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SIRI FOUNDATION
Charitable Trust

[PROJECT PROPOSAL EDUCAION SUPPORT FOR RURAL SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY]

Siri Foundation's mission is to support the education at the grass roots level. This document is for a project to support education and afterschool programs at two elementary schools and one high (middle) school. Also to setup a library and funds for scholarships.

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Sujatha Nagar (P.O), Vishakhapatnam, A.P, India



Project Description: Vechalam School

“Education equals awareness and awareness equals change and Change equals progress – Viswa”

The project addresses some of the basic objectives towards giving the indispensable requirements of quality education to small rural villages near Vishakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. Also to setup Library/study centers and support after school programs.

Vechalam is a small village 60 km west of Vishakhapatnam with a community of 100% agriculture workers and Farmers often referred as “Anna Daatas”- the givers of food. The school lacks many basic amenities that may be considered essential or minimum requirements in other parts of the world. Interestingly it has been serving for over 40 years and most of the students are poor and underprivileged kids from nearby villages. The elementary school has 56 students with 3 teachers; middle school has 161 students with 11 teachers. Sirifoundation recently pledged for water supply to the school which inspired local community to come together to build and restore the playground. The electricity is a big mystery with relentless power outages most of the day if not entire year.

The government funds barely support school supplies and teaching aids. The project consists of supporting the school from a basic renovation of the facility to creating a library system to encourage kids to explore. Some of the major initiatives planned in the next 12 months as follows:

- Basic Renovation
- Supply teaching aids and art supplies
- Setup a library with 2000 books and magazine subscriptions
- Procure furniture for the library
- Funds for after-school programs
- Scholarships for poor students
- Solar Power – if funds available
- Playground restoration and assist the local community effort

Purpose / Goals

Support Education at the grassroots level by adopting schools in rural villages and provide guidance and educational resources. Also provide support for after school programs and higher education through counseling and scholarships.

Organization Description

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Siri Foundation is a registered Charity organization in India with a Tax ID: 38/2010



What we have done in last 24 months

One pledge, many benefits

Sep 27, 2012

New Project at "Vechalam" School(s): 217 students

Elementary school with 56 students, Middle School with 161 students

Vechalam is a small village with 100% farmers and farm workers. Located 60 Km west of Vishakhapatnam and some of the Siri volunteers works at this rural school.

Partnership with Village and local community: On Sep 27th, 2012 Siri pledged Rs.17,000 to fix water supply to toilets (restrooms) along with a pledge of Rs10,000 from school administration. There is a need to fix the playground too, at the same meeting the community responded with Rs50,000 and they completed the work of Rs35,000 as of last weekend.

Another interesting story unfolded during the execution of this project. A year ago Govt. of Andhra Pradesh initiated a program called "Jala Mani" for safe drinking water at rural schools. The supplied equipment worth Rs1,00,000 has been eating dust and not installed for over a year. Too bad the school does not have proper water supply so far. With the pledge from Siri now the school has purified drinking water supply and running water for toilets.

It's an astonishing net social effect of Rs 1,77,000 from a small idea & pledge of Rs17,000 and solved three long pending problems for the school - A safe drinking water, water supply for Toilets and a new playground with fence.

Hunger to Hope

Aug, 2012

Ms. Illapu Mani is an A+ student in 10th grade received 9.4 GPA (out of 10). She is the second of three daughters born to farm-worker parents. The eldest sister dropped out of school after 12th grade because her parents couldn't afford. Ms. Mani's dreams shattered when she was asked to follow the same route of her elder sister. During this summer, she worked hard in the fields and even worked for Rural Employment scheme for a daily wage of Rs155 (Approx. \$3) to support her family. Luckily, Ms. Mani was a student of one of the Siri volunteers and our team quickly decided to support her higher education. She has a passion for agriculture and presented innovative projects at the National Children Science congress two years in a row and winner of district science congress.

Ms. Mani will receive Rs.15, 000 (or \$300)/year for next three years to pay for 100% tuition fee for a Diploma in Agriculture. This is just a beginning and a small step from hunger to hope. We are not done yet; this story inspired teachers of her former school and they decided to support her monthly boarding fees directly from their salaries. She will also receive Rs.2, 100/month for her boarding. Who knows one day she could be part of the solution in world hunger relief! We are proud to support education at the grassroots level

నిరుపేద విద్యార్థినికీ ఆర్థిక సహాయం దత్తత తీసుకున్న సిరి పాండేషన్



పాఠశాలలో మనకి చెక్కులందజేస్తున్న దృశ్యం

వడ్డాది (బుచ్చెయ్యపేట): వడ్డాది జిల్లా ఉన్నత పాఠశాలలో నిరుపేద విద్యార్థినికీ సిరి పాండేషన్ సహాయం ఆర్థిక సహాయం చేసింది. ఇల్లపు మణి అనే విద్యార్థినికీ ఉన్నత చదువుల కోసం రూ. 15వేల చెక్కును పంపిణీ చేశారు. ఎంఈడ ట్రైనాథరావు, సిరి పాండేషన్ ట్రస్టీ

