

Sarada Kalyan Bhandar Proposal

1. Name of the organization:

Sarada Kalyan Bhandar

2. Date of Establishment:

July 21, 1984

3. Please give the following if available:

a) Registration Number:

Registered at Midnapore Sub-Registrar's Office (Regn. number 145)

b) Tax Exemption Certificate Number:

Assmnt/1687/8E/166/84-85/CT dt. 21.12.2000

c) Exemption Valid Dates:

Valid upto 31.03.2003

d) FCRA Number:

147040060

4. How the organization was created and what are the type of activities it provides:

The principal motivation to have started this group is to help the financially backward rural communities through the fostering of education and health awareness.

Problems:

- (a) Parents being uneducated, studies of the child are completely ignored as they prefer their children to be a child labour.
- (b) Lack of an academic atmosphere and poverty stop the children from studying at home.
- (c) Lack of nutritious food, lack of health and hygiene and adherence to superstition result in a very high child mortality.
- (d) A complete lack of a value based society and ignorance of Indian culture among the youth in the community.

To address these basic social evils, SKB was founded.

Education enhances culture and slowly brings a positive change in society. Mother being the nucleus of the family can build a cultural base and in the long term help the society create a well balanced atmosphere.

5. Names and backgrounds of the directors of the organization:

Sarada Kalyan Bhandar has a board of 6 trustees. They are:

Rekha Sarkar: Ex-Head of Department of Philosophy

Bharati Ghosh: Raja N.L.K Women's College, Midnapore
Ex-Head of Department of Philosophy
Raja N.L.K Women's College, Midnapore
Tapati Sinha: Selection Grade Lecturer,
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8. Number of administrative and field staff:

Administrative staff: In the office - 16, Project coordination - 15
Teaching staff: 47 (includes all student volunteers)

Most of the teaching staff are students who are also beneficiaries of SKB under their higher education program. So in that sense there is some kind of self sustainance.

9. A brief description of the long term objectives of the organization:

(a) Extending financial assistance to needy meritorious students of rural areas for their

higher education including Medical, Engineering, Technical and Vocational training.

- (b) Improvement of education in backward communities from Nursery to Degree courses.
- (c) Care of destitute children.
- (d) Encourage education for women in backward areas.
- (e) Health care of rural children and women under the Child Health Care Mission and Rural Health Awareness program.
- (f) Eradicate illiteracy.
- (g) Encourage independence of women through the Women Self Independence Promoting scheme.
- (h) Encourage the girl child through the Girl Child Efficiency Development scheme.
- (i) Develop a value based society.

10. Details of the organizations annual budget

(include an annual report if possible):

General Secretary's annual report included.

Also included are the summarized balance sheet, payment and receipts for the financial year 2001.

11. Previous Funding Sources, if any:

Their funds are generated as follows:

1. Asha NYC/NJ - \$5000
2. India Friends' Organisation - \$1000
3. Street Children Association - sponsors 20 orphans
4. Sarada Math, Ramakrishna Mission - Rs. 50000
5. Individual donors and sponsors - these people account for most of the money.
6. Alumni

1994-1998:

Asha LA

Involved people: Kaushik Sen, Daipayan Bhattacharya, Debjyoti Banerjee

Funding:

1994:	\$1750	Child Welfare Project
1995:	\$1750	Child Welfare Project
1996:	\$1750	Child Welfare Project
1997:	\$2000	Child Welfare Project
1998:	\$2100	Child Welfare Project
Total:	\$9350	Child Welfare Project

1999-2001:

Asha NYC/NJ

Involved people: Jai Sanyal, Gayatri Panjabi, Diptabhas Sarkar, Shouri Chatterjee

Funding:

1999:	\$5000	Child Welfare Project \$2500, Child Health Care Project \$1000, Women Efficiency \$1500
2000:	\$3900	Child Welfare Project \$2400, Women Efficiency \$1500
2001:	\$5000	Child Welfare Project \$2500, Child Health Care Project \$1000, Women Efficiency \$1500
2002:	\$6000	has been approved, of which \$3000 is being sent in the first installment.

12. Brief description of any previous projects the organization has undertaken:

Activities of Child Welfare Project and Child Health Care Project:

1. Tutoring:

To assist children attending various schools in keeping up with their classmates.
To supplement the low standard of education provided by many government schools.

2. Serving as school:

For children at the nursery level, as there are no schools in the vicinity.
For a number of schools upto IVth grade who do not go to school due to financial constraints, low merit and distance to government schools.

3. Providing an enabling environment:

Distributing nutritious snacks, clothing, study materials etc for primary level children.
Encouraging parents to send their children to school.

4. Providing medical care to the children of these villages:

Regular preventive health measures.
Regular health check-ups and referral to the government hospital in necessary cases.

