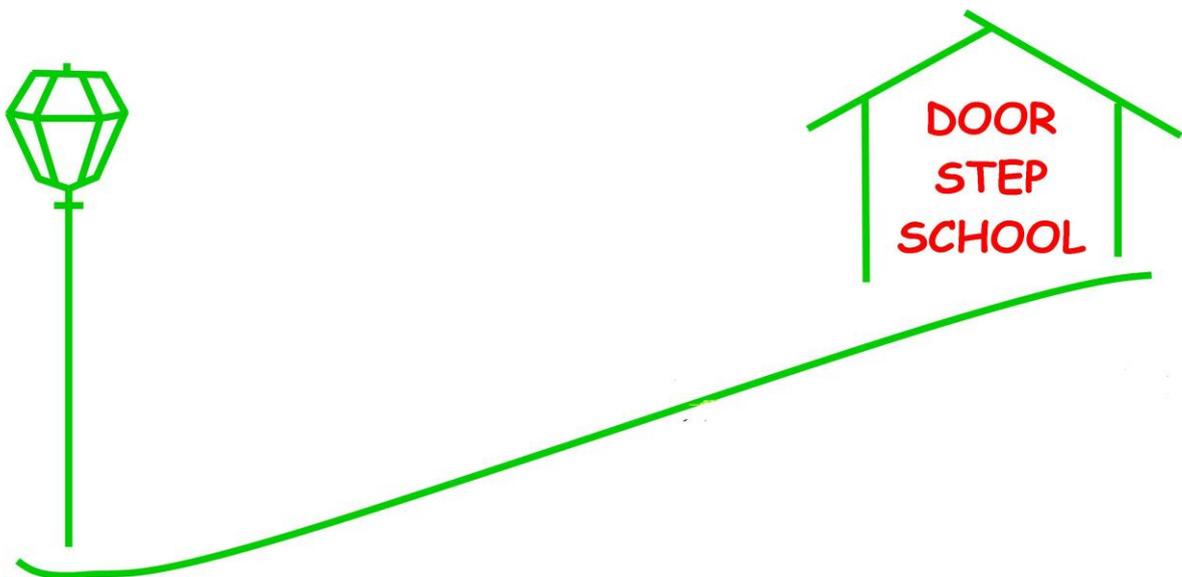


Door Step School
Proposal for
Direct Education Program (Project Foundation)
School Transportation Facilities

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Executive summary

“Project Foundation” is part of the **Direct Education Programme** of Door Step School which addresses the needs of children in the age group of 6 to 14. DSS runs Educational Activity Centers -EAC (Literacy Classes) and study classes for these children, supported by Balwadis and Day Care Centres.

With the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act or Right to Education Act (RTE) which came into force from April 2010, education has been made a fundamental right of every child between the ages of 6 and 14 in India. The provisions of the RTE Act cover Elementary Education, which was being addressed through our Literacy Programs.

Door Step School, in its continued endeavor of providing literacy education to underprivileged children, has been enrolling children to municipal schools. The focus has an increased priority with the RTE act and hence an increased need to transport of these children to and from schools. Making provision for **school transport** for children is an essential and important supportive service to encourage enrolments and ensure that children attend school regularly.

Door Step School would like to thank **Asha for Education Canada** for sponsoring School Transportation, which is an important support activity of our **“Project Foundation”** Program, since April 2010.

This proposal presents the budget for the year 2011-12 towards continuation of the existing sponsorship. The total budgeted cost for the period April 2011-Mar 2012 is Rs. 4,80,000/- (Four Lakhs Eighty thousands). This is an approximate cost of Rs. 300 per child/ month.

We look forward to continued association with you.



1. Door Step School – At a glance

All children deserve an education. An alarming number of India's urban poor still remain without an opportunity to receive formal education.

Door Step School (www.doorstepschool.org), an NGO working in Mumbai and Pune, has a vision to be an instrumental force that brings development to these children.

Our mission at Door Step School is to bridge the divide between children who do not have access to school and the formal education system which already exists. We use innovative programs that facilitate in bringing education to the children and help them make the transition to literacy and brighter future. **Our key goal is primary education to all children up to 14 years of age.**

Our programs are divided in two main categories:

1. Direct education program - Project Foundation

Children of construction site labourers do not go to school for various reasons. Door Step School sets up temporary education facility with the help of the builders at the construction site. The following programs are run in these facilities:

- Educational Activity Centers – (Literacy Classes)
- Pre-primary Education (Balwadi)
- Study Classes (for School Going Children)

To support these programs, we also run a Day Care Center (Crèche) at the construction sites. A transport facility is also provided to children who are enrolled in mainstream schools. Details about all the services are given on our website.

2. School Intervention program – Project Grow With Books

Door Step School works with Municipal Schools to conduct 90 minute reading classes in the primary schools. The main goal of this program is to enhance reading capabilities of the children and to inculcate reading habits in the children.

DSS also runs 2 **Community learning Centers**, to cater to urban slum communities. A Community Library, Reading Room Facility, Computer Classes and Science Laboratory are run at these Centers. These Centers also serve as an umbrella for many other extracurricular activities that are conducted by our Volunteers.

DSS has a dedicated **Training Center**. The training centre “**Parivartan**”, which was initiated in October 2007, focuses on training new teachers to teach in the non-formal education setting, this being the need of the organization as a part of Project Foundation. Refresher trainings for all levels of the team are also part of the annual training calendar.