ఎల్.వి.నారాయణరావు, ఎస్. బాబారావు తదితరులు కలిసి ఆమెకి చెక్కు అందజేశారు. వీరనిల్లి అగ్రహారం గ్రామానికి చెందిన మణి వడ్డాది ఉన్నత పాఠశాలలో చదువుకుంది. పదోతరగతి చరీక్షల్లో 9.5 పాయింట్లతో ఉత్తీర్ణత సాధించింది. వ్యవసాయ పాలిటెక్నిక్ లో రకాశాలలో సీటు సాధించింది.

చింది. అయితే పేదరికం ఆమె పాలిట శాపంగా మారింది. ఆర్థిక సమస్యల వల్ల చదువుకు అటంకం ఏర్పడింది. దాంతో విశాఖపట్నానికి చెందిన సిరి పాండేషన్ ఆమెను చదివించడానికి ముందుకు వచ్చింది. రెండేళ్ల వ్యవసాయ పాలిటెక్నిక్ లో కోర్సు పూర్తయ్యే వరకు అవసరమైన సాయం చేసి చదివించడానికి మణిని దత్తత తీసుకుంది. ఈమేరకు సోమవారం ఇక్కడ ఏర్పాటు చేసిన కార్యక్రమంలో రెండేళ్ల కోర్సు పూర్తయ్యే వరకు ఆమె చదువుకు అయ్యే వ్యయాన్ని ఛరిస్తామని పాండేషన్ సభ్యులు తెలిపారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో పిఈటీ సూర్యరథ, ఇతర ఉపాధ్యాయులు శర్మ, కృష్ణ తదితరులు పాల్గొన్నారు.



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Dec 2010, Electricity for Lingapuram school, first time in 60 years of schools history

Aug 2011, Basic renovation and Furniture for all class rooms

Dec 2011, First Library opened for the village

Siri foundation raised the bar in establishing a library first time in the village & school's history. Many quality books, board games, posters, puzzles, wall art, decals, supplies and furniture were provided. With the help of Reading room, another non-profit organization, we acquired age appropriate quality books written in local language. Also, SIRI arranged the electricity, furniture, book shelves and supplies for the library. The local volunteers spent countless hours to get this all organized and the library had its grand opening on the 20th of December 2011.

Since its opening, the library has become the topic of the village and was often reported that the kids eagerly wait for an opportunity to get in and explore. The parents too, some school drop outs themselves have shown interest in discovering the library and its priceless content. The library now hosts a full time librarian and is open every day from 4PM to 9PM.



Board Games and Jigsaw puzzles



Library





Asha-Kansas City New Project Proposal from SIRI Foundation

Project Name: “Siri Foundation projects for rural schools and library ” **Date Received:**
Referred By: Viswa Ammula **Sep 28, 2012**

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Part I: Information about your group/organization

Please feel free to attach any additional sheets and/or information such as brochures, press reports etc.

1. Name of the group/organization requesting funds.

Siri Foundation, Charitable trust

2. When was the group established?

2010

3. Briefly describe the motivation for starting this group.

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4. Name the key people running the organization and describe their background

1. LVN Rao, Teacher and founding member of Sirifoundation
2. Mr. Babu Rao Sureddy, Teacher and founding member
3. Mr. Srinu Chintala & Dr. Lakshmi Chintala M.D, they believe in supporting less fortunate and giving back to the community.

5. Briefly describe the aims of your group.

Siri Foundation was founded by a group of friends who have always believed in leading by example and have aimed at leaving the world and their associations better than they found them. The founding team believes in **making a difference in putting education at the grassroots level** towards a **socio-economic change**. The experienced team is committed to identifying specific areas of focus which are quick to implement yet yield good results towards long term sustainability of the programs served. A team of young teachers and volunteers are already working with schools in remote villages in rural India towards the motto - **"Supporting education at the grassroots level"**

6. Does your group have any religious or political affiliation? If yes, please describe the type of affiliation and the reason for it.

There is No religious or political affiliation.

7. What non education-related community development activities is your group involved in?

None at this time, but may initiate health & hygiene in future

8. Does your organization have FCRA (Foreign Contribution Regulation Act of 1976) clearance from the Indian government? This is required for you to receive foreign funds. If yes, please provide FCRA details. If no, have you applied for Prior Permission (one time acceptance of foreign funds)? If yes, when was the application submitted?