Activities of Higher Education project and Women Efficiency Promoting Scheme:

The other important aspect of SKB is in its Higher Education program. Under this program, meritorious students who are in financial need are given a scholarship enabling them to study at universities and colleges. These students are sometimes from the villages aforementioned or from other rural areas, mostly, but not limited to Midnapore. There are around 470 students who are given financial assistance. (2001)
As a matter of policy, SKB does not provide all the funds they need and expects them to earn some money. This enables SKB to reach out to more deserving young minds. These students come back to SKB as tutors for the Child Welfare Program, or as regular donors. Many such students have now been successfully placed as doctors, professors, teachers, scientists, engineers etc.

Students coming out of the Child Welfare Program are expected to be recipients of the Higher Education Program as well. This year 6 students (out of 6, this was the first batch) passed Xth board exams and they are all in the Higher Education Program.

Under the Women Efficiency Promoting Scheme, deserving girls have been fully sponsored for higher education. There are seven women under this scheme.

Goals of the Women Efficiency Promoting Scheme:

1. To spread women education, create self independence among women.
2. To establish that women are not to be treated as second class citizens. In a poor country like India, women can support men in various aspects and thereby contribute meaningfully to the socio-economic structure of the society.
3. Increase literacy among women.
4. Eradicate social evils like early marriage, rape, torture, abuses etc.
5. To make women aware of their rights and laws existing in their favour.

13. Describe location, current conditions (number of schools, population):

Currently children of nine villages are distributed under three centers. There are 542 children. They are currently being tutored under open skies or trees due to lack of physical infrastructure.

a) Baisakhipally Center:

This center covers one village having no built up accommodation. The center runs from 4pm to 7-30pm. Villagers share their cottages for remedial coaching. This center usually caters to about 70 children from nursery to Class X. There is no school building where the coaching can be conducted outside the school scheduled hours.

b) Rangamati Center:

This center covers three villages - Bhagabatipally, Rangamati and Pakhijapally with 122 children from Nursery class to Class VIII in the evening from 4pm to 6-30pm. Half of the classes are conducted in three rooms and a varendah spared by the adjacent primary school. The other half of the classes are scheduled outside in the grounds of the school. It is difficult to carry on classes during the rain and in summer because of the scorching sun. Classes in winter are shortened due to lack of sunlight.

c) Gabnala Center:

This center covers four villages - Khejurdanga, Nichu Gope, Hamarpata and Gabnala with 270 children from Nursery to Class VIII. The entire center here is conducted under Banyan trees and on a cemented platform made for paddy drying by the villagers. Here morning sessions run from 6-30am to 9-30am and evening sessions run from 4pm to 6-30pm.

d) SKB also has a two storied office building in the town of Midnapore, which is far from the villages. This building also houses a library of over 2000 books. There is a computer as well which is mostly used for office work.

In response to an appeal by SKB, the government of West Bengal has granted 0.33 acres of land on which education and health care programs can be conducted at a central location within commutable distance of all the children. The estimate for construction of this building is around US \$58000. Children from all the eight villages can come to this place. They have now fenced this land and have a platform here so that classes from V to VIII can be conducted. A ninth village, Indirapally, has also been inducted because it is adjacent to this plot of land. Note that the above mentioned

centers (points (a) to (c)) are partly defunct because they are using this plot of land for their classes. They are conducting classes here just to show the government that they are using the land and are interested in it. SKB runs the risk of losing this plot of land unless construction starts soon.

14. What is the goal of the project (describe background of children, what changes this project aims to bring about in the current conditions):

The goal of the project is to construct a building on the land granted to SKB (refer to the previous question.)

The children are from families of landless labourers, brickfield workers, coolies and rickshaw pullers. They are all first generation learners and most of them go to local primary schools at Rangamati and Gabnala. There are 542 children in total, of which 257 are girls. There are 20 orphans among them. The children are between ages 0-25.

The proposed construction is at a site central to all the nine villages - Baisakhipally, Khejurdanga, Gabnala, Nichu Gope, Hamarpata, Pakhijapally, Bhagabatipally, Rangamati and Indirapally. The immediate impact will be to all the 542 children of these nine villages.

Right now, the Child Welfare Project has survived only through sheer strength of mind and will power. Being able to organize classes under the open sky or under banyan trees is indeed a great achievement and as such drains a lot of the energy in the project. Under a proper roof of their own, SKB will be able to dedicate itself to the cause of social change in a much better way, and more importantly, the children will learn better.

15. Beneficiaries of the project (how many children, number of males/females, age and other demographics, and other relevant details):

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
0-5 years	89	70	159
6-9 years	124	104	228
10-14 years	68	78	146
15-25 years	4	5	9
Total	285	257	542

16. Details of funding requirements:

a) Amount of money required:

US \$9,000

The total amount required is \$58,000. Since this is a very large number and the scope of funding from a particular place is not much, we are approaching many organizations to help us out by funding small sums of money. We believe that a project of such magnitude can be sustained only through the collective strength of all of us.

