

Proposal for Funding 2007

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Proposal Title

Rehabilitation of Deprived Children Through Education

Name of NGO:

SABUJ SANGHA

Date of Submission:

30.03.2007

Amount Requested:
(in EURO)

€ 30238.00

Budget Overview:
(Including total EURO amount of project. Also include the EURO amount provided through other sources).

Items	Suas	Local	Other
Project Costs	16820	1869	-
Materials	11716	1302	-
Administrative Costs	1702	189	-
Total	30238	3360	-

BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Unesco's recently published "Education for All" report says 13.5 children are out of school in India. 52% of them are girl children of 6-10 age group and 48% are boys of the same age group. A large proportion of this children group are from families of poor or destitute economic status who pull the children out of school to supplement family income, apart from reasons of accessibility, caste, gender bias etc.

For the past decade Sabuj Sangha has been providing support to such type of deprived children to suburban slums of Kolkata. These slums are rapidly coming up along the railway track connecting the southern suburbs to Kolkata to accommodate migrant workers from rural areas of West Bengal. It is not surprising that enrolment and attendance in the mainstream education system of children from these slums are much below than desired level.

To combat this Sabuj Sangha has been running five non formal education (NFE) centres in these slums and is running two primary schools 'Kishalaya Sishu Shiksha Niketan (KSSN) in Nandakumarpur Panchayat in Sundarban region of South 24 Parganas to prepare such out of school children for mainstreaming with financial support of Suas. This year 219 students from NFE Centres are being admitted to formal schools and 130 students from KSSN Schools will be admitted to upper primary school in rural area. Once in the mainstream system Sabuj Sangha will help their retention in the school by providing after school coaching services. These activities aim to promote education within the suburban slum communities by engaging children directly in educational initiatives and sensitising their parents on the utility of education within a disadvantaged community and a child's right to education, leading to the associated economic and social benefits.

PROJECT ANALYSIS

BACKGROUND

This proposal is aimed at supporting our ongoing 'Suas' sponsored project "Rehabilitation of Deprived Children Through Education" running in our peri urban operational areas of Ghutiarisharif, Taldi, Baruipur and Dakshin Barasat. This initiative is also being extended to two rural primary schools run by Sabuj Sangha to take care of the running costs.

- During 2006 the ongoing Suas sponsored project has been looking after the education initiatives of 541 children (267 M / 274 F) through 4 NFE Centres at Southern suburban slums and 1 NFE Centre in rural area. Besides, 151 children (84 M / 67 F) of rural primary schools KSSN-I and KSSN-II have received direct benefit from the project.
- 5 Coaching Centres have been in operation helping to retain 120 children mainstreamed from NFEs in 2005-06 session.
- In March 2007, 219 children from 4 suburban NFE Centres are being mainstreamed in formal primary schools while 130 children from rural KSSN Schools will go into upper primary level.
- This year retention of mainstreamed children will be receiving additional dimension and altogether 15 Coaching support centres – 9 urban and 6 rural – will be in operation.
- Of the two KSSN rural primary schools, the one at Nandakumarpur had received infrastructure upgradation with support from Japan Government's GGP project but the KSSN at Madhusudan Chak is operating in a bleak student unfriendly environment. We have proposed to Suas to sponsor a 1000 sq.ft. infrastructure for the KSSN at Madhusudan Chak. On one hand the infrastructure will enable the children of KSSN-II to be able to receive quality education, on the other hand it will save the children of KSSN-II a blush during joint excursion or outings of both the schools.

ANALYSIS

Source: The State of the World's Children 2007 – Unicef

Adult literacy rate		Primary School enrolment ratio				Primary School attendance ratio	
		Gross		Net			
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
73	48	120	112	92	87	79	72

Source: Unesco's Report "Education for All" 2006

- Children living upto 5 years 95 out of every 1000.
- Under weight children 46%.
- Out of School Children of 6-10 years 13.5 million.
- Proportion of boys out of school 48%.
- Proportion of girls out of school 52%

PROFILE OF TARGET AUDIENCE

The target audience of the project are 6-10 age group children growing up in Suburban Railway trackside slums and children from marginalised rural communities.

