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Asha for Education \_ Colorado Chapter – Meeting Minutes  
Date: Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Location: Minu/Naresh's home  
Time: 2:00 – 4:00pm  
Attendees: Jim, Minu, Naresh & Pankaj

### Meeting Agenda/Mins

#### 1. Changes in centralizing of treasury:

- Central team will review chapter financials and follow-up with Pankaj;
- Related to financials we need to add project webpage for Ajol & Chad's project

Action Item: [Pankaj](#)

- send project material to Naresh for webpage
- follow-up with HP, Qwest & Qual-comm on company match checks from Q4 2008)

#### General treasury information:

- Google document share is how we will be updating our financials going forward – access limited to AWT and local treasurer
- transfer of checks coming to us & updating the financials will happen monthly
- P.O box address is changed with Bank; changed our address with UW & IBM

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### 2. Project Review (SNS, Ajol - Pankaj; JDS Vani/Minu; Vidyodaya - Jim)

#### JDS:

Reviewed and provided update on 2009 budget of 2.98 lacs; waiting on feedback from Rohini and Satya on some questions raised in the project calls;

AI – Naresh to schedule a phone meeting with Vishesh & Vallab before April 20<sup>th</sup>

#### General background information:

USD5500.00 was sent in 2008; July 2008 site visit was disappointing - Rohini sited few centers were program was not effective) Rohini visited the project again in November 2008; saw some improvements but still some remained the same. Main concerns are teachers not motivated/ teaching the same number and alphabets no matter what the kids level of education is/ questioned if the coordinator is under stretched too thin?

#### SNS:

no final report from the project for 2007; Manik wants to talk to Pankaj; no idea what happened to them since 2007; how did they manage in 2008 what other funding they may have had (govt assistance is a potential?) Should we continue with this project?

Action item Pankaj to follow-up with Manik and arrange for site visit if we are to continue with this project / provide the Asha core team with his recommendations on the future of this project (deadline – May meeting)

### Ajol:

An update was sent out to core from Pankaj from Jan/feb 2009?

Update from 3 months ago - waiting for office space; did not proceed with any survey work

### Action item:

- Pankaj to contact project for recent update on any progress
- Resend the email in reference above to core
- should add this project to the projects webpage

### Vidyodaya:

We sent USD 1270 in 2008 and it covered only 3/4 of the expenses

The 2009 budget is USD 1690; it would cover the full expenses relating to the rental exp. Of jeep (Rs 8000/ month; picking and dropping of kids; 17 kids/ Bus is still operating for bringing the remaining children)

The whole budget for the school is USD 10000.00 comes from Tata Trust; however this fund (does not cover transportation; grades 6-8<sup>th</sup> and bldg) hence we are supporting rental of jeep

Two questions on my action item list from yesterday were easy to answer:

Email from Jim:

1. How far does the Vidyodaya jeep travel? 20 miles round trip in the morning and 20 miles in the afternoon. The route is quite hilly.

2. Since Tata Trust never supports transportation, where does funding for the bus come from? The school is actually part of VBVT, a larger organization devoted to Adivasi education. The school gets about 45% of the VBVT budget. Here are VBVT's income sources for 2007-2008, the last completed year:

Grant from Sir Ratan Tata Trust, Rs. 600,000

Charities Advisory Trust, Rs. 206,118

Individual donations, Rs. 350,540

School Fees, Rs. 11,370

Interest and other receipts, Rs. 53,402

Total, Rs. 1,221,430

Another question someone asked was whether the jeep does any non-school business. It does.

Thus the school shares some of the cost of the driver's livelihood with other riders. But sometimes the jeep is late showing up because of this other work.

### Action item

Jim

- to contact Ramdas to obtain information regarding wire transfer of 2009 budget
- How does the school cover expenses of school bus and children from K6-8? Who are their other donors?
- What are they doing with the saving gained from our donation?

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- Pankaj will help Jim in getting the money across to the project (deadline April 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Naresh to schedule time with Jim to show him how to update the projects webpage
- Minu to contact Shinju for site visit to Vidyodaya (AI)

#### Chad's project:

No money was given to Asha this year/2009. We have receipts and documents for 2007/08 donations. No progress was made on the project as of 6 months ago.

#### AI

- Pankaj to contact Chad for any further update on the project
  - Need to provide material for Naresh to get this project added to our webpage
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#### 3. WAH 2009

Naresh – the team just added him to the group emails; no new updates

#### AI

Pankaj to follow-up to see if we got the central matching for WAH 2008?

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#### 4 ARC - need voting from our chapter

Asha central wants chapters to vote on how to disburse money from general funds (600K). There are three options (all options have 10% set aside as emergency fund):

1. Divide the general funds equally amongst eligible chapters requesting funds in any given year. Assumption is that chapters with good fund raising will not request funds. If funds are not used by end of the year, they would go back to general funds.
2. It has two options (40:60 division)
  - o Support chapters experiencing funding shortfall for currently funded projects. Projects should be supported by chapter for more than 2 years and chapter has to support half the cost.
  - o Support innovative, large, scalable projects
3. This is hybrid of #1 and #2 (70:20 division)

Option 2 was preferred post discussions, as it focuses on specific projects rather than chapter based distribution.

5. Event related: we are exploring ideas to have some event for awareness in fall 2009;

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#### Action item by person:

Naresh (3 items)

- locate a conf call number for Asha Colorado, as the old number is un-useable (taken by someone else)
  - schedule time with Jim to show him how to update the projects webpage
  - schedule a phone meeting with Vishesh & Vallab before April 20<sup>th</sup>
  - add Ajol & Nama Bhoomi to projects webpage
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### Pankaj

- help Jim in getting the money (1690) across to vidyodaya project before end of april
  - contact Chad for any further update on Nama Bhoomi
  - Need to provide material for Naresh to get Nama Bhoomi added to our webpage
  - follow-up with central to see if we got the central matching for WAH 2008?
  - contact Ajol project for recent update
  - Resend the email to core regarding 'Ajol' from Jan 2009?
  - should add this project to the projects webpage/ update financials
  - send project material to Naresh for Ajol webpage
  - follow-up with HP, Qwest & Qual-comm on company match checks from Q4 2008)
  - follow-up with Manik/ SNS and arrange for site visit if we are to continue with this project ; provide the Asha core team with his recommendations on the future of this project
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### Jim

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### Minu

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