

Project Proposal
Community Based Learning cum awareness Centre for Women and Children from Vulnerable/marginalized community, working as a Waste picker

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1. Background

WASTE PICKER WELFARE FOUNDATION is a National level voluntary Organization that works in the area of health, education, socio-economic development and protection of socially disadvantaged population. It was informally initiated by a group of dedicated social workers and professionals in Delhi NCR in 2008. The organization was formally registered in 2014 under the Trust Registration Act 1860 as a national level voluntary organization.



Since its establishment, WASTE PICKER WELFARE FOUNDATION has successfully designed and implemented various interventions aimed at overall development of socially disadvantaged population focusing on their overall social, educational and economic empowerment together with improving their health, hygiene and well-being. Some of these programs included:

- a) non-formal education to vulnerable children from slums or on the street,
- b) community education program on health and hygiene, nutritional status among children,
- c) community sensitization and awareness program on prevention from drug abuse,
- d) awareness programs in various schools to educate children about the effects of substance abuse and improving their health and hygiene status,
- e) orientation programs for community workers on child rights, child protection and substance abuse prevention,
- f) awareness program for the members of the Panchayati Raj Institutions on Acts and Schemes for children, women and older persons and how to access the related benefits,



g) health camps in slums for basic health check-up for slum dwellers and increasing awareness on health and hygiene.

h) follow up with the people found with major diseases

2. The Proposal

WASTE PICKER WELFARE FOUNDATIONS has been working in **Bhowapur, Ghaziabad Waste-picker Community/Slum, Kaushambi, NCR region**. This slum is very close to Radison Blu Hotel, Kaushambi. This is a huge slum with around 800 households of Waste-picker, migrant workers and daily wage laborers.

While organising the community sensitization programs in this slum, **WASTE PICKER WELFARE FOUNDATION** came across a large number of children who are out of school for varied social and economic reasons. It also came across a lot of children who were either rag pickers, child laborers, beggars or those who were forced to live on the street. These children were interested in getting education and wanted to live a better and dignified lives but they had no means for the same. WASTE PICKER WELFARE FOUNDATION decided to start a non-formal education program for them through which these children were initially assembled for a couple of hours to impart basic

education. Initially the program was started with about 25 children but slowly it started to pick up and a lot of children started to show interest in the program. Other than basic education, the WASTE PICKER WELFARE FOUNDATION team also focused on imparting their basic life skills to these children. Due to limited resources, the WASTE PICKER WELFARE FOUNDATION team has only been able to impart this program to about 100 children. However, there is a huge demand in the area for about 300+ children who are largely out of school are keen to join this program.

Target Group

The project will focus mainly on two major targeted groups:

- a) **Children:** These include, out of school children, especially street and working children, children of Waste-picker, homeless/migrant families and children of families at risk.
- b) **Women:** These include, poor and vulnerable women from this targeted community,
who are involved in picking up the waste and segregate the waste.



Objectives of the project

Through this initiative WASTE PICKER WELFARE FOUNDATION aims to reach out the vulnerable women and children from the Bhowapur, Ghaziabad Waste-picker Community/slum where children are largely out of school and impart them in non-formal education, mainstream those children in formal schools, enhance their life skills, generate awareness on protecting and promoting rights of these children. Besides, it also aims to provide vocational training and

awareness sessions to poor and vulnerable women from the targeted community. Women who are living in this community are not aware about the rights for women, rights for waste pickers women and right to life according to Indian Constitution.

Project Approach

- a) **Community Learning Centre:** WASTE PICKER WELFARE FOUNDATION would set up a Community Learning Centre in the Bhowapur , Ghaziabad slum through which it proposes to reach out to about 300+ children from the locality. This centre will be equipped with all necessary teaching and learning equipment and materials including a television, computer, small library, etc. An Educator (teacher) will be appointed who will be responsible for imparting non-formal education to the targeted children. A Community Mobilizer linked with this centre will be responsible for ensuring regular participation of children by maintaining linkage with the families and community. The focus on this centre will be on mainstreaming interested children in regular schools and maintaining regular support and follow up to ensure their retention in schools.

With the aim to make education more interesting and meaningful, participatory learning methods will be used by the teacher. Various audio-visuals education materials will be used to impart lessons on academic subjects and life skills education. These approaches are expected to enhance interest in these children to learn more about the subject.

- b) **Community Participation:** To strengthen community linkages in our program, meetings with parents and community members will be regularly organized. Efforts will be made to involve community influential leaders and opinion makers to support education of vulnerable and out of school children as well as women from the community.
- c) **Awareness Generation programs:** In order to bring positive change in parents and community members towards situation of children in terms of their rights and child protection, awareness generation programs such as legal, nutrition, menstrual hygiene and sanitation will be organized at regular interval. Besides, specific community sensitization programs on ill effects of substance abuse preventions and improving health and hygienic conditions and other social issues will be organized with the community. Specialized health camps will also be organized in the area on monthly basis in collaboration with various health care providers including Max healthcare, etc.

Project Outcomes/Impacts

Through the effective implementation of the above activities, the project plans to achieve the following outcomes / impacts:

- c) **Children and families understand the importance and value of the education.**
- d) **All targeted children and women receive life skills training**
- e) **Mainstream 200+ children in regular schools and ensure their retention in schools.**
- f) **Better health and hygiene practices adopted by the targeted families and community.**
- g) **Need based health care support available to the targeted families and community through monthly health camps.**



Brief Report BHOWAPUR, GHAZIABAD

WASTE PICKER WELFARE FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT has been running the Community Learning Centre at Bhowapur, Ghaziabad Kaushambi since 2014 for the non-formal education of 75 vulnerable children from slums.

