

Do you support renewing funding of INR 6,68,800.00 to cover expenses for VARUN for the year 2015-2016?

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10 votes

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Never end

Yes

100% (10)

No

0% (0)

Attendees: Venki, Suhas, Neehar, Amit, Sreekant, Sekar, Venkatesh, Shaibal, Nehal, Sai, Karthik, Prakash, Chakri, Vidya, Ahalya, Ravali, Surya, Ami

VARUN mid-year update (Neehar)

- Focuses on Socio-Economic development, still aligned with Asha mission
- SeedBank
- Initial investment on seeds to preserve native seeds instead of bringing in hybrid seeds. Native seeds are more conducive to the env
- Mainly cotton and a few other specific seeds
- Organic farming
- 126 VARUN children found jobs in various fields like education, police etc.
- They have a board comprising a few professors from Banaras Hindu University and some local people
- Core team: Bhavan Kumar, VK singh, AK Singh and Ghurbari Singh 7-8 years they have been with this project.
- We sent them funding for 200 students budget
- Govt school in Shahpur has secondary level 83 students
- Currently 131 students total in Primary level
- 90% are SC and remaining under BC
- Amit: No reservation in Govt schools. Reservation is only for colleges
- Once a school has been handed over to Govt, nearby villages invite them to open a new educational center in their village
- 10 Educational centers as of now
- Funding includes repairing of the schools
- Why only primary schools? After 8th standard they move on
- FCRA: They applied in May 2015. They suspect that there is a huge backlog

Funds adjustment question (2nd installment)

Excess funds from 2014-15: Schools in UP started operating in April instead of June 2015. Seeking approval to use the remaining funds (Rs. 1,23,217) towards the next budget year.

We have already approved Rs. 6,68,800 for 2015-16 and sent first installment of Rs. 3,35,000. Should we send the second half Rs. 3,35,000 or should we deduct Rs 1,23,217 and send them only the adjusted amount of Rs. 2,11,783. It was agreed that we send the second installment of 3,35,000 as approved by the chapter previously. Next year's budget renewal, we will consider the excess amount and adjust accordingly. VARUN has been transparent. Asha vols appreciate this. Also it is simpler to send what has been approved instead of opening a poll and re-deciding what has already been decided. Best to address this during next renewal (2016-17).