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GROUP : Rashtrrothana Parishat, Bangalore.

Project : Seva Bharathi - Bangalore

Location : Ullal Upanagar Village (12 kms from Bangalore)

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INFO/DESCRIPTION :

*This project is under the Rashtrrothana Parishat (an NGO) established in 1965.

*The broad goals of this organization is mass education, mass awareness and social service.

*This group is associated with a number of projects including schools in 3 areas (from nursery to 4th standard), tailoring classes in 13 slums for women, free tuition classes in 6 places (from 5th standard to Degree), - 65 teachers involved and 800 students have benefited from this, free medical centers in 4 places, financial assistance to poor students to continue education, health checkup and eye camps and tree plantation schemes.

*As a reference they have listed the Lions Club of Bangalore, Gandhinagar.

PROJECT :

*The project location is a village called Ullal Upanagar about 12 kms from bangalore city and 2.5 kms from bangalore university.

*In its first phase the project is limited to one village of population 5000.

*There is a govt school (upto 7th standard) and one private school at a distance of about 1 km.

*Mini water scheme, electricity and primary health facility are available.

*Population incomes - Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 12,000 per year and mostly consists of masonry workers, carpenters, weavers, coolies, garment factory laborers.

*They have already admitted 128 students in various levels from KG to 4th standard and aim at 100 % literacy in the village. They have an immediate goal of admitting another 60 children between the age of 3 & 10 into the school.

*A literacy program for the adults is also planned for 1997-98.

*Free tuition classes for the other school going children along with socio-cultural activities and health awareness programs are planned for the days to come as a regular activity.

*They currently have one coordinator and 4 teachers and need to recruit another 4 teachers for the next academic year.

FUNDS REQUESTED :

*Rs. 1,01,800 for the first year....indicate that it is an on going project and need funding there after, too.

*Spilt up of funding requirements -

Teachers Honorarium

(8 * Rs. 800 * 12 months)_____Rs. 76,800

Teaching aids and Equipment_____Rs. 25,000

_____TOTAL_____Rs.1,01,800.

*All construction work is funded by the Lions Club of Bangalore, Gandhinagar.

Looks like the Rashtrotthana Parishat is quite a well established organization in bangalore and is involved in a number of social welfare and educational activities.

The project is literacy oriented and is a safe bet. Looks like they need the funds to carry out all the tasks that they have set for themselves and they seems to be pretty clear about their goals and objectives.

They are under a well established organization that in itself has been carrying out a number of projects in mass awareness and social service. The project is set in an urban village and gives a general impression of being a somewhat 'comfortable' project.

As regards accessibility - there place is very accessible for anybody going to Bangalore.

In my opinion, I am generally happy with this project. Given the background of the group, this project is like a safe bet for us. The project has already started and our funding this project will only supplement their efforts in continuing the education schemes. Our funding them will mean that our funds are being used for literacy. In other words, there should be no element of risk involved in funding this project