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## **Project Review of KHOJ (affiliated to CRY)**

**Reviewers: Anil and Rajni**

### **PROPOSAL (AS PROVIDED) IN BRIEF**

#### **I. Facts about the project:**

- 1. Name of the co-ordinator: Ms. Purnima Upadhyay**
- 2. Location: Chikaldhara block of Melghat Region**
- 3. Size of the Project: 5 villages times 400-500 families per village, Area: 40 sq. km.**
- 4. Total staff: 5 field staff; 2 program co-ordinators**

#### **II. Existing facilities:**

- 1. Health: One primary health center for all 5 villages.**
- 2. Education: 3 primary schools in 3 villages upto grade III.**

#### **III. Current Situation:**

- 1. only 118 children go to school out of a total of 521 children under 14 years among the 5 villages.**
- 2. 13 death due to malnutrition in 1997.**
- 3. corruption and vested interests marginalizing the tribal community from their source of sustenance.**

4. **lack of awareness and exposure to the outside world.**

#### **IV. Long term objectives:**

1. **facilitate the tribals take charge of their development and promote local self governance.**
2. **create awareness on health, disease and education AND tribal policies, forest laws and govt. schemes earmarked for tribals.**
3. **influence govt. policy in favor of tribals through "networking, participatory research and documentation."**
4. **prevent disorganization among the tribals by "community mobilization & collective action."**

#### **V. Objectives and plans for 1998-1999:**

1. **build rapport with the tribals, govt. officials, policy makers etc.**
2. **provide educational support to the existing system and make learning interesting and useful through the following strategy:**
  - a. **develop learning aids (charts, toys etc) with locally available resources.**
  - b. **regular parent-teacher meetings.**
  - c. **seminars/workshops to "evolve new methods" of teaching.**
  - d. **identifying and supporting students with special needs/talents.**
  - e. **explore and implement non-formal and adult education.**
3. **"enriching staff capacities through training and exposure."**
4. **collect and disseminate relevant information**

5. create "mass" awareness on health related issues.
6. Organize and sensitize the community (esp. the youth) to act against persisting issues.

## **VI. Organizational Strengths**

1. Enthusiastic and motivated team
2. clear understanding of the situation, well stated mission, objectives and plans
3. support of organizations, agencies and individuals concerned with tribal rights, built a "useful rapport" with the district administration, officials and other institutions.
4. networking with other organizations like Oxfam, UNICEF, YUVA etc.
5. "long term sustainable goals focussing on CHANGE rather than short term, quantative welfarist goals.

## **VII. Budget for the year 1998-1999**

<b>1. Program Expenses</b>	
a. Education	<b>1,10,600</b>
b. Health	<b>58,600</b>
c. Staff capacitation	<b>16,730</b>
<b>2. Documentation</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>3. Community based socio-cultural program</b>	<b>6,500</b>
<b>4. Administration</b>	<b>30,800</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,28,230</b>

## **Reviewers' comments**

### **I. Strengths:**

- 1. A long term project with overall development of the community.**
- 2. Some groundwork already done and seems professional in approach.**
- 3. Education - a primary target (see budget allocation)**
- 4. Expenses seem less !!**

### **II. Concerns:**

- 1. objectives not strictly "education" related (for the purposes of Sankalp - discussion??)**
- 2. it's been too long - things might have changed :)**

### **III. Information required:**

- 1. A detailed budget.**