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TFS Renewal [Radhika]

Tomorrow's Foundation Starts

It is a SAC project

New budget - 2011-2012.

Started with 1 project in 1990-91 with 17 students.

Over the years:

- Increases no of students
- Vocational training, home visits, psychological training.

TF Asha SV:

- part of "Mother Project"
- Location - high risk area Kalighat/chelita/tangra in kolkata
- Actual expenditure - Rs 6,88,582. Surplus - Rs 34,114, approved budget is - 7,24,207.
- Money not used was in uniforms, book etc - got covered by donation.
- Regular medical checkup was covered another Asha project(Medical).
- Students graduated and have got jobs.
- Class X - results available for 5 of 7. all 5 students passed.
- Class XI and Class XII results were also good.
- BA and BCOMs exams are still due.
- They are trying to work with community and parents to chip in for help.
- They are encouraging local volunteers.
- They have come up with teacher training manuals, hoping they can influence teaching methodology in local schools. If they are work well they can reduce the remedial coaching.
- They are trying to increase RTE/RTI awareness among parents.
- In 2009 they came up with a strategic document with their vision and plans.

2011-2012:

- 8 new students added.
- Student dropped from Asha SV list - 9
- total of 50 students
- 34 higher education - X and higher, 16 regular - 3 to IX.
- Proposed budget - Rs 7,51,938
- Deducting the surplus expected budget is - 7,17,823
- They have reduced the budget for books.
- The thing which has gone up is the follow up sponsor related work(staff that is following the students).
- This is SAC project, so there is no budget cut.
- Last year we had sponsors for 50. We don't have sponsor for 1 student.

Site Visit:

- Site visit from Swati in Seattle. It did not come out glowing.

- Site visit Sept 2010. The site visitors said it was good and TFS was doing well. Rate of success is improving.  
TFS provides conventional and unconventional education. It provides a safe environment.

Expected Report:

- 4 report expected by 22/06/2011, 15/09/2011, 15/12/2011, 15/03/2012 respectively.

Questions:

1. Check for the category of class X students (secondary or primary).
2. Get more details on the staff visiting the children.
3. Annual fees - is it same for all the students.
4. Question on why do we support higher level students( as opposed to government schools etc).
5. What percentage of the project is funded by Asha SV.
6. Get answers for questions on evaluation doc.

Action Items:

- Set up poll for budget renewal.

SVYM Vidyakaran Renewal[Reshu]

- Location - Mysore
- Started as part of SVYM project.
- They are looking for bright students doing well in Xth grade.
- They find out students with economical difficulties.
- A lot of students are from Kanadda background. So they try to help them.
- There are 75 students. 30 in PUC 1, 30 in PUC 2, 15 in higher end. Higher graders are supported only for one year (Rs 10,000).
- 30 students from 2010-2011, Most will graduate this year (some of the students will be joining college and continue getting supported).
- 15 students from 2009-2010(27 PUC 1 and 2 diploma students).
- 20 PUC 1- science students, 10 PUC 1 - commerce students.
- 15 professional course students.
- They felt that the students did really well
- They have limited the search of students to nearby areas, well known schools or other SYVM locations. This was a concern last year.
- Students have difficulties going to PUC 1 and 2, due to the Kannad background.
- There are other SVYM projects at secondary levels.
- The kids come from lower families, so it is hard to develop confidence and make them out going.
- As per our knowledge there are no other PUC 1 and 2 in this area. Whatever schools they have are more English medium.
- They bring the kids from different talukas to Mysore.
- During PUC 1 and PUC 2 - there are around Rs 10,000 rupees coaching for students, counselling, bus passes etc.
- They work with students to get more sponsors, and few students get the sponsor and drop

out of the program.

- They work with students on counselling, developing confidence
- They are not replacing the college, they are just supplementing it.
- It is coaching rather than regular school.
- A lot of kids drop out from school because of different reasons (results were bad due to language issues). So the counsellors work with parents and kids to get them back.
- Parents want students to make money or get married. So the counsellors work with parents to explain them.
- They do want to build the community. They want to use the older students to get to other SVYM organizations. They also have these students come help and guide the current kids.
- Vidyakaran part of SVYM is focused on making sure these kids are prepared for graduation.
- This year - there will be about 75 students.
- There are questions that Asha SV should support VidyaKaran - because of the project structure (focused on only one area).
- This project was picked up as a pilot project for 3 years, so it should have stopped last year, but we still went ahead. They felt that the project went well and hence the program should continue, since it was a SAC project the chapter went ahead with it.
- It is hard to judge the impact of this program because there is no real control group for tracking kids. Maybe kids were doing good and they would have went to higher colleges anyways, so we could enroll other kids who are not going good and help them.
- But through the two years we can see that students were ready to drop out, the project worked with those kids.
- SVYM is convinced about the program, it is on Asha SV to decide what is it that we want to do to align with our philosophy.
- One approach is we can wind up the kids we decided to support last year, and we will not support any new students.
- One more thing to find out is the impact our withdrawal will have on the students.
- If we drop this, we may lose donors also.
- 10 sponsors out of 75 did not renew. There were 30 new students and all had sponsors.
- Vidyakaran was among the last project picked up by the sponsors.
- We can contact Vidyakaran to find out what is their back up plan. They do have kids (besides 30 Asha SV) from other sponsors.
- Budget proposed is Rs 15338 per student from 14512 in 2010-2011.
- This is the time when they will start look for new students because the high school results are out. So we should let them know now. The decision is not made yet but we can give them a heads up.
- There are professional courses in the program - vocational courses (polytechnic etc)
- We have to answer 2 questions:  
Whether we want to continue with the program. Next question is how do we phase it out?

Question:

1. Break of Rs 10,000 spend on high graders.

Action Items:

1. Give the project partners a heads up that we may not support new students from this year.
2. We will set up another meeting.