

### Site Visit Details

Date: Dec 1<sup>st</sup> '09

Locations: Prayas(Raja park, Sanganer, Amagarh, Jhalana)

	Sanganer	Amagarh
<b>Annual Budget</b>	4.5 Lacs	7.00 Lacs
<b>Funds</b>	Asha (4.5 lacs)	Vibha (5 Lacs) , Asha (2 Lacs)
<b>No. of students</b>	90	120
<b>No. of teachers</b>	5	7
<b>No. of Classrooms</b>	4	5
<b>Issues</b>	Drinking water problem – procure water tankers to supplement need	Severe space constraint : 1) No daily Food Facility - served only on Saturdays. 2) Inability to include more children and have more classrooms
<b>Remarks</b>	Moving to a new location close to the existing place starting January '10 – more open and spacious	Conducts Hobby classes for women post school hours daily – help women develop new skills and earn a living

### Funds received by Prayas from Asha (till date)

Date	Rs.
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb '09	1,68,325
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb'09	98,715
21 <sup>st</sup> Feb'09	1,97,655
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct'09	1,60,905
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,25,600</b>

### **Note:**

- Final Financial Statement of Asha for Period of Oct-Dec 09 to be sent by year end.
- Budget for 2010 (with changes if any) to be sent along with the statement.
- Money to be sent once we receive budget confirmation as stated above.

### **Visit Description**

Prayas is a well-growing Asha partner and its projects have been funded by US chapters over the past 2-3 years. They are based at Jaipur in Rajasthan and have been working to provide education, health care and nutritional support to children with special needs through the Integrated School and Community Based Rehabilitation Programme. They have 4 operational centers in and around Jaipur at present.

During my site visit I received a warm welcome from Ms. Jatinder at the Raja Park School. I met a few teachers on my way to Jatinder's office and then she gave me a quick introduction about the organization, how it evolved over the years, recent development and the future objectives they are working towards.

My plan was to visit the classes in session and that's exactly what Jatinder had in mind. I took a tour of the whole school and Jatinder accompanied me. It was a great experience as every child greeted us when we entered the class and they told us what they were studying and sounded very excited. Some students even recited poems on Jatinder's request. They were very well disciplined and seem to enjoy the class.

I also met a few volunteer from Australia who was there for his summer project. They were helping the children with their craft work and mentioned it has been a very fulfilling experience at Prayas for them.

To make sure we cover all the centers during the visit we headed to the Amargadh in Jatinder's car – the volunteer from Australia accompanied us. It was a 20 minute drive and reaching there in a car was a little troublesome as the school was in the interiors of a poorly constructed area. But after entering the school premises it felt better as it was a decently constructed 4 rooms plot area. I was introduced to the staff and the kids. The classes were in session and children enacted an impromptu skit for us. It was very entertaining and they were well taught and talented.

After a nice session with the children we sat in the office to look at some of the interesting work of craft made by girls and women who attend a post school art programme. It was very inspiring to see their work as they learn it with the intention of taking up a career in this field to support their families better.

It was soon time for us to leave for the third center in Sanganer. The area there is not sufficient to support the children coming in and Jatinder mentioned their constant effort to get a better land. I was told that apart from space water is the other big problem in this region. Both the availability and quality of water is something they are struggling with. To take care of this they are regularly getting water tankers to serve the school. The interaction with the children was great but a quick one as it was past their school time and teachers were only holding them to meet us.

Next, we reached the Jhalana center. The classes were already over so the building was more or less empty with just the staff around. We had a late lunch with Jatinder and then went around the school building, which is a three story structure. The school is very well built and maintained. Back of the building has a store area which has a kitchen also used for catering services to the nearby places and there is a huge hall as well used for children to learn hand made wax products. I saw the collection myself and was truly amazed.

We then went around all the classrooms – they were very well designed and well equipped. Jhalana School is for special needs kids and thus it is important to have teachers help kids learn basic activities such as eating, washing hands and staying clean.

After that I met Mr. Ajit who handles the accounts for Prayas. I asked him for all the financial reports including the Balance sheets to track Asha funds. He was very helpful and shared all the information. Also, recently Prayas has appointed an MBA to manage their operations – Mr. Punnet Bhasali and although I talked with him just over phone but he seemed nice.

Overall the visit went very well. The progress Prayas has made over the years is commendable and they continue to work hard under the guidance of Ms. Jatinder. The most satisfying experience was the interaction with the kids. They were talented, disciplined and enthusiastic about learning new things. All I can say is after this fulfilling visit I am already looking forward to the next time I can be there.

**Visit Pictures**



**Raja Park**



Sanganer



Amagarh

**Budget table (For reference)**

<b>Budget line Items</b>	<b>Monthly Budget (INR)</b>	<b>Calculation (annual)</b>	<b>Total Amount (INR)</b>
<b>Amagarh School</b>			
Teachers-2	9000	9000X12	108000
School Building Rent	7000	7000X12	84000
Nutrition to children	600	600X12	7200
<b>Sanganer School</b>			
Project Administrator-1 (for all centers)	8500	8500X12	102000
Computer Operator -1 (for all centers)	5500	5500X12	66000
Teachers-5	13000	13000X12	156000
School Building Rent	4000	4000X12	48000
Helper -2	4400	4400X12	52800
Educational Material	900	900X12	10800
Furniture for children			10000
Electricity & Water	500	500X12	6000
<b>Total</b>			<b>650800</b>