

Proposal for Project Manigal Indra Nagar (2016-2017)

Background information.

The Narikuravar community lives as a marginalized community in several parts of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. They belong to a nomadic tribe and had been pursuing their traditional professions such as bead making and other subsistence professions. Over the years, as they became settled communities in urban areas they turned to rag picking and garbage clearing work to supplement their income.

Speaking a different language, wearing a different dress, unkempt and untidy, studying in an alien language -Tamil which is not their mother tongue - was not an easy task for the gypsy children. The children enrolled in primary schools remained in school for a few years and joined their parents profession.

The Project

Project Manigal had been making sustained efforts in a small colony of 60 families in Thiruvanmiyur to bring the gypsy children to mainstream school system. The Project worked with the local community, with the local primary, middle and high schools and a variety of hostels. It had been helping in enrolment, retention and improving the learning levels of the children and preventing them from becoming drop outs. In the primary school, extra teachers are posted to work directly with the gypsy children. The additional teachers posted visit the gypsy colony daily and follow up with the parents. As a result of this intervention, a steady stream of children promoted to 6th Standard and enrolled in middle and high schools are able to cope with learning. The Project is closely monitoring and supporting 33 children in various educational institutions.

The present proposal is for continuation of educational support to this special category of children. The broad aims of the Project will continue to be

- Help in enrolment, retention and improving learning levels.
- Coordinate with middle and high schools, hostels and monitor their education.
- Prevent children from joining work at a young age.
- Change attitudes of parents towards education.

Budget 2016-17 - Manigal Thiruvanmiyur

I Education

1. Honorarium to teachers/resource persons)
2,52,000
2 Full time and 1 part time 21000 x 12
2. Stationery /Teaching and learning material/ books
25,000
(for primary school and middle and high school children and RTE children)
3. Fees, uniforms, bags, shoes/slippers
65,000
(middle /high school/ under RTE/Vocational)
4. Coaching/tuition classes
87,000
(12th/ high school/RTE children)
5. Hostel children's expenses
10,000
6. Education conveyance 52,000
Monthly conveyance -van/auto for children, for visiting teachers, project staff to other schools/hostels/offices
7. Health care
5,000
8. Gifts
10,000
9. data cards
12,000

10. Teaching aids for school
10,000

11. Contingency 10,000

Sub total Education
5,38,000

II Administration

12. Conveyance 1500 x 12
18,000

13. Rent/others 1000 x 10
10,000

Sub total Administration
28,000

5,66,000 **Total**