

Responses from TFS to questions raised during the Budget Proposal Review.

Questions related to current TFS budget

1) There is an item called "Follow up sponsor related work" item on it. What exactly does this cover? Why is it calculated over the number of students in the program vs as a fixed value?

Answer: Home visit team of TF consist of 3 persons. "Follow up sponsor related work" covers salary (Rs. 178020 /-PA) & visit expenses (Rs. 1980/-PA) of the two persons from the Home visit team.

The total expenses of the said account head is coming to Rs. 180000/-PA in the budget . Total no. of ASV student is 50 . So per child cost stands to Rs.3 600 per year which comes to Rs.300 per month .

2) There is another item called "Supervised by the head of sp.ship division.". What is covered under this?

Answer: This include the travel expense of Mrs. Kaberi Bannerjee who is in charge of Sponsorship Programme.

3) The Administrative cost of 10%. How is this calculated? What all falls under this?

Answer: One person (Pradip Kr. Mondal) assist Mrs. Swapna Banerjee to visit the hostel school & other centres like coaching to monitor performance & ensure well being of the sponsored children. 50% of his salary falls under this head. We also spend money on electricity, telephone & Internet, maintenance of website, computer, printer & photocopy machine repairing cost. 10% of the total expense of these are calculated.

Non-student expense include "Follow up sponsor related work", "Supervised by the head of sp.ship division" & "The Administrative cost of 10%" as mentioned above.

Hope we have answer your queries. Any more clarification please let us know.

Questions raised about Additional Funding requests.

Proposal 1: Supporting more students

How are these students currently being supported?

Presently, here is no secure source of funding. It is based on individual donations (without a proper scheduled inflow) in cash as well as kind. Many of the activities we can not conduct or keep pending due lack of resources. Only bare minimum things are done.

What is the absolute minimum number for which we can provide support?

Even if another 50 students are supported we will be but comfortable in implementing the project.

What is your opinion on the following? TFS running its own child sponsorship program, like Asha's SAC(Save a child) program. That is, having your website updated to include a section where a potential sponsor could pick a student they wish to sponsor. You would provide the same student reports as you do for Asha, but could manage it directly and raise more funds. We would help with the setup of this website. Is this feasible?

We have the same facility on our website. But it seems a lot of communication is needed for which we do not have either human or material resources.

Proposal 2: Age Based

How many students will be covered under this program?

Every school more than 50 students will be covered.

In the report, there is specific mention of 14 years of successful intervention. What program are you referring to?

We are referring to Mother Project and Model School.

How will the students in this program be identified?

Through learning achievement test. We have developed the tool and after applying to more than 3000 children the tool has become quite robust and effective. If you want we could send the same to you along with the milestones we target.

What methods will be used to help them?

Mostly activity based accelerated learning methodologies. Which means the students will learn through activities and worksheets and learnings will be accelerated (similar to bridging) as per the desired milestones to be achieved.

Is there any additional training the teachers will be put through?

We have a training team. They will train the appointed resource teachers and the resource teachers will do hand holding with formal school teachers.

How are the teachers in this program selected?

Subject knowledge and attitude are the first criteria for selection. But we know that whosoever is selected has to be trained by our trainers on the techniques to be used.

Will the methods used be passed on to regular teachers, to be used in the classroom?

Yes, the programme is based on facilitating a process so that capacity building of the school teachers happen within shortest possible time and they are able to carry on with future need without our direct guidance.

Hope the above clarifies the points raised. Please feel free to ask as many questions.