Submitted FCRA Prior Permission application on 31-Oct-2012 and the files is still pending
FCRA prior permission application number: F.NO.II/21022/94(0302-01)/2012-FCRA-III

Resubmitted another application referring the above application: F.No: II/21022/94(0099-01)/2013-FCRA-III" . This is pending since 21-Feb-2013



Part II: Details about your educational project/s

1. List the school/s run by your group, and their locations. If you are requesting funds for only a few of several schools, please specify which one/s.

1. Project Lingapuram School: The project addresses some of the basic objectives towards giving the indispensable requirements of quality education to a local school in a small village of Andhra Pradesh, 100 km south of Vishakhapatnam.

<http://www.sirifoundation.net/current-projects/project-lingapuram-school>

2. Project Vechalam School – A rural village located 60km west of Vishakhapatnam. The campus has two schools Elementary and middle (High) school. This project is to replicate the success of Lingapuram School to create a year round study room and Library along with scholarships for poor and to fix other basic amenities that helps quality education.

2. Who owns the school legally? Is it the organization or trustees or an individual. Please provide details.

Andhra Pradesh Government Telugu medium schools

3. Location of school/s ☐ Urban ☒ Rural ☐ Other _____

Lingapuram: Rural village 100Km south of Vishakhapatnam

Vechalam : Rural Village 60KM west of Vishakhapatnam

4. Specify the type of education provided (e.g. basic literacy, vocational training etc.).

Basic education and after school programs

5. Please tell us about your teaching techniques (conventional vs. alternative).

Conventional for now. Planning for alternate trainings and or summer coaching programs and afterschool programs.

6. What is the literacy rate in your local community? Please give a breakdown between boys and girls if possible.

N/A



7. Describe the socio-economic background of the children and their parents (e.g. education, occupational). If any of your students are employed, please tell us about that as well.

Lingapuram, a small village with green fields, clean air, and a population of 100% farmers. Siri provided electricity, basic furniture and created Library.

Vechalam School: Another small village of 800 families 100% farmers and agriculture workers

8. What is the admission criteria for the students to join your school? Have you ever turned away students? If so, why? How many children attend your school currently? How many teachers do you have? How many full time students? How many part time teachers? How much is the fees? Is there an admission one time fee? Do you have parent teacher meetings (parent involvement)?

Lingapuram School : This is a Government school from 1st to 5th grade with 137 students. Two full time three temp teachers are running the school. The school follows standard AP curriculum in Telugu medium.

Vechalam School: AP Govt schools from 1st 5th (Elementary school) with 56 students and 3 full time teachers & 6th-10th grade middle school with 166 students and 11 teachers. Both oth schools share the same campus.

9. In addition to education, does your group provide any other services to the children in your schools (e.g. food, health care, clothing, etc.)?

Please refer to pages 2 and 3 for activities we have done in last 24 months
The current focus is support education and related activities

- Provide electricity for classrooms
- Basic building and playground renovation
- Provide teaching aids and school supplies
- Build a Library and study centers
- Provide books, furniture and other aids to the library
- Create and fund the after school programs
- Create funds for scholarships



10. How do you perceive that education will improve the lives of the children in your village?

“Education equals awareness, awareness equals change and change equals progress” - Unknown

Addressing education at grassroots level is more critical to the long term sustainability of a socio-economic change. The quality of school education in rural areas is much different than urban areas. Children who have never been to any kind of schooling or who give up schooling as their parents do not believe in them going to school, or kids dropping out of school as it fails to create a curriculum that inculcates interest, or the school facilities that are so un kept and filthy that they fall short of creating a constructive ambiance, or resources (teachers) that fail to engage the kids in creating the inquisitiveness, a fuel for awakening the little minds. That is the reason Siri is focusing education at the grass roots level.

[Here is the story of Ms.Illapu Mani from hunger to hope supported by Siri](#)

11. Does your school have:

Its own building(s): ☒ Yes ☐ No Number

Number and type of classrooms (e.g. Pukka): 5

	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
Toilets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Playground	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toys	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chairs & Tables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blackboard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Drinking water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electricity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Computers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Laboratory	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Teaching aids (e.g. books/slates)				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Siri provided electricity in 2011 for the Lingapuram school after 60 years of establishment

12. What is the age group of the children currently enrolled in your school(s)?

Lingapuram School: 5 to 11 years

Vechalam School : 5 to 15 years

13. How many staff are employed at your schools?

Lingapuram School: Main Teachers - 2 Temporary teachers: 3

Vechalam Elementary School: 3 full time, 1 temp teacher

Vechalam middle school : 11 fulltime teachers

14. Average distance the children travel to attend your school : Local and nearby villages <3Km



15. Please answer this if your school has existed for at least 5 years. How many children have gone through your program in the past five years and what are they doing currently? Please tell us about their future education possibilities. How would you visualize their future employment possibilities?

Lingapuram school is over 60 years old, Even in the 21st century; it is still the same school without basic amenities. The government funds barely support the school. Most of the students are under privileged kids from local and nearby villages. Some kids, who can afford, go to nearest towns to get further education and some drop altogether to work at farm.

