

Q1. What is child development program of RILM?

Child Development is a program of RILM to send children back to school. Under Child development program children from vulnerable communities who have never been enrolled to any School or have been dropped out of school, are send back to school after required brushing up. The objective is to facilitate these children's access to mainstream state funded primary / elementary schools.

Q2. What is ASHA KIRAN?

ASHA KIRAN – A ray of hope is the name given to the Child Development initiative to send 100,000 out of school children back to school. This program has been undertaken to fulfill the goals of Child Development vertical of RILM.

Q3. What are the activities undertaken in ASHA KIRAN project?

- Identify children between 7 to 14 years, never enrolled / dropped out/ laggard in studies from vulnerable communities.
- Bring these children to intermediary centre to provide necessary supplemental / non formal education to shore up their learning abilities.
- Counsel and encourage the parents to send their children to regular formal schools.
- Mobilise community on “**Right to Free and compulsory Education Act 2009**”
- Evaluate learning ability, prepare the children and enroll them to local Govt or Govt aided schools.
- Monitor the attendance of the child in schools for 3 to 6 months.

Q4. Who are ASHA Kiran Children?

- The Child is between age group 7 to 14 years
- Child who has never been to school
- Child who is not attending school but nominally enrolled, irregular or absent for more than 45 days without informing the school

Priorities to be given to following socially vulnerable groups:

children at risk, like children of inmates, children in conflict with law, runaway children, children of sex workers, children of migrant workers, victims of child labour practices, HIV positive children, children of HIV positive parents, orphans and children in need of care and protection.

Q5. What is the definition of out of School Children?

A child between 7 to 14 years of age who has stopped going to school or irregular in school for 3 to 6 months is to be considered as out of School child. As per Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) “A child who is not attending schools at a stretch of 45 days without any information is at the edge of being dropped out”.

Q6. How is the program implemented?

ASHA KIRAN initiative is being implemented by NGOs across country. Nongovernmental, non profit organisations working in the field of child education are engaged in identifying and mainstreaming these children. These organisations are registered under either societies or trust act.

Q7. How these organisations are selected?

An open advertisement has been given in website to call for proposal from NGOs across country. These proposals are reviewed at desk level. Short listed organizations are visited by RILM staff members. After screening, A MoU is signed between RILM and the organisation to formalise the agreed plan of action. At this point organizations are requested to collect details of the identified children in stipulated format.

Q8. What is the role of Rotary Club in ASHA KIRAN project?

A Rotary Club can

- Sponsor as many Children they want @ Rs 2100.
- Support RILM in finding right NGOs to work in ASHA KIRAN.
- Visit NGOs to validate the identified Children.
- Periodic visit to intermediary center run by NGO and give feedback to RILM.

Q9. How Rs 2100 is spent?

AN NGO receives maximum of Rs 2000 to send one child back to school. The money is not paid as admission or school fees. The money is spent over a period of six to twelve months to pay for,

- Salary of teacher / social mobilizer at intermediary center.
- Educational materials to children.
- Center running cost.

Q10. Is this a onetime payment?

This is one time payment and you shall not be required to pay for the same child again. If you wish to donate again the funds will be utilised in sponsoring a new child.

Q11. Will I be able to know whom I am sponsoring?

Yes, you will be able to know who you are sponsoring. Once a child is assigned to your name, you can see the profile and subsequent progress of the child online at www.rotaryteach.org.

Q12. How can I sponsor a child?

You can sponsor a child by contributing Rs. 2100. You can pay through:-

- Cheque or Demand Draft in favour of "RSAS A/c Literacy Mission" and send it to RILM office.
- To raise donation from individuals (Friends, Relatives and Non – Rotarian) please use ASHA KIRAN receipt books available at RILM office.
- You can also pay online at www.rotaryteach.org.

RILM office address: Rotary India Literacy Mission, Skyline House, 145, Sarat Bose Road, Kolkata 700026.

Q13. Can I sponsor more than one child?

Yes. You can sponsor as many children as you want.

Q14. Is there any tax exemption?

Yes, the donation to ASHA KIRAN is 80G exempted.