

## **Minutes of ASHA Meeting**

**Date: 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2002**

*Venue: Starbucks, Central*

Attendees: Sathya, Saikumar, Ravi, Chidu, Shyam, Santosh, Reena, Priyanka.

1) Sathya informed that presently ASHA bank account is having 2000SFr. We aim to collect 50% (8000 SFr) of the amount required to fund VA fully, and send the first installment to VA by the end of 2002. The rest 50% of the money would be collected from other sources like other charity organizations, ASHA stars project, Rotary club etc.

2) A brief review of the projects in hand was done. It was recommended that we should be having direct contact with people responsible for VA in India, instead of ASHA US acting an intermediary. Application for UBS optimus fund for Jherli project would be sent within two days which would include presentation, statutes, FAQ, project details, photos.

3) Some of the important and prospective means of raising money were considered

- Raise awareness of ASHA Zurich
- Cover special events for ASHA publicity
- Organize our own events
  - The next upcoming event (in October) is an Apero where the committee members of all the Indian associations will be invited and will be introduced to ASHA's aims and objectives so as to reach maximum number of Indians staying in Switzerland.
- Target groups of potential donors were identified and each committee member was given responsibility to publicize ASHA and raise money from these groups
  - ETH Höggerberg- Ravi, Saurabh
  - ETH Zentrum- Chidu, Santosh
  - Uni Irchel- Priyanka
  - Uni Pflanzenbiologie- Shyam
  - Baden Association- Ravi, Reena /Roy, Ketan Parikh
  - Indians in Switzerland- Ravi, Reena/Parminder, Singla
  - Indian Association Zurich- Reena, Sachin, Ravi, Srikant
  - Germany, Munich- Mehar Singh, Saikumar, Srikant
  - Mallu Association- Ravi, Chidu
  - Marathi Association- Vaibhav(Sathya), Ketan
  - Geneva- Debjani, Rajeev Gupta, Puneet
  - Bern- Prabita (Ravi)
  - St.Gallen- Sachin Bansali (Arvind)
  - TCS- Sathya
  - Telegu Association-Ananta
  - Sisclear- Sathya
  - Basel- Rajesh Khatri (Ravi)
  - Alstom-Pankaj Bajaj, Anurag
  - ABB-Himanshu

4) For new projects, it was decided that we are not taking any new projects unless VA and Jherli are fully or partially funded. But we could take proposals of new projects and apply to the UBS for funding.

5) Chidu informed that another bank account could be opened for ASHA to maintain a separate pool for administrative expenses. Money to this pool could be donated by the donors or the commies.

6) Chidu mentioned about the possibility that the website of ASHA Zurich could provide option of donation through the internet. This would be discussed in future meetings.

General Secretary  
Priyanka Belawat.