Area	No. of Children in NFE	No. of Children in Coaching Centre
Dakshin Barasat	100	75
Ghutiarisharif	100	77
Taldi	75	53
Baruipur	36	14

Nandakumarpur BBC	40	-
Nandakumarpur KSSN-I	100	65
Nandakumarpur KSSN-II	<u>100</u>	<u>65</u>
	551	349

Total Target Audience 900

NEED

In all civil societies children are considered as generation of hope. India though having highest number of children, knowledgably 400 millions, does not guarantee eight year of education for the children. The right to education for a child does not hold much value for parents of lesser economic stability who will pull out the child from school to supplement family income, the girl child to look after smaller siblings or simply due to gender bias.

Sabuj Sangha is a firm believer of the child's right to education that must be attributed to and protected to let the society gain from the normal evolution of intellect and physical well being of a child. In the present project area Sabuj Sangha has been providing quality support services for more that a decade with sustainability and distinction. Over the years some other NGOs have come to work but faded away lacking in commitment and resource to make any lasting impression.

PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

GOAL

Ensure child's right to education and prevent them from dropping out of school.

Objective

1. Capacitate out of school children of 5-14 age group using innovative Bridge course curriculum at 5 centres.
2. Ensure retention of 200 rural children in two KSSN schools at Nandakumarpur.
3. To retain of 349 mainstreamed children providing need based coaching support
4. To make education child friendly through development of Child's finer sensibilities.
5. Project personnel be provided with refresher training to improve quality of education.
6. Core project staff of Aalor Disha unit gain better professional Competence to handle future programmes.
7. To construct a child friendly educational infrastructure at Madhusudan Chak for KSSN –II school.
8. To make optimum utilisation of the expertise of Suas volunteers to develop quality teaching methodology for Bridge Course Centres.

INDICATORS

1. 500 children enrolled in 5 preparatory bridge course centres.
2. 2 KSSN schools running full term at Nandakumarpur.
3. 15 coaching centres in operational catering to 349 mainstreamed children.
4. Training in art and craft made a curriculum part.
5. 2 capacity building refresher course for educators and coaching centre teachers organised.
6. The KSSN-II School at Madhusudan Chak has a new child friendly environment.
7. Report on volunteer programme prepared both by Sabuj Sangha and Suas Volunteers.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- 5 NFE Centres at Dakshin Barasat, Ghutiary Sharif, Taldi, Baruipur and Saheb Bari (Nandakumarpur) to run Bridge Course Centres for education of under privileged children.
- 2 Kishalaya Sishu Siksha Niketan (KSSN) at Madhusudan Chak and Nandakumarpur to operate to full capacity.
- 15 Coaching support centres – 9 in suburban area and 6 in rural areas continue to operate to retain 349 children in formal educational system.
- A Child friendly creative environment conducive to a child's emotional and intellectual growth is followed in NFE/BCC Centres.
- The project personnel responsible for child's education are kept updated and oriented for better output through training and exposures from Suas Volunteers.
- The students of KSSN-II at Madhusudan Chak are in better frame of mind to absorb education in a much better educational environment.
- The progress of the project is being monitored regularly to ensure proper and transparent utilisation of funds.
- The visit of Suas Volunteers are so orchestrated as to derive optimum benefit for children and educators.

MANAGEMENT

Sabuj Sangha is a non-government organisation with an unique development perspective of mix and match of development strategies of PRA & PPA (People's Participatory Planning). Coming on stream in 1975 as a registered body it had started functioning under guidance of a democratically elected Governing Body. Presently, the Secretary/Director is acting as chief functionary and contact person, also holding joint financial operation responsibility with the President and the Treasurer.

