

Jagriti Bal Vikas Samiti (Apna Skool) Poll Results (closed 04/10/2013)

The following ashasv-vol poll is now closed. Here are the final results:

POLL QUESTION: Do you approve INR 14,65,500 to renew sponsorship for Apna Skool Project of Jagriti Bal Vikas Samiti for the period Oct 2012 to Sept 2013?

Note that there is an increase in the requested amount mainly because of the following:

Item #4

Mats: Price increased from 50 to 80. They have use it for two years, they stitch the torn mats. 22 centers, but 1 school for 2 centers (2 brick kiln).

Item #3a

Plywood price has increased from Rs 1000 to 1500. They have 6 boards in good condition.

Item #3c

Slates: Price has increased from Rs 30 to 40. Good quality slates(unlike govt school slates) cost Rs 45 to Rs 50 per slate.

Budget details available at <http://www.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=81>.

Chapter meeting minutes available at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ashasv-vol/message/9703>

Provisional Site Visit report available at <http://www.ashanet.org/projects-new/documents/81/ProvisionalSiteVisitReportApril2013.doc>

CHOICES AND RESULTS

- Yes, 11 votes, 100.00%

- No, 0 votes, 0.00%

Meeting minutes: 11/28/2012

Project Renewal. Sekar. Apna Skool.

Usual cycle for funding April through march.

Now we are doing October to September.

This is the renewal for October.

Started as vivekananda samiti and the idea is to solve the main problem if migrant laborers becoming bonded laborers and these are people who are indebted because of the loan they take.

This is in kanpur, UP

The kids are put into the laborer market and the kids and their parents are all paid 1/3 rd for their work, the rest is put towards the debt but the debt is never paid off.

Some professors at IIT Kanpur decided to tackle this problem by educating the kids. In 1991 there were 49 kids and now there are 600 kids from families who are brick klin workers and rag pickers

They focus on both learning and vocational training but also social and other awareness so that there is a whole, all around development of the kids.

The teaching methods are innovative and use creative ways to teach

They follow a totally different curriculum but they orient the kids to be able to write the open school exams and get into government schools.

The biggest challenge is to keep the kids in school because once they are about eight years old, the parents start pressurizing them to go work.

There are about 40 students who are now in a regular school, and about 5 students are now their own wage earners and are self sufficient.

Apna Skool also supports scholarships for kids who end up going to regular school and colleges.

They have a nutrition program funded by another foundation. They provide basic healthcare.

Asha sv supports health check up and all other things that are required. Asha was also supporting scholarships but not anymore.

The schools are run by the trust in centers all around the kilns and closer to where the kids stay otherwise the kids won't come. For 3,4,5 classes, there is a separate school/building

The other problem is that during monsoons the kilns are closed and the kids go home with their parents and dropout. Apna Skool has instituted a process of neighborhood schools where there are two apna Skool volunteers who help kids get into schools in their neighborhoods

But the challenge for these kids is that they cannot be in regular schools because of their unfamiliarity with the regular school curriculum.

The kids have annual exams for 1, 3,4 classes and 5 class students take the open school exam. The kids do really well in the open school exams because of their innovative teaching methods

The kids also have educational outings and cultural events.

The kids learnt how to use solar energy for cooking, lighting etc.

The teachers have also received trainings for the teaching methods

Budget request is for teachers salary- 10 teachers at construction sites and 10 at brick kilns. We fund small snacks for the kids. Their budget last year was reduced by 20%. This year they are charging a little more for their stationary and school supplies

Do the kids pay any fees? No.

We also support uniforms and sweaters. Because of our health check ups, it was discovered that almost 100 kids had night blindness about two years ago. Because of our support, the health clinics have given

vitamin a to the kids and now there are a handful who suffer from the illness. We also support educational trips, administrative expenses and miscellaneous salaries for support staff.

This year the asking is Rs. 14 Lakhs or so and last year it was Rs.14 lakhs or so.

The founder said that there are some problems:

Wanted to know if the kids can be given electronic tablets

Do they have any technology at all? Find out? Getting an old desktop and laptops from companies is easier than getting new tablets.

The founder also said that It would be nice for all agencies to get together and pool resources

She would like all resources to be used for the benefit for all in the community.

She did say something positive about social changes like parents are less prone to alcoholism, parents are supportive of apna Skool and trying to get jobs near kilns where there are apna skool centers

Connect apna Skool to door step.

All this has been posted on the project page and the breakdown for budget is also posted.

Look for poll soon.