Schools at Vechalm also several years old. Our objective is to support education at very basic level, inspire kids as well as teachers to do their jobs. Strong foundation at primary school level may open opportunities otherwise these poor students may dropout. We experienced plenty of examples in last few months.

16. Do you help your students with their future education efforts after they have completed school? If so please describe your efforts.

We are planning for supporting bright students who cannot afford to go for higher education. We are relatively new organization and yet to prepare the strategy for supporting such programs. One example [Ms.Illapu Mani from school dropout to now in higher education in agriculture](#)

We would like to expand scholarship program and counseling poor students. Luckily most of our volunteers are teachers at rural villages. The team know who really needs help.

17. Do the students who have studies or graduated get involved in the school afterwards and help the next batch?

It never happened before but we would like to instill the message of “Giving back to community” in those little minds through our programs and leading by example. In fact, the team inspired so many people already.

18. Are there any other schools (Kindergarten/Balwadi, Elementary school, High school) in the area? If so, please list the schools and the range of classes each of them offers.

There are no other schools in the village.

19. Is your program different from that provided at these schools? Please explain.

We are essentially enhancing the existing programs, also planning for additional English programs



20. Why are the children in your school/s not attending government/other schools in the local area?

The dropouts happened to work in their farms to meet the ends. Many times they cannot afford quality education that may be available in towns and cities.

21. Do you try to involve the parents of the children in the running of the school (e.g. in setting the syllabus etc.)? Please specify.

Only the administrative part in collaboration with local village panchayat leaders.

22. What are your expansion plans for the future

- Build a Library, Provide books, furniture and other aids to the library
- Create and fund the after school programs
- Create funds for scholarships
- Renovate buildings and playground
- Information access with computers and Internet
- Rollout similar programs at other schools
- Inspire local communities and make them part of momentum

23. Any additional details you would like to provide to us.

The team on the ground is really enthusiastic and eager to work hard for a good cause especially related to education. Fortunate to have several teachers as volunteers.

24. If possible, please provide us with the contact information of two individuals from your community (not related to the school) who can describe the impact of your program.

Lingapuram:

Parasu Ramayya – Worked as a volunteer at this school a year ago - +91 99-85-869211

Sriram Murthy Gudiwada – Village President - +91 99-85-338609

Vechalam School:

25. Asha for Education requires reports from its projects every six months to continue funding. Please provide the contact information for the person from your group who will be responsible for these reports.

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Part III: Financial Details

1. What sources fund your group's activities at present? List the sources and the current and future funding from each of them. If these funds are meant for a specific part of your group's activities, please describe those restrictions.

1. Founders contribution.
2. Individual donors
3. Local communities
4. Organization like Asha for Education

2. Please provide us with details of your projected budget for the next 3 years:

Please find details in next section

3. Salary expenditure details:

We will hire a librarian to manage the school/village library

What amount are you requesting from Asha, and for what specific purpose?

Line Item	Amount (Rs)	Amount – Annual (Rs)	Onetime/ Annual
Lingapuram School			
Existing Library books and Supplies	20,000		Annual
Salaries and expenses for after school programs	50,000	50,000	Annual
Scholarships	50,000	50,000	Annual
Vechalam School			
New Library Material, Paint, furniture, Electricity	150,000		One time
Books & Art Supplies, Teaching aids	75,000	50,000	Onetime & Annual
Building & Play Ground renovations	50,000		one time
Higher Education and Scholarships	150,000	150,000	Annual (depending on the support)
Salaries and Expenses for afterschool programs	55,000	55,000	Annual
Total	Rs 6,00,000 Or \$12k @Rs50	Rs 3,55,000	for Years 2012&13

For the Year 2012 & 13 : \$12,000



IMPORTANT: For Asha-GKC Use Only

To be filled by project steward:

1. What parts of the above budget was approved?

Line Item	Amount	One time / Annual
1. Project Lingapuram School	Rs. 1,20,000	Annual
2. Project Vechalam -onetime	Rs. 4,80,000	Onetime
3. Project Vechalam schools annual	Rs. 2,55,000	Annual

2. What is the total amount approved in Indian Rupees and for what time period?

Year	Amount
2012-2013	Rs, 6,00,000
2013-2014	Rs. 3,75,000
2014-2015	Rs. 3,75,000

3. Please list out the first year's goals of this funding (ie. what are the metrics by which we will measure the progress of this project? Please try as much as possible to list out objective things that can be measured.)

1. Most the activities are fixed assets in the first year, like building enhancements, furniture, electricity, Books etc
2. The library room will be available in Dec 2012 and it may take few more months to be operational.
3. The site visits in 6 months will help measure the progress
4. And the students scholarships may enable enrollments to the summer coaching centers