

## Ashraya Site Visit Report

### National Association for the Blind Tamil Nadu State Branch 2001

Category	Parameter Name	Data to be entered by NGO/ ASHRAYA Liaison
Project Synopsis	Name of organization	National Association for the Blind Tamilnadu State Branch
	Project name	Computer Training Programme for Visually Impaired
	Initial date of posting on ASHRAYA website	--
	Project description	<p>Computer Training Programme for visually Impaired started with the following details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplementing special Educational and Vocational Training</li> <li>• Supporting multi disciplinary co-ordination</li> <li>* Enhance creativity</li> <li>* Promoting self evaluation &amp; self monitoring skills</li> </ul> <p>The training programme has been started in collaboration with NIIT, Chennai. The 1st batch commenced in October 2001 completed in January 2002. 10 candidates have completed the course. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Batch consisting of 5 trainees commenced in February 2002.</p> <p>The out put of the programme enabled the trainees to have access to computer programme basics., It also supplements various areas like the memory, function and academic and logic concept formation of the visually impaired. The Jaws 2000 program through computer is attractive and more interesting through conventional methods with the help of Voice Synthesizer. It also improves the trainees tolerance and attitude to learn more.</p> <p>The feed back of the training programme gives us that the trainees are slow in understanding to Jaws accent (the American version of English). They are also slow in operating the keyboard system. These aspects are taken care by our Committee and plan to introduce simultaneously English language teaching and typing for the trainees. We also wish to extend the training facility to other disabled needy trainees.</p>
	Period of time for which funds are requested, Months	The request of funds for the above project was made in 1999-2000 and 2000 - 2001
	Total funding needed for project, \$	The request of funding was in the form of kind i.e. Computer and other accessories for 6 Computers and Braille Printer.
	Project funds sought from ASHRAYA, \$	NIL
	Project funds allotted from ASHRAYA, \$	NIL
	Date of allotment of project funds	Not Applicable
	Types of equipment purchased using allotted funds	Not Applicable
Funds used to purchase equipment, \$	Not Applicable	

	Date of delivery of equipment to organization	13.06.2001 by Karishma Enterprises 3 Nos. P3 Computers 3 Nos. Ups Units 1 No. Jaws Software 1 No. OBR Software
	Number of beneficiaries targeted for usage	12 Visually Impaired / batch Annually 40 Beneficiaries
Project Monitoring Details	Date of monitoring report	20.02.2002
	Number of beneficiaries who used funds/equipment	10 in the first batch just completed the training
	Nature of usage by beneficiaries	As rehabilitation measure not only exposing them to Computer but also supplementing special education and vocational training. The usage also enhance their creativity and promote self-evaluation and self-monitoring skills.
	Main problem solved or addressed by project	Computer being user friendly they are provided with the basic skills required to handle the system independently. The project also give them an opportunity like any other normal person to complete in the employment openings.
	Geographical domain of applicability (list the states)	Tamil Nadu
	Revenue generation opportunities created (list the opportunities with potential in Rs. Per year)	No
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	Scope for improvement of usage (if any)	Scope for improvement is vital. The existing equipments are insufficient to cover 12 beneficiaries at a stretch. We had to divide them into two groups as we have only 3 Nos. Other disabled can also be covered if systems are more.
	Further investments sought	Yes for another six Nos. with braille printer PN : If funds could be sent directly we could organise much economically.
	Rationale for further investments	We are thankful to ASHRAYA for the initial support of Computers. Now that the scope seems to be more we intend to cover other disabled beneficiary too.
	Visit by ASHRAYA liaison (Y/N)	No
	If visited, date and nature of visit	--
Project Evaluation Ratings on scale of 1 to 5(for ASHRAYA liaison only)	Organization operational effectiveness	
	Project effectiveness	
	Efficiency of usage of equipment delivered	
	Feedback from end users	
	Scope for further investment in project	
	Scope for applicability in other organizations	