Asha for Education has worked with SKB for more than nine years. SKB has a huge donor base in India. SKB has an alumni association that feels that SKB has brought change in their lives. All this goes on to say that they have done an incredible amount of work, and that it is acknowledged. However, this is a time when SKB has had to gather all its resources for the construction of this building. With all their energy they are trying to make their establishment even better, trying to improve the lives of their students. If at this point we cannot help them, all their efforts will die in sheer neglect and inspite of our good-will, we will witness the death of an organization. This is the reason why we are asking for funding of a fraction of the total. However little we can, we have to help them.

b) Duration for which funds are requested:

1 years

17. Detailed breakup of the costs involved along with details of money received from other sources, if any:

A. Foundation

Material	Quantity	Rate	Cost
1. Brick no. 1 quality	40,000 pcs.	Rs.2.90 per pcs.	Rs.1,16,000/-
2. M.S. Steel	11 MT	Rs.18,000 per MT	Rs. 1,98,000/-
3. Cement	700 bags	Rs.160 per bag	Rs.1,12,000/-
4. Chips (5/8 & 3/4)	2000 cft.	Rs.2,900 per 100 cft.	Rs. 58,000/-
5. Filling Sand	800 cft.	Rs.150 per 100 cft.	Rs.12,000/-
6. Coarse Sand	600 cft.	Rs.400 per 100 cft	Rs. 24,000/-

7. Labour, Centering & rod binding up to plinth level Rs. 1,50,000/-

TOTAL Rs.6,70,000/-

(US \$14,000)

B. Ground Floor

Material	Quantity	Rate	Cost
1. Brick No. 1 quality	50,000 pcs.	Rs.2.90 per pcs.	Rs. 1,45,000/-
2. M.S. Steel	23 MT	Rs.18,000 per MT	Rs.4,14,000/-
3. Cement	1,500 bags	Rs.160 per bag	Rs. 2,40,000/-
4. Chips (5/8 & 3/4)	5000 cft.	Rs.2,900 per 100 cft.	Rs.1,45,000/-
5. Sand	15000 cft.	Rs.400 per 100 cft	Rs.60,000/-
6. Labour charges complete			Rs.2,00,000/-
TOTAL			Rs.12,04,000/-

(US \$25,000)

C. Toilets

Fitting and fixing S.F.F. W.E Pan, CI Trap,

W. C. Basin,Urinal etc. Rs 29,913/-
(US \$600)

D. Septic Tank Rs.46,144/-
(US \$1000)

E. Construction of Soak well Rs.12,160/-
(US \$250)

F. Construction of surface drain Rs.6,723/-
(US \$150)

G. Construction of R.C.C. over head water reservoir Rs.25,000/-
(US \$500)

Add 5% contingency for unforeseen items and sundries etc.
(US \$1500)

Note: The details exclude plumbing, electrification, wood work, fitting and fixture, white

washing and painting.

A breakup of \$43,000 to raise the ground floor has been shown above.

No money has been received now with regard to this project.

18. How long will the benefit last? Please give an approximate US \$/child/year estimate in the project:

The benefit will last as long as SKB will be able to last. Assuming a life of 25 years, the approximate US\$/child/year estimate would be \$5.

(Assuming an outreach of 1500 children over 25 years, each child enjoying the benefit for an average of 8 years)

19. Other sources of funding (confirmed and anticipated), if any:

Local donors may contribute some amounts of money.

20. Proposed means of continuing the project after current funding:

NA. It is a one time investment.

21. To what purpose would the requested funds be directed? An itemized split up of costs: blackboards, chalks, tables, chairs, toilets, buildings, teachers' salaries etc.

Question has already been answered to earlier in question number 17.

22. Duration of the Project:

Six to eight months if flow of funds is as expected.

23. Itemized description of the various phases in the project with their associated timelines.

The entire construction work should take from 6 to 8 months - with a maximum of 10 months, if money is not a constraint. If Asha can provide them with the initial boost that can help them to build the foundation and the ground floor of the building, they can start using the building even if the rest of the construction work stagnates. If further funds are raised, the rest of the work can be completed as well.

From Asha NYCNJ, we are looking towards writing proposals to apply for corporate grants.

24. Number of project personnel involved in the implementation of the project and their duties:

The project personnel who will be involved will be the executive committee to oversee the construction of the building. Construction workers/staff involved will not be from the project.

Ms Rekha Sarkar would personally be involved in the construction work activities. The building plan has been designed by Sm Sanghamitra Basu of the department of Architecture in IIT Kharagpur.

25. References of the lead people supervising the project, if any:

Prof Rekha Sarkar, Prof Bharati Ghosh

26. Number of people reached by the program so far and how many have completed the literacy program (number of boys and girls):

4000-5000 approximately.

There are 542 children in the Child Welfare project.

So far only one batch of 6 students have graduated from Xth standard this year. The Child Welfare Project was started in 1989. (3 boys and 3 girls)

27. Standard Proficiency of the participants at the end of the project:

NA. The building when constructed would house classes till X.

28. Is there any governmental involvement in the project? If yes, how?

The government of West Bengal has donated land of 0.33 acres to Sarada Kalyan Bhandar. It is this land that is being proposed to be developed.

29. Specify nature of requested funds. Is this a one-time contribution or a recurring request?

It is a one-time contribution.