage.
- iii. Women Development: Providing free legal aid and getting them jobs through donors.
- iv. Although the primary focus is on there are a few very old people who have no one to take care of them who also stay at the orphanage.

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.

There are prayers in morning and evening. But the idea is have some spritual activity. The children follow the faiths that they belong to.

6. What non education-related community development activities is your group involved in?

1. Providing a home for the orphaned and destitute children and women.
2. Conduct of Holiday Camps to create awareness among children and women as to the importance of education, hygeine, 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.

Seva Chakkara Primary School, 84/41 Swami Pillai Street, Chennai. Pin: 600112

8. Location of schools 1 Urban 0 Rural 0 Other

9. Specify the type of education provided (e.g. basic literacy, vocational training etc.).

Basic literacy for children at the school and vocational training

for elder children. They also give vocational training in the new computer institute with computers donated by the S.B.I(State Bank of India).

10. Please tell us about your teaching techniques (conventional vs. alternative)

Conventional Methods

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. Apart from the children whose parents work at the orphanage all other children are orphans. 15 students have found employment in some govt offices, hospitals, etc.

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): 0 Yes 1 No Number Na

Number and type of classrooms (e.g. Pukka): One large hall with partitions for the different classes and a temporary classroom.

	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Toilets	1	0	Playground	0 1	Toys	1 0
Chairs & Tables	1	0	Blackboard	1 0	Library	0 1
Drinking water	1	0	Electricity	1 0	Computers	1 0
Laboratory	0	1	Teaching aids (e.g. books/slates)	1 0		

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

Male 25 Female 13
from classes I-V.

Age Range 3 - 12 years

There are another 34 children who are studying in classes VI onwards in

the local schools who live at the orphanage.

16. How many staff are employed at your schools?

Teachers 4 Minimum Qualifications SSLC (Pass)

Other staff 13

17. Average distance the children travel to attend your school:

All children stay at the orphanage. The elder children travel a few miles to reach the local schools.

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, the quality of education is on par with that provided by schools till class V. There is a difference that the teachers employed are 12th pass atleast. Whereas is the local balwadi and elementary school which are not govt run the teachers only need to be 8th pass.

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

(a) The orphanage is located in a busy industrial area. By enrolling very young children in early grades, the Samajam ensures the safety and protection of these youngsters, who are too young to venture out without supervision.

(b) Local schools are disruptive and rowdy for the very young children. The Samajam wants the children to learn in a calm and peaceful environment.

(c) The orphans come from many different backgrounds and many come from villages. Many of the children do not have the required transfer certificates and proof of their grade. These children not accepted in local schools at their level of entry. At SCOS, the children are placed in classes according to ability. They are given an education so as to prepare them to take the Grade 6 open examinations, which are conducted by the local schools.

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.

31 Children have moved on to higher education. 3 have recently joined the

orphanage who are already beyond the Vth grade. They are in grade VI-XII and are supported in part by other donors . So far 15 children have found employment in government/hospital/other service areas. One of them is the manager and takes active part in running the orphanage. We have also been able to find jobs for the physically handicapped children.

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 or fund them ourselves.

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.

The children do not have parents. The only children who have parents work at the orphanage. If any of the children have gaurdians(close relatives) they are called for a meet every year.

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 50.
2. To further 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. Including teaching aids, teacher training program, etc.

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

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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 groups 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 groups activities, please describe those restrictions.

(a) There is a handful of regular, serious donors. There is no permanent corpus fund.

(b) A large component of funds for food is taken care of by donors who come to the orphanage to feed the children themselves. These people are not regular donors. They come in now and then, to commemorate days that are special to them. These visits account for a number of the meals.

(c) Some organizations like Vivekananda Ashram make donations in-kind. For example, they will donate staples like rice and vegetable oil. In this manner, most meals are taken care of at the Samajam. Some days they manage with less.

(d) The local Gujarati community does their best to support the orphanage when approached in times of need.

(e) Asha for Education (NYC/NJ, CNJ, Cleaveland) supported the residential school with \$5k towards the end of 2001.

29. Please provide us with details of your projected budget for the next 3 years. The requirements for the project are attached in the budget file. We can pick what we consider important and support those components.

The project budget for next year is listed, the chapters can pick up the components that they think are necessary to be funded.

Estimated Budget for year 2002:

(All \$ calculations are assuming \$1=Rs.50)

Residential school up to grade V:

Teachers - 4x2000 p.m.+1x3000 p.m. principal

Caretaker for the children -1x1000 p.m.

Admin costs of the school, telephone, etc-1x1000 p.m.

Drawing, Yoga, Music teacher - 1x1000 p.m.+1x1000 p.m.

local total = 15000 p.m.x12 = 1,80,000 ~ \$3.6k

Rent for the orphanage including the school: 10000 p.m.

local total = 10000p.m.x12 = 1,20,000 p.a. ~ \$2.4k

Mid-day meals:

For only the children below V = $(1/3*1000*30) = 10,000$ p.m.

For all the inmates of the orphanage = $1000*30 = 30,000$ p.m.

local total only for children below V = $10,000*12 = 1,20,000$ ~ \$2.4k.

local total for all inmates = $30,000*12 = 3,60,000$ ~ \$7.2k.

Uniforms = 15,000(cloth)+4000(tailor) p.a. (This is for 50 kids
the orphanage will increase to by next year.)

Note Books = 9000 p.a.

Text books = 13,000 p.a.

Other Stationary = 7000 p.a.

5 tables+5 chairs = 15000 p.a. (one time.)

Toys+Educational material = 15000 p.a.

local total = 78,000 p.a ~ \$1560

Educational camp = 22000 p.a. ~ \$440

Teachers training program

(travel) 4x500 = 2000, (stay) 4x50 per dayx 20days=6000

local total = 8000 ~ \$160(it may be a few \$100 more with materials)

Medical expenses: (Very variable)

10 per.day per.childx50(children)x30days = 15,000 p.m.

local total = 15,000x12 = 1,80,000 ~ \$3.6k

Children continuing secondary school: (34 children)

Fees = 35x 1,050 p.a.p.c = 36,750 p.a.

Uniforms = 35x600 p.a.p.c = 21,000 p.a.

Text Books= 10,500 p.a.

Note Books= 25,000 p.a.

local total = 93,250 p.a. ~ \$1865

(Ofcourse these children also need to be clothed, by doctors, etc.)

Maxi-Van = 7,50,000 ~ \$15k.

Computer Institute:

Rent is 3,500 p.m. and Mutu (a Masters in CS) is being paid 5,000 p.m. to run the institute. Electricity, telephone(networking), Stationary for the typewriting institute - ribbons, etc 6,500 p.m. The overall cost comes to 15,000p.m. Income 5,000p.m. from the institute, they still need 10,000 p.m. to break even.

local total = 10,000x12 = 1,20,000 ~ \$2.4k

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