

Asha for Education™

Site Visit Questionnaire

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Dear Volunteer

Thanks for conducting this site visit.

The following set of questions is only a suggested guideline. Some of the following questions may not be relevant or applicable to the particular project you are visiting, but please do try to answer as many of them as possible. Please note that Part sB & C necessitate that the information be gathered through conversations with the children and their parents, and not simply the group's teachers and staff.

Please feel free to attach any documents/photos you feel are pertinent to the project.

Thanks.

- Asha for Education

Date:

Name of the Project: BHAVANI EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY

Name of the Organisation Running the Project (if different):

Was your site visit announced? Yes, it was planned

No, it was a surprise visit

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PART A: Particulars about the organization and its environment

1. What are the different focus areas of the organization? (give a rough estimate of the % of their total effort/funding)

Community development 50% Education 100% Health 75%
Other ___% (please specify) _____

2. What is the administrative structure of the group (e.g. Board of Directors/Grassroots-based)?

Seven
Two + 7

3. Are there any other organizations working in the area providing any one or all of the services provided by the visited organization? (Briefly mention their names and their objectives)

Organization	Objectives of the organization
Not Known	NA
NA	NA
NA	NA

PART B: The organization and the community it serves

(Information to be gathered from parents and children)

1. Approximately how many families live in the area? All of them are orphans

2. What do the parents do for a living? (Agricultural worker, Daily wage laborer etc.)

Not Known

3. At the time of enrolment, does the school ask for the names of both parents?

Yes No, just the father's name No, just the mother's name

4. How often do the teachers meet the parents?

Not Known

5. How do the parents participate in the organization's activities? (e.g. by contributing their time, money or labor in the school's activities etc.)

All of the kids are orphans

6. Are there any Government Schools in the area? Yes No

7. If yes, how far are the Government Schools from the community?
within 6kms radius

8. Why did the parents choose this school over the Government School?
The kids are orphans and some of them are HIV positive.

9. When you visited, how many children were present in the class? 80
What is the regular class strength?
Comments:

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10. Do the children seem to enjoy coming to school?

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PART C: Project particulars

(Information to be gathered from students and staff)

1. What is the mode of teaching in the school? (Check the appropriate choices)

- A. Formal (State Board, Central Board etc.) **till what class?**
 B. Non-Formal Education (NFE) **do the students also attend formal school?**
 C. Vocational
 D. Other . Please specify _____

2. If A (Formal), up to what grade(LKG, 5th, 7th etc.) does the school conduct classes?

Up to 7th

3. If B (Non-Formal Education) how many of the children also attend formal schools in the area?

None

If none do, does the project plan this for the future?

Bhavani Educational Society running the school

4. *If Non-Formal Education, does the organization create its own study material (books, games)?*

5. *If C (Vocational), what do the children do after they finish training?*

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6. *How many staff or volunteers are recruited from the community? Three (Two are women)
How many of the staff are women?*

7. *How many teachers have left the school in the past one year, and why?*

Not Known

8. *How many new teachers have joined in the past year?* Not Known

9. *Does the organization train the teachers? Yes No*
If yes, how do they provide the training?

10. *How much is the staff paid? all are paid staff
Is it on par with the salary paid to the staff in the Government schools? Yes No*

PART D: Financial resources of the organization

(Feedback from the person conducting the site visit)

1. *Do you think the proposed amounts in the budget are reasonable? Yes No Maybe*

2. *Are all items covered in the budget? Yes No Maybe*

Comments:

Rupees Fourteen Hundred for child is paid at Nellore Chaitanya Jyothi Welfare Society the amount should be increased by atleast Rs. 2000/- as they have to pay school fee etc.

3. *Is there anything you think should be added or removed from the budget?*

Yes No

If you recommend any changes to the budget, please explain your reasons for this.

Some of them are studying in local public school hence their expenditure will be more. Besides the fee, books and their maintenance will be expensive.

4. Did you discuss the proposed changes with the project? If so, please describe their response.

They will be happy for increasing the grants. It will be better if you adopt some children, may be few and bear all their expenses. The amount also should be sent directly to them instead of giving through some organisation which will do a middleman job. Naturally some part of your amount will go towards their expenses.

PART E: Comments

(Feel free to attach documents if necessary)

Visited Bhavani Educational Society on 8-10-2007. This organisation is being run with . Nearly 80 orphaned children, some of them are positive cases (34). They are being given education, shelter and also their requirements (food etc.). As I have mentioned earlier, Rs. 50,000 were given from your funds towards construction of one toilet and providing trunk boxes, ceiling fans, black boards etc. They want grant for children, Food and Nutrition. Also for Teachers salaries.

The second place I visited is Chaitanya Jyothi Welfare Society, where some 20 children were given Rs. 1400 each from your funds. I have seen 11 children with their grandmothers and guardians who informed that they have paid school fee and also purchased school bags, books etc. with the amount. I feel that you should adopt these children directly and ensure that whatever the amount you want to pay be given directly to them. They lost their parents because of AIDS and some of the children are really bright and are living with their guardians. My suggestion to you is to pay their fee directly to the concerned schools wherever they are studying. Meet all expenses including dress, books and also send some amount for their living.

The 3rd place I have visited is Vianny Home run by a Missionary where 6 children have been granted Rs. 1400 each for their books, fee etc. This is only a part of the amount incurred by them. I have seen 3 children along with their guardians. Your grant can be continued for these children also.

Finally I congratulate you for your concern for the children education who are affected due to their parents death of Aids.