

PROJECT PROPOSAL

For

Education and Empowerment for girls 2007 - 2008

In the loving memory of Tomokosan...

By Nivedita Mohanty

It was a brief interaction. On 6th March '07 I reached Jarhagaon from Bombay to meet the team from Japan. On my arrival I met with a simple lady with a sweet smile . She happened to be Tomoko , as she knew English ,became my point of interaction with team . She was soft spoken and excising. I could see the excitement in her eyes to learn .

I was there to spend two days with them and to talk about the Indian society , history and help them to understand the country better . Later we sat as a group and throw a question to them to narrate one incident which had disturbed them or raise questions within them . Then on the basis of that we would proceed further in discussion different aspects . She endorsed the idea and translated to the team . The team came up with a incident of a old age home where the people abandoned by the family take shelter . One of the girls in the group taken care of one of the old friends and the person passed away during their stay . From there the discussion generated regarding the social responsibilities regarding the old people. From there different stories came out in Japan and In India . She with her full enthusiasm was translating each and every word with emotions. The day started like this Even that night I had long chat with her on the dinning table about the poor children as she met many on the streets, she was disturbed, why this is happening ? Why the children are on streets? Why do not they go to school? Loads of questions .I felt that moment how disturb she was?

She was very particular about the team's participation in the discussion .In the cultural program they performed a folk song on the fishermen and She wore a saree in the night and was very excited . As a whole my 2 days visit was wonderful and on 8th I was leaving Jarhagaon early in the morning and we were surprised to see the whole team waiting for us to say good bye at 5.00 in the morning. She told us this is the first time , she had left her family so long. My daughter Shreeya is 6 years old , which reminded her of the younger daughter and she made some "Origami" and gifted to shreeya. At this moment of grief we have no word to console her family, the loss will be remain a loss but as the verse in her visiting card says "**Love never fails** " I Corinthians 13:8. We will never let her love for India fail.

In the memory of Tomokosan ,I Nivedita and the members of *Deep Bal Sewa Abam Mahila Kalyan Kendra* , Jarhagaon , India decided to initiate one program with the girls in regard to education and empowerment .

This program will be known as “Tamokosan Girl’s education program “.

The situation of children in India needs attention . Especially among the children the status of girls is worst. Starting from their birth they have been treated as burden to the family and the marginalization starts in the very hour of birth . This reflects in all aspects of the girls life as her ability to make choices , continuing basic education , Scope of higher education , selection of partners ,child bearing etc. This oppression on women not only confine to the rural area but seen very much in the all over India.

Through this project , we will be working closely with the girls who left school due to poverty .

The objectives of the project

- ❖ Create Role models in the community in relation to girls
- ❖ Provide scholarship to deserving girls for higher education
- ❖ Ensuring adequate knowledge building during adolescent phase of life
- ❖ Awareness building of the parents and community for importance of girls education
- ❖ Integrating other developmental aspects of children through education program

Project carrier :

Deep Bal Sewa Abam Mahila Kalyan Kendra .

Brooks compound ,Jarhagaon , District - Bilaspur ,
Chhatisgarh , India

is the carrier of this project as it is already working among children and women . This is a registered organisation with government of India .

About the organisation :

Established in the year 1982, led by Mrs. H. Prakash of Jarhgaon, Deep Bal Seva & Mahila Kalyan Kendra has dedicated itself to the causes of Reproductive health and Non formal education for women in chhattisgarh state.

Mrs. Prakash narrates an interesting incident which motivated her to start the program.

"I was crossing a village Kutelipara around 8.00 in the morning and I could observe few children were playing in the city water in a ditch. The parents were busy in their fields, they were from labor class. This is a regular practice in village as the parents go to work the elder one looks after the younger ones. But they are so young to take care of themselves. How can they fulfill the responsibilities? I was really shaken thinking about the unsafe childhood of there children. Secondly the baby sitter, who is maximum cases happened to be a girl of 5 to 7 years is deprived of going to school. Keeping these realities in view a survey was done is near by villages and on the basis of findings a plan of action was evolved to support the women and children of the locality in the aspect of health and education.

Ignorance, Illiteracy, superstition are major hindrances in any significant development process. Prior to that in the patriacal society the women and children are most vulnerable. The marginalisation process starts from her childhood.

The DEEP.....LAMP....was lighted to bring HOPE IN DESPAIR.

As part of our early programmes we concentrated mostly on health aspects of mother and children. Immunization camps, Regular checkup of pregnant mothers, health education, play centers. Slowly the programme aspects shifted from sectoral development to the holistic development of women & children.

