

WEAKER SECTION WELFARE ASSOCIATION

Project Report
for
“Educational Empowerment for 80 Dalit Girls in India”
under
globalgiving.org



“Educated girl makes Good Family
Good Family makes Good Community
Good Community makes Good Nation
Good Nation makes good and peaceful world.”

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Title: “Educational empowerment of 80 rural Dalit (‘untouchable’) girls”

2. Description

WESWA proposes to develop a vocational training program of educational empowerment of the Dalit (formerly called ‘untouchable’) girls from the oppressed and depressed segments of 47 rural communities in Viralimalai area of Pudukkottai District, Tamil Nadu state, India. Eighty children of ages 6-14 years are covered under the project. The 6-8 years age group is Stage I, 9-11 years age group are Stage II and age 12-14 are called Stage III. Each group of girls will be imparted special vocational education as prescribed by the State Resource Centre, an authority of non-formal education promoted by Government of Tamil Nadu, Department of Education. Well-trained and experienced teachers will be recruited.

Simultaneously, the girls will have a scope for development of co-curricular activities like computer, embroidery and dress making, artificial diamond making and beautician training. In addition, girls will also be trained in health and hygiene, environment, personality development, leadership promotion, child rights, child education, elimination of child labour, etc.

Thus, apart from the academic performance, the all round personalities of the girls will be developed to enable them to escape from the clutches of superstition and poverty, and thereby emerge as responsible citizens of the nation and the world.

3. Objectives

- To create a residential learning environment for 80 poor Dalit girls.
- To provide them with nutritious food, comfortable shelter, health care and entertainment with physical, psychological and emotional care in a homely atmosphere.
- To provide girls with tutoring to promote academic performance of the girls.
- To mainstream the girls through admission to normal local schools.
- To impart the target girls’ with vocational skills in computer, embroidery, artificial diamond making, dress making, and beautician course.
- To organize awareness education for girls in health, hygiene, environment, personality and leadership development.
- To prevent school dropout and thereby increase the literacy rate among the Dalit girls.

4. Justification

As per the survey report of Government of Tamilnadu’s Ministry of Education, more than 30% of the rural girls and boys become dropouts already at the primary school level. Among Dalit (‘untouchable’) girls, more than 70% drop out of school before completing the 5th grade. Due to poverty and illiteracy, most of the Dalit parents discontinue education of their children even at the primary school level. Then, the Dalit girls are married to poor men even before reaching 18 years of age.

Newly married Dalit girls while yet physically and mentally immature are then treated as child making machines, which in turn leads to the incidence of infant and maternal morbidity and mortality rising with each year. Further, the poverty prone situation and lack of basic infrastructure like electricity and congested and cramped habitations of Dalit families prevent their children from conducting their daily studies properly.

The Dalit girls are routinely subjected to sexual abuse in their work places, like agricultural farm, small industries, and house work as house maid, readymade garment factories, etc. As per Panchayat Raj Act, Dalit women are entitled to contest Panchayat elections and to take part in local governance. When compared with the urban girls, the rural girls have no easy access to various skill training.

So, the above narrated factors and factors compel us to initiate this women's educational empowerment project for the benefit of the Dalit girls in our target area.

5. Planned strategies

- Residential vocational training facility for Dalit girls
- Comfortable shelter, nutritious food, and health care
- Special school education for 3 stages of Dalit girls
- Vocational training in appropriate
- Awareness education on various social and health aspects
- Mainstreaming girls through admission to normal local schools

6. Proposed Activities

i) Residential Training Facility

A spacious constructed building for accommodation of more than 80 girls will be located in Viralimalai town with all required basic amenities like electric lights, dormitory, drinking water, kitchen and dining room, nutritious food, health care, recreational facilities etc.

ii) Special School:

A vocational institute to educate the 80 Dalit girls will function at the residential facility. As planned, three stages of girls i.e. 6-8 age group (I stage), 9-11 age group (II Stage) and 12-14 (III Stage) will be given special education through qualified teachers on English, Mathematics and Science. Monthly test will be conducted to the girls and a special care will be given to slow readers. Audio-video equipment will be used to teaching science and other subjects.

iii) Skill Trainings:

As per the aptitude and attitude of the girls and age group, vocational training will be given in computer, embroidery, artificial diamond making, dress making and beautician course. Trainers will be recruited to conduct the skill training course. Every working day, one hour will be allotted for the skill training courses. These trainings will enable the girls to emerge with full self-confidence about their future life challenges.

iv) Awareness Education:

The curriculum will promote awareness on social, health and hygiene, environment, child rights, girl's education, personality and leadership development, general knowledge, etc. There will be three one hour classes for the girls. Eminent resource persons from leading NGOs, colleges, schools and engineering colleges, will be invited to address the awareness sessions.

v) Mainstream the Girls:

After completion of three years, each stage of girls will be mainstreamed by admitting in the local normal schools to continue their education. As per their age group, the girls will be admitted in their respective classes.

vi) School days and sport days:

The school annual day will be celebrated together with the sports day and winners will award prizes by the chief guest and VIP in the function.

vii) Monthly review meeting:

The project director will convene monthly review meetings of special school teachers, technical teachers and parent's representatives to review the progress of the girls. It will be a monthly evaluation process to measure the impact of the project.