2. Direct Education Program – “Project Foundation” at Door Step School and School Transportation

The **Direct Education Programme** of Door Step School addresses the needs of children in the age group of 6 to 14 who do not have access to formal schools.

Since its inception, Door Step School has seen a steady increase in the number of sites covered and the number of children brought under its network.

Under **Direct Education** the following four programmes are conducted-

- **Pre-Primary Education (Balwadi)** –This programme is for preschoolers in the age group of 3 to 5 years.
- **Educational Activity Centers -EAC (Literacy Classes)** – This programme covers non-school going children in the age group of 6 to 14 years.
- **Study Classes** – This programme caters to school going children in the 1st and 2nd standard.
- **School on Wheels** - These are buses that serve as mobile classrooms to enable us to reach difficult areas or to collect children from smaller sites to one location. The School on Wheels is also useful to jump start classes at a site when facilities are being made ready.

We also have other **Supporting Activities** under our **Direct Education Programme**. The following programmes are conducted-

- **Day Care Centers (Crèche)** – This programme caters to children in the age group of 0 to 3 years.
- **School Transportation** - It is an added service provided to bring children to municipal schools as well as collecting them from different construction sites to one location for conducting classes.

The **Direct Education Program** also assists in **age certificates, school enrolment** and **external examinations**.

Currently Door Step School has its Direct Education Programme at 90+ construction and urban community slums in Pune.

Making provision for school transport for children is an essential supportive service particularly in Pune because of the heavy and undisciplined traffic in the city. This also encourages children to attend school regularly. We use our own vehicles as well as auto rickshaws to transport children to municipal schools.

Over the years many funding agencies have been supported the Direct Education Program (“Project Foundation”) and support services at Door Step School and we thank **Asha for Education Canada** for supporting the School transportation services since April 2010.

3. Asha for Education – our relationship

Door Step School has been supported by different chapters of **Asha for Education** since 1998 and this sponsorship has helped us in our various initiatives over the years.

The School transportation facilities under “Project Foundation” programme have been partially funded by **Asha for Education Canada** since April 2010 and this sponsorship has helped in ensuring that more children attend Door Step School as well as Municipal schools regularly. The maintenance and running costs of one of the vehicles being used for School transportation is being totally funded by **Asha for Education Canada**.

A detailed Half Yearly report has been submitted to Asha representatives in October 2010. A snapshot of key beneficiaries and impact for the period April to Sept 2010 is listed in the table below.

Total No of Construction Sites covered	28
Total No of Children Transported between April and Sept 2010	810

4. Proposal for the Year 2011-12

4.1 Plan

With the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act or Right to Education Act (RTE) which came into force from April 2010, education has been made a fundamental right of every child between the ages of 6 and 14 in India. The provisions of the RTE Act cover Elementary Education, which was being addressed through our Literacy Programs.

Making provision for school transport for children is an essential and important supportive service. Transport is needed for encouraging the children at Construction sites to attend school regularly.

Last year the funding from Asha for Education Canada has been partially supporting the running costs of a Winger Van used for School Transportation.

During the year 2011-12, we propose to use the same vehicle to transport approximately **135 children each month from 30 sites**. The school bus is accompanied by a teacher/ attendant to ensure safety of children being transported. A Coordinator prepares the daily schedule of the vehicle from the various sites to different schools. A Supervisor supervises the implementation of daily plan and keeps a record of the children using the transportation.

4.2 Estimated Budget

The budget for the year 2011-12 has factored in the following:

- Vehicle Taxes and Insurance as per current rates
- Increase in cost of diesel
- Inclusion of total cost to Organisation of Driver
- Part salaries of a Coordinator & Supervisor

Particulars	Cost Basis (in Rs. Per month)	No of Months	Total
I. MANAGEMENT COST			
Management cost	1,500	12	18,000
Total - I	1,500	12	18,000
II. SITE SUPERVISORY STAFF SALARIES			
Coordinator (Part Salary)			
April & May	1,805	2	3,610
June to March	1,985	10	19,850.00
Supervisor (Part Salary)			
April & May	1,210	2	2,420
June to March	1,330	10	13,300
Total - II			39,180
III. STAFF SALARIES			
Teacher/Attendant (Working 12 hours a day)			
April & May	3,960	2	7,920
June to March	4,356	10	43,560
Drivers Salary (Working 12 hours a day)			
April & May	11,070	2	22,140
June to March	11,368	10	1,13,680
Total - III			1,87,300
IV. PROGRAM EXPENSES			
Insurance			14,000
R.T.O Tax			4,000
Diesel	13,500	12	1,62,000
Maintenance	2,000	12	24,000
Total - IV			2,04,000
Total of I+II+III+ IV			4,48,480
V. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES			
Telephone, stationary, postage, admin staff and other organizational costs @ approx 7% of Total of I+II+III+ IV			31,394
Total I+II+III+ IV+V			4,79,874
Total Rounded			4,80,000

Notes:

1. Fuel Consumption (Diesel) is calculated as follows:

Distance travelled by Vehicle per day: 100 kms

Average days per month: 25

Approximate Mileage of vehicle: 8 Km / Litre.

Total fuel consumption per month = $(100 \times 25) / 8 = 357$ litres.

Price of Diesel assumed: Rs. 42 per litre

Total Cost: $357 \times 42 = \text{Rs. } 13125$ (rounded to Rs.13500 p.m)

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