Organogram of Sabuj Sangha

GOVERNING BODY

DIRECTOR

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

HEAD OF FINANCE

HEAD OF PROJECT
DOCUMENTATION

HEAD OF
ADMINISTRATION

PROGRAMME MANAGER

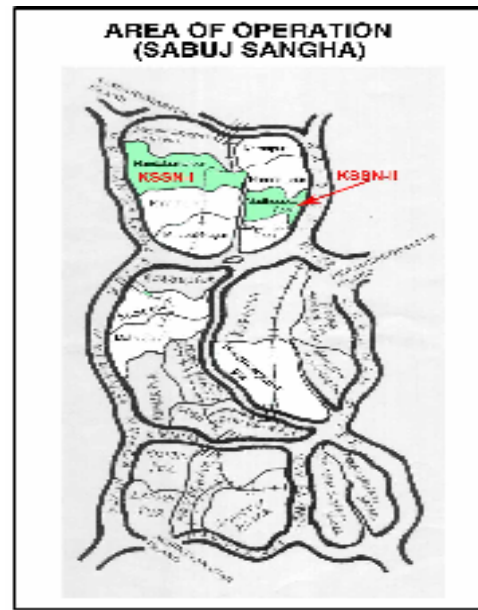
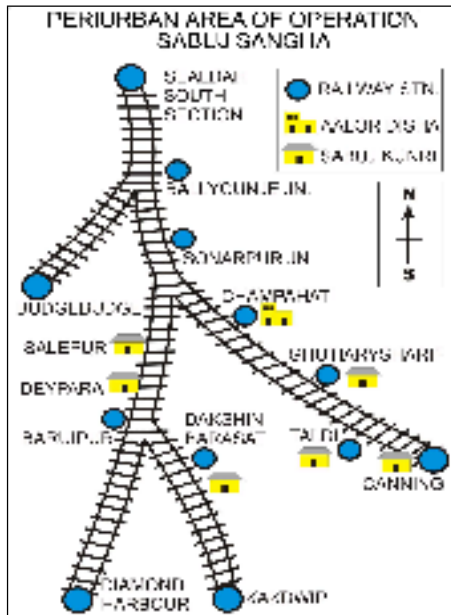
PROJECT COORDINATOR

ASST. RPROJECT COORDINATOR

PROGRAMME ASSOCIATE

VOLUNTEER

Sabuj Sangha's initiatives have twin focuses, namely, rural and urban. In the rural sector its interventions are in infrastructure development for bettering quality of life, offering livelihood options for geographically and economically marginalized community groups, running child friendly schools for children of marginalized communities, empowerment of rural women using micro finance tools, improving health care facility infrastructure for preventive, curative and referral service along with ancillary support services like Boat and vehicular ambulance facility. In the urban sector the programmes are focused on development and rehabilitation of street or squatter colony children ensuring their basic rights to education and protection.



The efforts of Sabuj Sangha are appreciated and supported by Donors like GOAL Ireland, Unicef, Railway Children U. K., Suas Ireland, Child Line Foundation under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, CARE West Bengal and Sundarban Development Board of West Bengal Government.

As a major implementation strategy we have formed firm linear linkage with local area stakeholders like self government bodies, community people, Railway Authorities, Police, Railway Police, Municipal Bodies and elected people's representatives and are receiving their support, assistance and cooperation to make our programmes successful.

MONITORING AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

Monitoring of the programme will be ascertained through measuring

- Gaps in monthly planning and achievements recorded at each NFE or KSSN.
- Flow of funds each month vis-à-vis programme events planned.
- Regular but un announced visits at centres and inspection of centre registers.
- One to one interaction with child's parent's and guardians to assess their views on programme quality.
- Attending community sensitisation programmes and recording community reactions to a child's prerogative to his or her rights.
- Collect results of a mainstreamed child from the school and make a database of the same to ascertain service quality at coaching centres using a customised software.

BUDGET SUMMARY

ITEM	NGO input other donor € euro	Local input € euro	Total Cost € euro	Grant sought € euro
Local personnel	€ 1237.09		€ 12370.91	€ 11133.82
Local Travel	€ 16.6364		€ 163.6364	€ 147
Running costs	€ 579.09		€ 5790.909	€ 5211.82

ITEM	NGO input other donor € euro	Local input € euro	Total Cost € euro	Grant sought € euro
Materials/ equipment	€ 1301.82		€ 13018.18	€ 11716.36
Training	€ 36.36		€ 363.6364	€ 327.2764
Administrative support for programme monitoring	€ 189.091		€ 1890.91	€ 1701.819
TOTAL	€ 3360.0874		€ 33598.1818	€ 30238.0954