

Asha SV Meeting Minutes from Feb 17, 2010.

Attended by: Balu, Bhanu, Chakri, Dilip, Esther, Madhavi, Madhu, Meena, Mayank, Neehar, Rose, Shikha, Shweta, Smitha, Vijay, Vinod

2. Mountain Children Foundation [Vinod, Rose, Smitha]

- The foundation trains facilitators to teach children how to file Right To Information (RTI) application. Once the children realized the power of the tool, they used it to get development activities in and around villages (not necessarily pertaining to education).
- In essence the foundation is educating the children on practical civics and making them aware of their rights and duties.
- There were concerns that wouldn't there be backlash against the organizations that are involved in promoting RTI. Similar concerns were shared by number of partner organizations and so some partners were not that enthusiastic in pushing for RTI. But in general its the community that is gaining so the backlash has not been actually materialized.
- How does MCF partner with local NGOs? Last year was the first year so MCF picked partners based with whom they were comfortable in past.
- From the last year's budget there are some new line items - additional followup workshops + part time facilitator to follow up on the RTI applications.
- Vinod is not sure whether a followup workshop is needed, so he suggests not including the followup costs to the budget. Asha will get a feedback from MCF whether additional workshops are needed and in case they are needed the cost will be included in the half yearly update and a vote on the additional amount will be taken in the chapter.
- There was a question whether the kids from MCF project be asked to file RTI for other projects that are not necessarily in Uttarakhand. Even though RTI application can be filed for any issue anywhere in the country, the applications filed by kids have been related to local problems. Following up an RTI application might very well require understanding of the local situation, MCF will prefer to work with other projects to train them on using the tool effectively.
- Vijay suggested on publicizing the RTI effort to the chapter level for all the projects handled by Asha SV and then take it to another level by collaborating across Asha chapters.

2010 Badte Kadam MCF_RTI project Budget

	Activity	Unit Cost	Total Cost
1	Facilitator Workshops		
	2 days + 1 day for travel		
	Travel - Participants (13 partners x 2 days)	600	15,600
	Travel - Resource Persons (one-way unit cost x 2)	1,250	2,500
	Board and Lodging - Participants (25 or 20 x 3 days)	500	30,000
	Board and Lodging - Resource Persons (2 x 3 days)	500	3,000
	Materials (25 or 20 persons)	200	4,000
	Total		55,100
2	Village Level Workshops		
	2 days, 30 Children		
	Food - Breakfast and Lunch (30 Children x 2 days)	75	4,500
	Tea (30 Children x 2 days x twice a day)	5	600
	Facilitators (x 2) (only in 2008-09 Budget)		
	Stationary (30 Children)	35	1,050
	Misc. Expenses - banners, local travel, etc. (2 days)	300	600
	Cost for 1 Workshop		6,750
	Cost for 5 Workshops/Partner		33,750
	Cost for 5 Workshops x 13 Partners		438,750
3	Follow-up from 2008-09 Village Level Workshops		
	1 Day, 50 Children = 5 Villages x 10 Children/Village		
	Food Lunch (50 children)	60	3,000
	Tea (50 children x Twice a day)	5	500
	Travel (50 children x one-way unit cost x 2)	20	2,000
	Stationary (50 children)	25	1,250
	Miscellaneous Expenses	10	500
	Cost for 1 Workshop		7,250
	Cost for 1 Workshop x 13 Partners (from 2008-09)		94,250
4	State Level Children's Mid-term Workshop		
	Travel - Participants (126 or 91 x one-way unit cost x 2)	800	145,600
	Travel - Resource Persons (2 one-way unit cost x 2)	1,230	2,460
	Board and Lodging - Participants (126 or 91 X 3 days)	500	136,500
	Board and Lodging - Resource Persons (2 x 3 days)	500	3,000
	Material (80 people/13 Partners)	75	6,000
	Total		293,560
5	Part-time Partner level Facilitators - Salary & Travel		
	Salary per month	2,000	24,000
	Travel per month	300	3,600
	Sub-Total for 1 Partner		27,600
	Total for 13 Partners		358,800
6	Follow-up State Coordinator		
	Salary per month	6,000	72,000
	Travel per month	2,500	30,000
	Stay per month	1,000	12,000
	Daily Allowance per month	1,000	12,000
	Phone card per month	500	6,000
	Total		132,000
	Activity Total		1,372,460
	8% Overhead		109,797
	travel, petrol, telephone, scooter breaks down, chartered accountant part time salary, partial costs of electricity/water		
	Total Budget we are voting for		1,482,257

Based on feedback, we will decide about following up with 5 more partners from last year and an additional village level workshop for the 13 partners this year

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ashasv-vol/surveys?id=2950979>

Do you support Badte Kadam, the 2nd year of RTI intervention with children, from MCF, with an annual budget of Rs.14,82,257 for 2010-11? Budget we are voting on is available at: http://www.ashanet.org/projects-new/documents/961/badte_kadam_budget_modified_8.pdf. The entire budget with all options, proposal, surveys and evaluation and a host of other documents are all online at: <http://www.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=961>.

Responses

ChoicesVotes% 1 reply

Yes 10 100

No 0 0

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