7. Expected impact of the project:

- Dalit girl children dropout rate will be reduced
- 80 Dalit girls will be get vocational education at the residential facility.
- 80 girls would acquire new skills on computer, dress making and beautician course.
- 80 girls would emerge as fully aware persons.
- Leadership and personality of the target girls would be promoted to face the future challenges.
- The target girls would be admitted into normal schools.

8. Monitoring and Evaluation:

Monitoring:

The project director will monitor the project event on regular basis by paying direct visit to the home. Monthly review meeting is a part of evaluation of the project.

Evaluation:

A team of evaluators consists of Managing Trustee and two trustees of WESWA, one school teacher and two parents and two local leading NGOs will conduct internal evaluation.

Apart from that, external evaluation may be conducted by project donors.

PROJECT BUDGET

Name of the organisation : Weaker Section Welfare Association
Project title : "Educational empowerment of rural Dalit ('untouchable') girls"
Budget date : 16 March 2010
Exchange Rate : \$1 USD = Rupees 45.59

ACTIVITY: 1

CONSTRUCTION OF LIFE SUPPORT EDUCATION CENTRE

No	Item	Quantity	Unit cost (local currency)	Unit cost (USD)	Community / organisation contribution	Requested amount (USD)
1	New construction of a life support training centre	1	Rs. 273,540	US\$ 6,000	Empty land and labours	\$6,000
I	Activity 1 total					\$6,000

Activity: 2

FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENTS

No	Item	Quantity	Unit cost (local currency)	Unit cost (USD)	Community / organisation contribution	Requested amount (USD)
2	Furniture and chairs	4	5,000	\$109.6	38.4	\$400
3	Cooking vessels all set	1	46,000	\$1,008	108	\$900
II	Activity 2 total				146.4	\$1,300

Activity: 3

EDUCATION MATERIALS AND UNIFORMS

No	Item	Quantity	Unit cost (local currency)	Unit cost (USD)	Community/ organisation contribution	Requested amount (USD)
4	Educational materials for girls	80	500	\$10.9	72	\$800
5	Uniform dress for girls	80	600	\$13.2	130	\$1,200
III	Activity 3 total				202	\$2,000

Activity: 4

LIFE SUPPORTING TRAINING PROGRAM FOR GIRLS

No	Item	Quantity	Unit cost (local currency)	Unit cost (USD)	Community / organisation contribution	Requested amount (USD)
6	Tailoring and embroidery machine	4	Rs. 25,000	\$548.3	\$193	\$2,000
7	Artificial diamond making unit	4	30,000	\$658	232	240

8	Computer, printer with web camera	4	40,000	\$877.3	509	\$3,000
9	Beautician bar training chair, mirror unit	4	25,000	\$548.3	193	\$2,000
IV	Activity 4 total				\$1,320	\$9,400

Activity: 5

ADMINISTRATION

No	Item	Quantity	Monthly rate (local currency)		Monthly rate (USD)	months	contribution	Requested amount (USD)
			Daily	Month				
10	For 3 meals one day for a girl	80	500	15,000	\$329	12	\$348	\$3,600
11	Teacher salary	3	300	9,000	\$200	12	\$268	\$2,100
12	Instructor salary	3	400	12,000	263	12	\$356	\$2,800
13	Warden salary	1	100	3000	\$65	12	89	\$700
14	Cooking	2	50	3000	66.6	12	89	700
15	Travelling expenses	-	200	6000	131.6	12	79	1500
16	Auditing and documentation	-	50	1500	32.9	12	94	300
V	Activity 5 total				\$1,323	\$11,700		

FINAL PROJECT REQUEST FROM GLOBAL GIVING

No	Name of the Activities	Community/ .org contribution (USD)	Requested amount (USD)
I	CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE Activity 1 total	-	\$6,000
II	FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENTS Activity 2 total	\$146.4	\$1,300
III	EDUCATION MATERIALS AND UNIFORMS Activity 3 total	202	\$2,000
IV	LIFE SUPPORTING TRAINING PROGRAM FOR GIRLS Activity 4 total	\$1,320	\$9,400
V	ADMINISTRATION Activity 5 total	\$1,323	\$11,700
Sub-total		\$2,991.4	\$30,400
Final total includes 10% global giving fees			\$3,400
Total fund request from donors through Globalgiving.org			\$33,800

“Better to teach the poor to fish than to feed them with fish.”

- Chinese Proverb