

**MATHRU School for the Blind, Bangalore, Karnataka - Talking Book Recording Center**  
**(\$2,235 Total Funding) – Phase I**

**a. Project Context:**

- i. MATHRU needs the recording facility to record all books of higher grades (High school- 8 standard to 10 standard) to make the children listen whenever they are free without having to depend on the teachers. As they do not have translated copies of books for all the students, this helps them listen to lessons in a group (teachers may not read the entire lesson many times).
- ii. MATHRU would like to record books on general knowledge, stories, rhymes and health tips so that children can listen to them on Sundays or during leisure hours. This also helps when their teachers are on vacation or students wish to spend the day in a good way during a short break.
- iii. MATHRU is further trying to create job opportunities for its blind teachers. At present, it employs 7 teachers. MATHRU encourages the blind teachers to do their further studies through distance education/open university schemes. This year, 3 of their blind teachers are undergoing post graduation and graduation. MATHRU would like to record their books through their volunteers and help the teachers in providing required lessons whenever and whatever they need.
- iv. Students of MATHRU academy of Art, Music and Drama are also extremely good in music. MATHRU would like to record their music on cassettes. These can be sold to visitors and well wishers and the generated income can be utilized for further development of the academy.
- v. MATHRU is also interested in maintaining a good talking library for its students of all kind and for all ages

**b. Project Objectives**

- i. To set up recording studio with state of the art equipment
- ii. To record books and music cassettes
- iii. To expand the facility in Phase II to provide the recording facilities to other schools for the blind in Karnataka

**c. Project Expenditure (Capital Only)**

#	Description of Item	Amount (Rupees)
1	Audio Recording Equipment for recording the inputs : Digital MR-1000 type	60,000
2	Audio Cassettes (20)	1,500
3	A small sound proof wooden cabin measuring 8 x 8	20,000
4	Lighting : one light point for normal illumination including wiring and switches and two plug points	5,000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>Rs. 86,500</b>
		<b>\$2,235</b>

