

Asha Zurich's monthly meeting – 6th September 2013

Time: 18:30 to 20:30

Venue: Sitzungszimmer, TEZET Oerlikon, Gubelstrasse 10, Zürich 8050.

Members present: IB, Rajesh, Sachin, Shalmali, Kirti, Varsha, Doris, Jaya, Neerja and Samyuktha

Minutes written by: Samyuktha

On the Agenda:

- 1) Project status for all four projects
- 2) Funds status
- 3) Upcoming events
- 4) Other topics

TOPICS DISCUSSED

1) Project status for all four projects

Akshardeep project

- Akshata has conveyed decision to Mr. Bapat that funding would be stopped at the end of this year
- Both the school and the concerned authorities were informed need to set date for the same
- Funds for first half were sent
- Rajesh has asked Akshata to send details of accounts and report for the first half
- Rajesh will transfer second half (5200 CHF) of funding once the papers have been sent by the school to Akshata
- Video for Spandan will be sent in the next 3-4 days and Akshata needs to check this so that Prat has all the videos in good time for the presentation

SACSAS

- Entire years funds have been sent (annual fund 5400 CHF)
- 2 webpages for the project need to be merged into one (following suggestions from US)
- Payment receipts and report has been received
- Video for Spandan needs to be asked for and co-ordinated
- Site visit to be sorted

VMS (Palas)

- Sachin and Varsha inform that 6 month project report done and list of students also sent through (Currently funding 50% of boarding costs for 14 children)
- Also informed of an initiative where teachers come from Mumbai to train teachers (and also students) in English. The teachers in turn are expected impart this knowledge further towards the education of other teachers in villages

- Proposed that we ask for a few success stories since it would be good to know the progress 10 years after the project has started.
- First installment 6295 CHF has been sent.
- Second one will be sent shortly
- Site visit: Courtesy Sachin's friend will be undertaken on 10th Sept or Oct

LBP

- CHF6116 (fund for the whole year has been transferred)
- Report pending (Spandan video?..Ankita needs to please check)
- Site visit spending (7 hours from Nagpur)

Haveri

No updates, since they do not yet have the FCRA certificate yet

General information for all projects and their co ordinators

- By Oct all funds to be transferred, so that by the next year, we get into the 6 month half yearly system for the purposed of administration and review.
- Use Asha Global to find people in regions where site visits need to be conducted- Rajesh will provide you information as to how to go about this

2) Funds

An overview of the funding status was given.

Rajesh could send a brief email with a few details of finances to Prat, so he can include the same in the presentation for Spandan.

3) Upcoming events

Stalls

Food stalls at Rietberg on Sunday and Weltmarkt on Friday have been organized by Kirti. The volunteers have been informed of their roles in cooking. Driving responsibilities for Rietberg and Weltmarkt have been kindly agreed to by Doris and Rajesh respectively.

Rajesh will give the Asha banner to IB before the Rietberg event

Shalmali will send the images to Rajesh to print for the Weltmarkt stall

Spandan

Doris informed us that Makaiwari chai has been dispatched both for the Weltmarkt stall and Spandan and will hopefully arrive soon

4) Other topics

- Nandan's stuff might be displayed at the Weltmarkt or as a raffle for the Spandan event
- Rajesh has received intimation of a potential project in Tamil Nadu with regards to a school for children and will write to the concerned party to check for more details, documentation etc. before discussing it at a subsequent meeting.
- Prat could acknowledge receipt of the email to Mr. Bhattacharya with regards to the email that Doris forwarded on 6th sept (originally forwarded by Rajesh on 10th July).

No commitment to be made at this stage. Only an acknowledgement is sufficient.
Will discuss at upcoming meeting.

- Email to be sent out asking for some ideas for the articles and other details for the quarterly newsletter. Neerja and Doris have volunteered to help write and edit it.
- There will be a brainstorming session post Spandan to help plan a few things for the upcoming months. Suggestions include open house (IB), restaurant evening (Kirti), season's greeting cards mentioning that a contribution made by to Asha on your behalf by --- friend (suggested last year by Akshata +Doris and sample card made by Rajesh), Disco night, Zurich marathon.
- Tulika needs to inform if she has registered us for the Marathon since the cost is considerably lower if booked earlier.