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Deaf and Mute School, Maharashtra



Audio Visual Training.
Teacher on the right using visual simulation,
student using audio aid.

Nilesh L. Murdeshwar Karnbadhir Vidhyalaya (Deaf and Mute School) at Jawhar, Thane District of Maharashtra is a residential school run by Pragati Pratisthan. Children from 25 villages in neighboring districts come to this school. About 65 deaf and mute children receive education from K.G. till 4th standard in this school. This school provides hostel facility for both boys and girls but school is lacking in funds to provide hygienic food and environment. The school is also lacking in basic infrastructure like hearing aids, Audiometers, pictorial books, computers etc., without those facilities it is hard to

educate the children with disabilities. The school has classrooms, speech therapy room, library, biogas plants, cashew processing center, shade net house and provides hostel facility as well. **Asha-Toledo** has provided audiometers, computer, pictorial books, projector, hearing aids, charger kits. Asha Toledo will also provide grants for new admits and renovation of the hostel.

The project aims to:

- Develop a rigid educational base at primary level among the students.
- Motivate students by admitting them to the normal school after 4th grade.
- Explore the potential of students and giving a wide scope for their talents.
- Establish career centers for rehabilitation and generation of employment.

Funds required: \$17,225 (Currently)

Funds disbursed: \$8,200

Project status: Ongoing (Seeking donations)

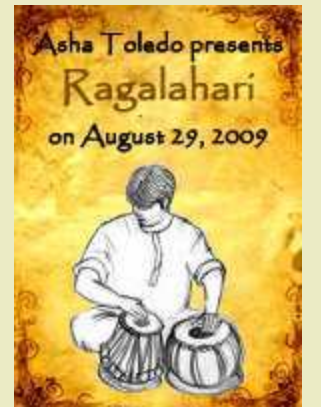
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The University of Toledo

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An online event to help educate underprivileged children in India.
Please visit www.workanhour.org

Asha for Education is proud to launch the 11th edition of its flagship fundraiser **Work An Hour** from July 15 to September 15. We invite you to donate to 15 very special projects in need of funding to help, educate underprivileged children in India. Be a part of this event by donating one hour's equivalent of your salary or any other amount to Asha. You can make donations online by credit card or by sending a check. Please join this effort to educate the children in India. Make donations with credit card or cheque towards **Project Arogyaseva** indicating **Toledo** as your chapter.

8760= the number of hours you get every year

1= the number of hours it takes to make a difference

Blind School, Andhra Pradesh



Groundbreaking ceremony



Surdas Bhavan is a school run by DWAB organization for 140 visually challenged kids. DWAB provides free education and boarding facilities. It is a fully fledged school with basic infrastructural facilities, but needs science labs and an auditorium. **Government of Andhra Pradesh is supporting each student with Rs.500 per month.**

Highlights about DWAB -

- DWAB constructed its own building for school and hostel which can accommodate 300 Blind children with all basic amenities.
- The school is being run for the blind kids from class 1 to class 10.
- As a mark of recognition of their services the American Telugu Association [ATA] honored them with "Life time achievement award".
- The organization is greatly honored by being nominated by the Government of A.P as a member of "State Executive Committee".

The organization has been successfully endeavoring to bring the blind children from different

places with their sighted counterparts in all walks of life by encouraging the blind children to participate in activities of education, sports, cultural activities and social gatherings. **Asha-Toledo** has built an auditorium on top of the building. This new auditorium will be used to provide new labs (with visual scientific aids) and classes like music and yoga for the kids. This place can also be used for the daily assembly sessions.

Funds required: \$10,000

Funds disbursed: \$10,000

Project status: Completed

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Project Muskan, Uttar Pradesh



Student check-up by a physiotherapist



Children at an open class

Project Muskan is for the education of physically challenged children (mainly affected by polio) from villages around Varanasi. Detailed reports provided by the officials and Asha contacts/representatives in India, show that the funds are being properly utilized and a good number of children are getting benefitted from it.

- 50 students are a part of this project of which none have dropped out.
- Handicapped children have shown health improvement since the beginning of their physiotherapy treatment.
- Frequent medical checkups (treatments) make sure that the children keep good health, which would motivate their parents to keep sending their kids to school.
- Regular parent-teacher meetings see to it that the parents are aware of progress of the children and know problems faced by them.
- Funds are being utilized for buying the study

material, teacher's monthly pays, medical treatment & medications, transportation and organizing cultural events for the children.

Funds required: \$8,200

Funds disbursed: \$8,200

Project status: Completed

Visit: <http://www.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=912>

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Arogyaseva, Maharashtra

Asha along with the help of Pragati Pratishthan, Dr. Sujit and our dedicated volunteers from Mumbai undertook project Arogyaseva to tackle malnutrition and illiteracy among young children in Thane district, Maharashtra. The project site consists of 65 villages in the tribal areas of Maharashtra. Of the four phases, three phases have been successfully completed and we are now into the fourth phase.

- Phase I: Involved provision of books, tables, chairs, water filters, mats and blackboards. Two solar lamps were fixed in schools of Kumbhi and Karoli padas which had no electricity
- Phase II: The focus of this phase was health and literacy. Two doctors from Mumbai conducted a medical camp for 700 people. Essential medicines were provided to the villagers. A computer was donated to Asey School to start basic computer education for middle-school students. Private teaching sessions were also arranged for high-school students to help prepare for their board examinations.
- Phase III: Solar lamps were provided to 21 families, to encourage parents to send their kids to school.



Two libraries were setup, 5 schools supported with basic infrastructure, Conducted agricultural visits for the benefit of farmers; Jaipur foot was donated for physically handicapped students. **Toledo Rotary** donated \$10,000 for this phase.

Phase IV aims to:

- Renovation of Pragati Tribal hostel at Mokhada: This project will help 30 tribal students staying in this hostel to continue their high school education.
- Nutrition project for tribal kids: This program will support 130 kids with lunch and dinner daily and impart basic education interest in them.

Funds required: \$40,490 (Including phase 4)

Funds disbursed: \$20,700 (Phase-1, 2 and 3)

Project Status: Ongoing (Seeking donations)

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Dr. Sujit, Mrs. Patwardhan and local residents during solar street lamp installation



School Infrastructural photos

News and Events

- Project Arogyaseva of **Asha-Toledo** was selected for WAH'09
- **Toledo Rotary** donated \$10,000 towards Project Arogyaseva.
- **Asha-Toledo** screened the movie "Luck by Chance" and served refreshments at the Mausee indoor theatre to raise funds for the DWAB blind school. The event received a good response and \$5541 was raised for the school.



- **Achievement by Blind School students:** In a remarkable accomplishment, all the 19 visually-challenged students of DWAB secured first class in the SSC public examinations this year. P Chokka Rao, the secretary of the blind school said that the constant motivation by the staff and the determination of the students helped them excel in the examination. This school is the only one of its kind in the district. He suggested that the government should set up at least one blind school in each district and ensure education in english medium to the visually challenged to help them become self-reliant.



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