In the lack of education and guidance, many children



catch the wrong path, due to which their and their family members life can be completely ruined. The focus of this centre would be to guide them

regularly, provide bridging support and ensure main streaming of interested children in regular schools. Children will also be provided with non-formal education and other supplies including Refreshment, Dry Ration kits, clothes, study materials along with daily utility sanitary items (toothpaste, brush, soap, hair oil etc.)

Aims & Objectives of the Project:-

Through this initiative WASTE PICKER WELFARE FOUNDATION aims to reach out to vulnerable children from the BHOWAPUR GHAZIABAD slum who are largely out of school and impart them non-formal education, mainstream them in formal schools, enhance their life skills, generate awareness on protecting and promoting rights of these children.

There is a huge demand in the area for about 300+ children in the area who are largely out of school are keen to join this program. Those children who are left for the admissions in the school will be under our surveillance and will be trained & counselled for the next few months so that they can go back to the schools.

Major Project Activities:-

-  Finding more than 400 non-school going and drop out children
-  200 new Registration
-  Non-formal Education
-  Linkage them with Schools
-  Maintain proper attendance of school going children
-  Enhance their life skills
-  Generate Awareness on Protecting and Promoting rights of these children
-  Celebration of Festivals and UN Days.

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Brief overview about the slum:-

Total Household	Approx-750
Total population	Approx-5000
Total number of children	750+
Number of Children going to school	150
Community Toilet/Toilet	Not available
Drinking Water Facility	Not available
Very Low level of literacy in general.	
Average family size is 5-6	
High poverty rate	
Drop out rate is high among school going children's	
Lack of proper health services.	
Most of women are without proper employment	
Low health seeking behavior & low awareness regarding health & Hygiene.	
Low level of awareness about Government's welfare schemes.	

One of the Govt. school is housed in permanent structures. Barriers to education: - The major barriers to education are:(i) poverty (ii) access (iii) parental attitudes. The majority of members of the households are Waste-pickers & Beggars.

Note:- Poverty, access and parental attitudes are the major barriers to basic education, Schools is far

away from households, hence the need to establish a Community Learning Centre/School in the area.



Currently organization running the following Activities

Daily Routine:-

- ✓ Subject Classes of Hindi, English, Social Science, Science and Maths (Daily)
- ✓ Subject Tests (Minimum 1 Test in a month) & Communication Skills Classes

Extra-Curricular Activities (Daily):-

- ✓ Story Telling & Sports, Yoga Classes & Painting Classes

Other Program:-

- ✓ Awareness Program on Health & Hygiene, sustainable menstruation

Major Activities will be organized after the support of AZIM PREMJI FOUNDATION

Monthly Routine:-

- ❖ Subject Classes of Hindi, English, Social Science. Science, Maths & (Daily)
- ❖ Subject Tests (Minimum 2 Tests in a month)
- ❖ Personality Development and Public Speaking Classes
- ❖ Communication Skills Classes (For English speaking in daily routine)
- ❖ Extra-Curricular Activities (Daily):-
- ❖ Educational Activities & Story Telling
- ❖ Art and Craft Class & Counselling Session
- ❖ Yoga Classes, Painting, Music Classes, Acting & Dance Classes,
- ❖ Singing Classes, Interactive Sessions & Sports Activities

Celebrations:

- ❖ Celebration of UN Days
- ❖ Celebration of Festivals

Other program:-

Awareness Program on Health & Hygiene:-

- Menstrual Hygiene and Reproductive Health Awareness Campaign
- Mother's Health Care & Nutrition Programs
- Swachhata Cleanliness Awareness Programs
- Safe Touch-Unsafe Touch (Good touch – Bad touch)
- Educational Counselling Awareness Programs
- Digital Literacy Programs & Engagement with Parents
- Oral Hygiene Awareness Camp

Women Empowerment through skill Building: - With the aim to empower women from the slums and making them strengthen self-reliant, WASTE PICKER WELFARE FOUNDATION will be operating vocational skill building programs for them.

Proposed Project Budget :-

Following is the proposed budget for operating a Community Learning Centre & at one designated location:

S.N.	Description	Units	Unit Cost	Budget for 6 Months
1	Co-ordinator	1	18000	108000
2	Honorarium to Teacher	2	12000	72000
3	Honorarium to Community Mobilizer	1	10000	60000
4	Part time Accountant	1	18000	108000
5	Electricity & Water charges	1	1500	9000
6	Office premises rent	1	12000	72000
7	Stationary & other Mis. Exp. (Books, Copy, Pen, Pencil etc.)	1	2500	15000
8	Celebration of Festivals, UN Days & Nutritional Refreshment support	1	2500	15000
9	Computer/Laptop	1	40000	40000
10	Inverter/UPS	1	20000	20000
11	Expert fee for different sessions (for Menstrual hygiene, nutrition etc monthly)	1	2000	12000
12	Health Camp	1	5000	60000
13	Audit fee (one time)			10000
Six Lakh and Twelve Thousand only/-				6,10,000/-