

ASHRAYA Site Visit Report
Relief Organization for Handicapped (ROH)
H.No 17-6-13 , New Hasnabad , Hindupur-515201

Type	Information	Information/Data entered by Site Visitor
Site Visit Information	Name of organization visited	Relief Organization for Handicapped (ROH)
	Address of organization visited	H.No 17-6-13 , New Hasnabad , Hindupur-515201
	Date of visit	25 th March 2007
	Name(s) and designations of personnel met	Navajeevan – Secretary Abshalam – Program Director PG. Sundari – President Sudhakar – Medical Clinic In charge
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Organization Information	What is the main charter of the organization?	To establish an equitable society with equal opportunities and empowered life to the marginalized and disadvantaged sections of society Enhancing the life standard in qualitative and quantitative terms so as to integrate the marginalized and vulnerable sections to the mainstream society Sustainable community based initiatives for development of the disabled and poor women through education, health, economic and social development efforts. As per their Website (http://roh_hdp.tripod.com/)
	How old is the organization?	The organization was started in 1993. It is 14 years old.
	Does management work full time or hold other jobs?	Some members work full time , others work part time.
	Who are the trustees? What are their backgrounds?	N/A
	Is the organization working with other NGOs? Does it fund other NGOs?	The organization works with other NGOs and sponsors candidates. It does not directly fund other NGOs.
	What typical funding related problems do they face?	
Information about Teachers/ Volunteers	How many total Teachers/Volunteers work in the organization? →Full-time →Part-time	25 Full time volunteers
	What is the average age of these teachers/ volunteers?	20-35
	How many volunteers/teachers are from local community?	Almost all of them are from local community.
	What are their educational qualifications and experience?	N/A
	How long they have been with organization?	N/A
	Does the organization train the teachers? If yes, how do they provide the training?	Yes , some kind of training is given to the volunteers by senior folks in the organization.
	What is the teacher/student ratio in school?	N/A
How many volunteers are paid and how many are unpaid?	Almost all of them are paid , but we do not have concrete information.	
Information about Students	How many students are enrolled in the school?	N/A
	What is their age group?	N/A
	What is the socio-economic background of students?	N/A
	Which sector do these children belong to? →Lower/middle class →Rural underprivileged →Urban underprivileged	N/A

	What is their motivation for attending the school?	N/A
	Do they really enjoy attending this school?	N/A
	What do they do after leaving the school?	N/A
	What is drop out rate among the students?	N/A
	What are their reasons for dropping out?	N/A
	How far do the children have to travel to attend school?	N/A
	What admission criteria are used?	N/A
	What tuition fees are the students charged?	N/A
	Does the school have residential facilities? What are the students charged for boarding & lodging?	N/A
	Does organization provide basic health care to students?	N/A
	What curriculum do they follow? (State/ Central/ Alternative)	N/A
	What is the medium of instruction?	N/A
	Do they have toys and play space for the children?	N/A
	What are the extra curricular activities (music, yoga, etc) that you support?	N/A
	What are the school hours daily? How many days of the month/year is the school open?	N/A
	If school is has records of school-administrated tests, can you take a look at it and give your comments about how students are performing?	N/A
Information about Local People/ Parents/ Community	What do the students' parents do for a living?	N/A
	What is their social/economic background?	N/A
	How do they view the efforts taken by the organization?	N/A
	Is there any interaction between teachers and the parents?	N/A
	How much has the community supported the organization?	N/A
Information about Infrastructure/ Facilities	Please describe the infrastructure and facilities	They have a well equipped office. Another office is under construction. They have a training facility , which seems to be unused.
	Are the buildings permanent or temporary constructions?	It is a permanent construction.
	What is the current physical condition of the buildings?	The office is in good shape , the training facility (workshop) was in poor condition. Unused for six months.
	How big are classrooms? How many students do they hold?	N/A
	Does the organization create its own study materials?	They get materials from other NGOs
	Do they have →School furniture →Water, Power, Drainage, Toilets →Sports Equipment →Library Facilities →Music & Other Equipment →Technologies	N/A
	How well are these equipment being used?	N/A
Financial Information	What is the total amount of funding needed per year?	TBD
	What are the different sources of funding for the organization? (Different agencies/Government)	Many NGOs fund ROH. It is also partly funded by the government.
	In case of multiple agency funding, what are other agencies and how much do they fund (local / foreign agencies)? How much have they funded in the past?	
	How do they approach different agencies?	
	Do they get any monetary support from local community?	No
	What are their major expenses? →Salaries →Infrastructure →Administrative costs →Food/cloths/books	Salaries and Administrative costs seem to be the major expenses.
	Do you have any comments to make on the budget (its too high, appropriate etc)?	
Organization	Organization operational effectiveness	3

Evaluation Ratings on Scale of 1 to 5 (1=Lowest, 5=Highest)	Faith in organization	3
	Current project effectiveness	3
	Efficiency of usage of funds	
	Benefits to students	4
	School infrastructure	
Other Information	What was your overall opinion about your site visit?	3
	What was the most positive aspect you found?	They are very committed to the cause of helping the physically handicapped and the underprivileged.
	What was the most negative aspect you found?	The activities need to be streamlined. It is currently happening in a adhoc manner.
	Did you talk to anyone else in the community/town about the organization? If you did, what were their opinions?	We visited a couple of people, who seem to have a positive opinion about the organization.

Additional Comments

We visited ROH on 25th March 2007. We met Navajeevan – Secretary , Abshalam – Program Director, PG. Sundari – President, Sudhakar – Medical Clinic In charge in their office and discussed the purpose of our visit. The office was well equipped with computers and other basic facilities and was well maintained as well. We charted out the agenda for our visit :

1. Interact with the volunteers of the organization.
2. Visit the training facility situated a couple of Kms from the office
3. Visit a family in Lepakshi village.

The organization also runs a free medical clinic for the under privileged in the same premises. They also showed us the medical equipment and drugs provided by a German Based Pharma company.

We then visited the training facility. The staff mentioned that, people were trained in carpentry, welding and other activities in these premises. We noticed that, the facility was unused and dilapidated. The staff also told us that, they have not used it for more than 6 months.

We returned back to the office after visiting the site. The organization has a staff meet every Saturday. We spoke to the volunteers and discussed their day to day activities. Most of the volunteers were women and a couple of them were physically challenged themselves. They spoke to us about running self help groups in the surrounding villages and how they help the disabled. Help is generally given on an adhoc basis , like getting a certificate for someone or helping the kids join school and things like that.

Finally, we visited a family and met two kids who very fully blind. The organization helped them in getting admission into schools and also provided them with necessary materials for their schooling. The kids were thankful to the organization for all the help.

Overall, the organization does some good ground work in helping people with their day to day activities. They also keep upto date records of all people visiting them and follow up on the progress. The organization however needs to do more in terms of empowering these people by placing them in jobs. They may have to look out for avenues to place these people in local industries around Hindupur. Even though, they have helped some people in finding jobs (like setting up a cycle shop etc), more work of this nature has to be done.

Photos taken in the premises











