

The numbers keep swelling, have crossed 26,000

Asha Kiran continues to be the focus area of the T-E-A-C-H Program. Having got the commitments, we are all waiting for Rotarinas, Inner Wheel Clubs to send in the funds against the commitments made. We have received commitments of sending **26,000 children** back to school from Rotarians across the country, along with contributions of funds for **9,000** children so far. On the other hand these steps are being taken:

- Call for proposal Advertisements were placed through www.devnetjobsindia.org. **94 NGOs from 18 states** namely **Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Delhi, Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telengana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand & West Bengal** have sent in their proposals, covering to take care of more than 70,000 children. These proposals are being scanned for further dialogue and MoUs are being drafted, for work to begin soon.
- On receiving the NGO Proposal, due diligence is being done by RILM Office, against set criteria and based on documents send by the organisations.
- Thereafter onsite field visits are being made by RILM office to the shortlisted NGOs. 26 NGOs have been visited as of now and 68 more to be visited. During the field visit the areas that are being looked into are:
 1. Legal status of the organization.
 2. Organisation infrastructure and leadership structure.
 3. Experience in the relevant field.
 4. Past/ Current donor details of the organization.
 5. Interaction with the proposed Asha Kiran Children.
- Getting the DGs/ DLCCs/ District Literacy Chairs/ Rotarians/ RILM (available/interested/ relevant) involved of the particular district, where the chosen NGO is working, requesting deployment of Rotarians/IWC members to conduct Child approval screening process of the NGOs as per scheduled dates. At some places this procedure has already taken place and the experience has been good. The selection procedure has to be in guidelines of the RILM set criterion which are:
 1. Children between the age group of 7-14 years
 2. Children who have never been to school
 3. Children who have dropped out or not attending school for more than 45 days without any information to school.
 4. Laggard children, whose reading and writing ability is not at per their age appropriate class
- The shortlisted proposals and visit reports are being sent to Child Development National Committee for their approval.
- After the vetting procedure is complete, RILM enters into a MoU with the partnering NGO.
- RILM organize a child screening process with support from NGO. In this, Rotarians/IW members interview each identified child and approve or disapprove them.

- The Child Profile Formats are being used by the Rotarians/ IWC Members while conducting the interview of the children as per RILM criteria. The comments of the interviewer are mentioned in the format. A final list of approved children is made and sent by NGO for fund dispersal. The partnered NGO have to upload data of all the profiles of approved children.
- The fund dispersal procedure of NGOs will be done in following manner:
 1. 25% at the time of admission of the child in “**Asha Kiran Centre**”, which will take place after the identification, approval and uploading of data of approved children at RILM website.
 2. 25% on completion of 3 months in the centre with at least 75% attendance. A progress report has to be uploaded by the partnered NGO every 3 months for fund dispersal.
 3. 25% when the child gets enrolled in a state funded/aided school and has an attendance of at least 50% for the period he/she goes to school. A progress report has to be uploaded for further fund dispersal.
 4. 25% after the child completes 3 months of formal school in a State funded/aided school with at least 75% attendance. Monitoring report has to be submitted and uploaded on RILM Website.
- The local Rotary Clubs which are in the same vicinity of the NGO, will be requested to constantly monitor the performance of the child by visiting the centres. These Rotary Clubs might not have sponsored these children but they will oversee the program, just like some children that they have sponsored in some other part of the country is being supervised by others.
- The NGO is expected to conduct daily classes for these children and provide them with the bridge course along with the following:
 1. Motivate them to attend class regularly.
 2. Motivate them to go to schools over a period of time.
 3. Community mobilization of the parents and other stakeholders to send the children to school.
 4. Make learning interesting and attractive.
 5. Ensure that their attendance is regular both at the centre and once they enroll in state funded schools.
 6. Maintain a progress report of every child in a pre-determined format.
- Every donor can track the progress of the child they have sponsored by logging into www.rotaryteach.org. We have already put names of 1000 children who can be tracked as per donor's name. The total list of children being undertaken by the program is available at the website; however their pictures are not available due to vulnerability issues.
- The process is time taking and extreme care is being taken to make the procedure as transparent as possible. Many of you have made contributions, however you have to wait till sometime, for the procedure to be completed. We hope to achieve the commitment made soon.