

We Need You

Asha is a volunteer organization. Here is how you can get involved in the effort.

- Be an **Asha volunteer**, spare a couple of hours every month, come by our meetings or call us and take upon responsibilities that interest you -- monitoring projects, fundraising activities, corporate publicity.
- Organize fundraisers, speaking events, film festivals, book readings etc.
- Participate in annual **Work-An-Hour** programs
- Contribute annual or one-time donations of any amount.

So, what does it take to be part of Asha?

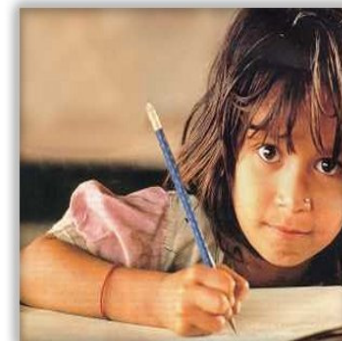
- As an Asha volunteer you can choose to get involved as much as your schedule allows you to.
- Attend Asha chapter meetings
- Participate in discussions
- If you choose to steward a project, actively engage with social workers or NGOs on the ground
- Attend or organize events

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**Less of
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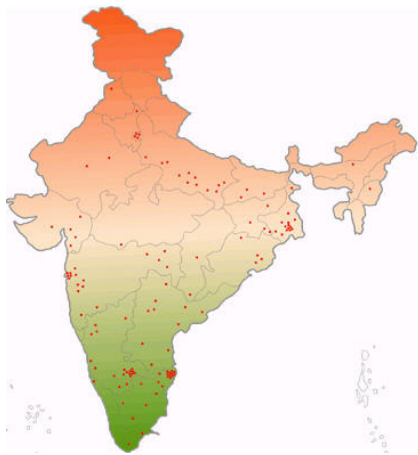


Asha for Education
Bringing hope through education

Asha does not take out administrative expenses from general donations. All administrative costs are paid for by volunteers and friends of Asha. Donations to Asha are tax-deductible. Our projects are supported by generous donations from individuals and groups like you.

Projects

Asha for Education is dedicated to effecting socio-economic change in India by supporting education for under-privileged children. The first chapter of Asha for Education was started at the University of California in Berkeley in the summer of 1991. A few students got together to think of ways that they could play a role in the development of the country of their origin. These young people shared the belief that education is a critical requisite and an effective catalyst for social and economic change in India. Basic education became the agenda for the action group that emerged from this gathering. The group was named "Asha" to represent the hope that had brought these individuals together and the hope that they aimed to bring into the lives of children in India.



Since then, Asha has steadily grown in strength and number. Today, we have chapters in all over the US and several other cities around the world.

Asha for Education, San Francisco

The Asha for Education, San Francisco chapter was started in the summer of 2007. The chapter was aimed at students and professionals who live and work in and around the city of San Francisco. Like all Asha chapters, the San Francisco chapter's core mission is to support educational projects in India through funding and mentorship.

While the primary focus is on educational projects, Asha San Francisco plans to network with other like minded non-profit organizations to exchange ideas and build on complementary strengths.



To achieve its goals, Asha San Francisco and other Asha chapters need enthusiastic volunteers to help with project selection, mentoring, event management, volunteer outreach, networking and various other activities.

Besides the ability to work on worthy projects, Asha for Education provides a unique opportunity to get a deeper understanding of the social and economic problems facing India and learn about innovative solutions from leading social workers and organizations.

We have supported a number of educational projects in India. The following is one of our projects:

Aseema:

The Aseema project is an education centre for tribal children who currently have little or no access to schools. Aseema believes in a holistic approach to education and plan to cover everything from basic literacy to analytical and emotional skills, physical wellbeing and vocational training (drawing on the Montessori system, as well as the Integral Education Approach as pioneered by the Sri Aurobindo Intl Center for Education in Pondicherry, which emphasizes the development of physical, emotional, and intellectual skills and sees them as fundamentally interconnected.

Asha San Francisco is funding the construction of a new school building for Aseema.



Project Pipeline:

There are number of proposals awaiting funding from Asha. Proposals are from a wide spectrum of projects and locations all over India. Asha volunteers carefully evaluate each proposal and arrange funding using the money raised all over the world.