ASHRAYA Site Visit Report

Type	Information	Information/Data entered by Site Visitor
Site Visit Information	Name of organization visited	Swami Ramanand Teerth institute of socio-economic research and national integration, Hyderabad & Karnataka Regions
	Address of organization visited	N.V.Society's Campus,Gulbarga – Karnataka – India – 585103
	Date of visit	24.6.2005
	Name(s) and designations of personnel met	Refer Annexure 1
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Organization Information	What is the main charter of the organization?	Inculcate education in the youth
	How old is the organization?	31 yrs old
	Does management work full time or hold other jobs?	NO
	Who are the trustees? What are their backgrounds?	Freedom fighters, educationist, social workers
	Is the organization working with other NGOs? Does it fund other NGOs?	No
	What typical funding related problems do they face?	To run the project efficiently when they introduce a new idea/concept
Information about Teachers/ Volunteers	How many total Teachers/Volunteers work in the organization? →Full-time →Part-time	3 plus one co-coordinator 3 part timers
	What is the average age of these teachers/ volunteers?	25 to 35 years Rtd teacher are also working as part timers
	How many volunteers/teachers are from local community?	3 + 3
	What are their educational qualifications and experience?	Bsc/ Bsc Bed, Msc/Msc Bed. 3 to 5 yers experience
	How long they have been with organization?	Since 5 years
	Does the organization train the teachers? If yes, how do they provide the training?	By arranging work shops once or twice in a year
	What is the teacher/student ratio in school?	60 : 1
	How many volunteers are paid and how many are unpaid?	All are paid
Information about Students	How many students are enrolled in the school?	In each school 80 to 150 students studying in high school
	What is their age group?	13 to 15 years
	What is the socio-economic background of students?	Poor and backward family coming from rural area
	Which sector do these children belong to? →Lower/middle class →Rural underprivileged →Urban underprivileged	Lower class Rural area --
	What is their motivation for attending the school?	To get education and lead a good life
	Do they really enjoy attending this school?	Yes
	What do they do after leaving the school?	Higher education or cultivation
	What is drop out rate among the students?	10 %
	What are their reasons for dropping out?	To help their parents in agriculture
	How far do the children have to travel to attend school?	1 to 5 Kms
	What admission criteria are used?	Merit
	What tuition fees are the students charged?	AS per government standard rates
	Does the school have residential facilities? What are the students charged for boarding & lodging?	NO
	Does organization provide basic health care to students?	The institute is planning for health camps in future
	What curriculum do they follow? (State/ Central/ Alternative)	State syllabus
	What is the medium of instruction?	Kannada
	Do they have toys and play space for the children?	Play ground is provided
	What are the extra curricular activities (music, yoga, etc) that you support?	Music and Yoga

	What are the school hours daily? How many days of the month/year is the school open?	10 am to 4.30 Pm
	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?	Could not see the records
Information about Local People/ Parents/ Community	What do the students' parents do for a living?	Agriculture, Labor, Petty business
	What is their social/economic background?	Bellow average
	How do they view the efforts taken by the organization?	Encouraging
	Is there any interaction between teachers and the parents?	Yes
	How much has the community supported the organization?	Co-operation is found from the community
Information about Infrastructure/ Facilities	Please describe the infrastructure and facilities	Own mobile science laboratory van to reach rural area
	Are the buildings permanent or temporary constructions?	Permanent
	What is the current physical condition of the buildings?	Requires immediate maintenance and repairs
	How big are classrooms? How many students do they hold?	Accommodating 50 to 60 students
	Does the organization create its own study materials?	Yes
	Do they have →School furniture →Water, Power, Drainage, Toilets →Sports Equipment →Library Facilities →Music & Other Equipment →Technologies	Not sufficient Power Not adequate Yes Available No
	How well are these equipment being used?	Frequently
Financial Information	What is the total amount of funding needed per year?	1.5 Lakhs
	What are the different sources of funding for the organization? (Different agencies/Government)	N.V.Society funding yearly Rs 40.000=00 No funding from 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?	No
	How do they approach different agencies?	We approach school management
	Do they get any monetary support from local community?	No
	What are their major expenses? →Salaries →Infrastructure →Administrative costs →Food/cloths/books	46 % 26 % 20 % 08 % Books –Government is providing Mid-Day meals. In case funds are made available cloth and uniform can be supplied by our organization.
	Do you have any comments to make on the budget (its too high, appropriate etc)?	I think it is perfect
Organization Evaluation Ratings on Scale of 1 to 5 (1=Lowest, 5=Highest)	Organization operational effectiveness	3
	Faith in organization	3
	Current project effectiveness	2.5
	Efficiency of usage of funds	3
	Benefits to students	3.5
	School infrastructure	4
Other Information	What was your overall opinion about your site visit?	Good committed teachers
	What was the most positive aspect you found?	Simplicity and realistic approach to education
	What was the most negative aspect you found?	None
	Did you talk to anyone else in the community/town about the organization? If you did, what were their opinions?	NO