VISION

The vision of the project is to help each child of the village to grow up into a healthy and responsible citizen and work for the betterment of the society.

Behind this there was strong intention that the weaker section of the society gets encouragement to come forward and realize their position, responsibilities and right in the family and society.

Contact person : In India

Nivedita Mohanty , She is the mind behind initiating the program . This was due to her brief interaction with Tomokosan .Tomokosan's passion for knowledge about India, poverty and determination to do something for the poor girls has inspired Nivedita . The deep desire to keep alive the memories of her is the source of design of this project.

Contact person : Over seas Japan Tomoko Project Fund

The Emmaus Center, 1-13-6 Nishiki-cho, Aoba-ku, Sendai JAPAN.

aspects of children through education program	more girl children in their locality	programs ❖ Community awareness building on different issues ❖ Coordination & monitoring		society
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Budget ;

Sl. No.	Budget Head	Cost calculation	Unit cost	Frequency	Total
1	TamokoSan Scholarships	Tution Fee per Year =Rs. 2000 , Books & note Books etc. =Rs.500 , Form fill ups for examination = Rs. 1500	4000	30	120000
2	Meetings at the community level	Rs, 500 (Includes travel & snacks)	500	20	10000
3	Tamokosan Best girl student Award	Arrangements =Rs. 5000 + Rs.2000 (Trophy)	7000	1	7000
4	Adolescent girls training (One week)in summer and in winter	Food = Rs.60 X 30 X 7=12600 Travel= Rs.1000 + arrangements =Rs.1400	15000	2	30000
5	Coordinator Salary	Rs.3000 * 12	3000	12	36000
Total in INR					203000
In US \$					5075

The continuation of the project:

This is a continuous program as this would provide the opportunity for the poor girls for continuing their studies. The future of the program depends on the donation and dedication of the members who would subscribe the idea of keeping the loving memory of Tomokosan alive in India . This can only be possible through your prayer , support and conviction.

❖ Tomoko Project Fund / Rules and Regulations

Article 1 (Name and Purpose) The “Japan Tomoko Project Fund” is a fund that will support activities of the “Tomoko Project” which was established in loving memory of Tomoko Watari who died in India on March 8, 2007.

Article 2 (Location) Management of the fund will be done by the Tomoko Project Office. This office will be located in the Emmaus Center, 1-13-6 Nishiki-cho, Aoba-ku, Sendai JAPAN.

Article 3 (Office) The Office will be composed of the following staff members.

1 chief secretary

A number of assistants

The Office will carry out the following;

- 1) Administration the Tomoko Project Fund
- 2) Management of the Fund and Membership
- 3) Communication and arrangements with partners in India (both Ms. Nevedita Mohanty and Deep Bal Sewa Abam Mahila Kalyan Kendra)
- 4) Report of activities
- 5) Organization of annual Memorial Gathering (to be held on a Sunday around July 16)
- 6) Evaluation of activities

Article 4 (Membership)

Any person who shows their support for the Tomoko Project by signing and sending a financial contribution. Membership will last as long as the Tomoko Project is in operation. Termination of membership will be possible upon contacting the office.

Article 5 (Management) The Project will be evaluated every three years. Decisions concerning the programs in India and Japan, including whether to continue or not, will be made by a committee composed of the following members; the chief secretary, Emmaus Center staff, Student Center staff, and a member of Tomoko’s family. Decisions reached by the committee meeting will be presented as a report to be shared with the membership.

Article 6 (Finances) Management fees for the Project Fund will be taken from the funds accumulated. A financial report will be made each year on the occasion of the memorial gathering.

Article 7 (Revision) Revision of these Rules and Regulations will be possible with a majority vote of those attending the annual memorial gathering.

Additional Rules

- 1) The person responsible for the establishment of these rules is;
Chief Secretary Seigo Kudo, 2-8-10 Midorigaoka, Taihaku-ku, Sendai JAPAN
- 2) These rules will be applied starting July 1, 2007.

I testify that these are indeed the rules and regulations for the Tomoko Project Fund

Chief Secretary Seigo Kudo

❖ Request for Financial Support

Any financial contribution made in support of the Tomoko Project will be utilized as a part of the Tomoko Project Fund. Through the continued management of this project, it is hoped that we can carry on the will of Tomoko, and thereby be a witness to the love of God. We pray that you will be a consistent supporter of our programs through the years.

Financial Target for the years 2007 – 2010 4,000,000 yen

In the case you are sending money, please use the following postal service account

Name of Account Tomoko Project Fund

Account Number 02260-9-105236