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March 12th 2010

TEZT Oerlikon

People attended: Indranil, Akshatha, Nandan, Deepa, Ajinkya, Sindhu, Kamlesh uncle, Anil, Vishwa, Bharath, Sujit

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#### Orissa Project (New Project Proposal)

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A large NGO associated with many activities in remote areas of Orissa including vocational rtraining courses, self help groups for women, women empowerment etc. One part of their work is a school for visually impaired children. There are 50 visual impaired kids and the school is running since 2004. They need one time support of 9 lakhs (aprox CHF 20,000) to upgrade the infrastructure of the school. To buy computers for visually impaired children, to buy DVDs, CDs as educational material, to expand and start similar work in other geographical areas, to have a filed officer to do the field visit to access the other areas etc.

- No site viist till now, may be the visit will be in April
- General opinion was that CHF 20K (9 lakhs) is too much as one time donation. Difficult to have continuos contact with the NGO as our involvement will be very minor compared to their total budget of 40 lakhs (aprox: CHF 100K). It was a concern withe the members that involvment in onetime activity and moreover buying infrastructure is not a good idea (example Ma Jananee project where we bought land was not a good idea).
- Indranil: Might not fit into the financials at the moment as we have one project in the pipeline and we have already two running project. We can do one special event to raise funds
- Bharath will provide the contact details to Sujit to organize a site viist.

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#### Save Children and Save Society in Manipur:

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- Forwarded by Shankar (Asha wide volunteer)
- Formal education in Manipur more than 200 kids
- Asha Assam has done site visit in April 2009
- Bharath talked with the person called Surjit responsible for the project
- Request came from asha projects yahoo group
- project exisits till 2003. no govt school exsists for 10 km. Surjit built a school with the help of the locals in five villages (5 schools).
- Rs. 1,80,000 (aprox. CHF 4000) is amount asked from Asha ZH. Total budget is CHF 8000 but half of the money will be provided by a donor from London. They would also like to have CHF 2000 for library. (Rs 80,000)
- No FCRA, and two times the FCRA has been rejected by Govt of India. At the moment they get the money via a parent organisation (Social Welfare Society) having FCRA.

Members were concerned with the FCRA issue. After our experiences with Ma and Jananee we do not want to support any NGO without and FCRA.

=&gt; Asha will not support this due to non-availabilty of FCRA

Bharath will ask if they can apply for one time FCRA

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#### Vishwanidham Project update by Akshata

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- they have applied for 1 time FCRA
- Akshata will give the update as soon as she gets the info

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#### Annual Report

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- Indian map should be changed in the report
- Indranil will give the corrections to Anil
- we will print 100 ARs and Sindhu will print through her contacts
- Deadline 25th March to post

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Zuriyodhay  
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- Nandan will design the next ZO. idea is to send by mid year (June 2010)
- We will send the ZO by end of June
- Nandan will prepare the the ZO by end of May
- Decided to have four page ZO

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Printing of Asha ZH posters  
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- Nandan and other ETH students want to make a poster A4 size about asha ZH with lots of photos and one punchline to attract new volunteers and to inform other indians in Uni and ETH. The idea is to paste these posters in many notice boards.
- to spread the word about asha
- to be put in UniZH and ETH notice boards
- Nandan will send the draft to the people for their opinion
- members will give feedback to Nandan
- Vishwa will send the punchline to Nandan

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Site visit to VMS by Mahaveer Shah  
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- Bharath will give the documents to Indraneel and then he will contact Mahaveer Shah to do a site viist of VMS in Dhule.
- involve Pramod in the loop

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Conatct Details of the members (Bharath/Akshata)  
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- issue: do we need to clean-up asha commies and remove inactive members (Akshatha)
- It was decided that unless the members complain about the email traffic in the commies group they will not be removed from the list. cleaned

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Bollywood Disco Event (Sujit)  
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- April 24th Saturday will be the disco
- DJ Chilli will participate
- Volunteers will be aranged by Sujit
- Vishwa will put Sujit to Shyam and Greg

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Akshardeep Site Viist  
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- Deepa visited the project on 2nd Feb
- Deepa was very happy with the project

Support classes issue:

- Support class is for those kids who have been mainstreamed by Akshardeep. The support classes happen in the Govt schools where these kids have been put. Usually the boys will have their regular class in the morning and girls in the afternoon. So when the morning session is over, the kids will come to the support class conducted inthe same class rooms by Akshardeep Volunteers. (this is kind of a tutiton for the kids to keep them in the schools. otherwise they will drop out.
- boys come in the morning and go to the normal school in the afternoon
- girls vice versa

Issue: Salaries of the teachers :  
Rs.1400 per month (10 teachers)

Proposed budget for 2010 - 2011 :

Total: Rs.4,71,670

-250Rs X 12 months X 20 Children = 50,000 for arranging transportaion system to send

the kids to the regular school. This will be run as a model project to show the Govt and to the parents that by providing transportation facilities the kids can be retained on the schools

so in total the budget will be : Rs.521670 = approx:12,000 CHF

after all the discussions the project budget was approved for the year 2010-2011 for the sum of CHF 12,000

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some general points:

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- Bharat will ask Pramod for VMS budget estimate for year 2010-2011
  - we have 35000 CHF at present in the account in UBS

Minutes prepared by Vishwa

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