

Minutes of ASHA Meeting

Date : 20th March 2002

Venue: *ETH Polyterasse*

Participants: Arvind, Chidu, Himanshu, Kavitha, Ravi, Saikumar, Santosh, Satish, Srikanth

1. Ravi started the meeting with a list of things to be discussed.
2. Arvind gave an outline of the Timbaktu collective project. Questions regarding the project were raised. The estimate was very high, hence discussion on this project was postponed/discarded.
3. A project led by Amte was discarded on the basis that it had less to do with education .
4. Ravi gave an outline of the Baliya project in UP. The estimate was around ChF 4000.00. Project considered since requirements were considered realistic and we had people (Santosh/Satish) who could offer help to follow it up.
5. Saikumar gave a report on the Vivekananda ashram project in WB. The project was small and hence considered for discussion. It was decided to collect more information on this and to see if the payment for the project can be made in parts so that it will be easier to follow up and to show people results to enable them to contribute further.
6. Ravi initiated discussion on the Gyan ganga , Rajasthan, project for which a report was submitted by Sathya . It contained both fixed investment and recurring investments. BITS pilani is involved in this and hence follow up can be assured. Project considered for further discussion.
7. An estimate of ChF 5000.00 is to be targeted by the end of 2002. Means of collection are to be discussed.
8. Issues regarding fund management between ASHA and InSAZ were discussed. No conclusions reached.

Synopsis :Three projects, Baliya, Vivekanada Ashrm and Gyn Ganga were tentatively selected for further study and a target of CHF 5000.00 (to be mobilized) was fixed for this year 2002.

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