# TF Stars Funding Renewal – 06/30/2014

## Meeting Minutes

Venue: Shraddha's place

Meeting Minutes: Raghu (Thanks for the detailed minutes)

Attendees (in-person)

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Madhu, Arvind, Shraddha, Ramesh (visiting from India), Venki, Bernie, Sekar, Thillai, Sumanth, Tushar, Raghu, Deepa, Chakri, Pratik, Priyanka, Harsha, Prasanna

I felt very good after a long time to have such a lively meeting. Thanks for all for showing up. But sorry that we ran over by 30 mins. We should try and finish by 9:30. We will work towards that.

Introductions

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Tushar: Moved 3 months ago from Portland, was active with AID Portland, volunteering with Asha now

Ramesh: active with Asha SV chapter from 2000-2003 and then worked with NGOs in India, visiting bay area now

Venki: Involved with Asha for donkey's years, been involved in various roles

Sekar: Involved with Asha since 2008 and has been working on the projects team, chapter coordinator for 2014

Madhu: Been with Asha as part of treasury & projects teams

Sumanth: Looking to work with an organization which can improve the education system in India

Thillai: Volunteered for Silicon Valley Education Committe (please correct me if I got it wrong) and wanted to volunteer with an organization that works towards education in India

Arvind: First year with Team Asha and with the chapter. Asha's selling point to him was 100% funds going towards the projects

Raghu: involved with Asha since 2007, on and off. Mainly involved with events, Team Asha and some publicity. Not much involvement with projects

Bernie: Working on research at Stanford on Indian non-profit organizations in bay area

Shraddha: Involved with Asha since 2006, was with Team Asha in 2006 and 2010

Chakri: Been running with TA and mentoring folks since about 2006

Deepa: new volunteer, involved with Asha since 2013 (Chakri and Deepa made a video for TRUWDES project in 2013)

Pratik: Has been involved with Asha since 2012, very active with events, publicity and sponsorship along with Prasad

Priyanka: just got involved thanks to Pratik

Harsha: Stewarding TF Stars, joined Asha last year when doing charity hopping late 2013

State of the chapter

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- We need mentors and we need to make sure we can have good replacements

- Shraddha and Sekar met offline and discussed

- Sekar to send summary

TRUWDES presentation

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- Renewal presentation with budget

- Location: remote tribal area in Western Ghats (border of Kerala and Tamil Nadu)

- TRUWDES is based in Trichy and has been running the schools since 2001 (shoestring budget) and since 2007 (with Asha)

- Problems: child labor, childhood marriages, sandalwood smuggling, exploited by middlemen when selling harvest

- 55 students (10 of them are residents)

- 2 years back, obtained a grant from a solar company (solar lanterns)

- Reduced teacher turnover since 2009

- Budget adjusted for inflation and includes uniforms, shoes and socks

- Video from site visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3yq59dD0Vw>

TF Stars

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- Collaboration between Tomorrow's Foundation & Asha for Education

- Mainly SAC project

- Took over from Rekha

- Renewal presentation with budget

- Currently supporting 50 people (would like to support more)

- Based in West Bengal and provides educational support (after school)

- More than 1200 students have graduated and close to 9000 kids have received help since 1991

- Funds are utilized for Mother Project (remedial classes after school) and Sponsorship Project (support for education and vocational training)

- Budget for 2014 is $14,101 (costs for remedial classes and follow-up efforts to ensure children are getting the work done)

- No drastic differences between last year's budget and this year's budget

- Requested release of funds in June

- One of the successful projects which can reach out to other sources of funding probably

- Mostly need a site-visit, when was the last one? [question for Harsha]

## Poll Results

**Renew Support for Tomorrows Foundation for the 2014-15 academic year? (Rs 8,49,772)**

Total Votes : 12

Yes : 12

No : 0

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