

2024-25

PROJECT PROPOSAL



SAVERA EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

PROPOSED TO:



Amod Stampings Pvt. Ltd.

PROPOSED BY:



Chapter 1: Baroda Citizens Council

Baroda Citizens Council (BCC) a popular community development organization, with 58 years of handheld experience in the development sector has been triumphant in its efforts towards accelerating the awareness level and quality of life of the urban poor residing in slum communities across Baroda city and since a couple of years, has also entered the rural areas. Our expertise lies in working with projects essentially involving children, women, adolescent girls and boys and community representatives.

With new avenues to explore, we still continue to endeavor towards guiding the citizens of Baroda for optimum utilization of their rights.

The Government of India has been functional in devising varied schemes and rights for its citizens especially in reference to the vulnerable groups. Today the most vulnerable group in India is considered to be “The children”, whom we tend to term as the future or asset of any nation but how protected they are in our city, more than our nation is a matter of concern. Judiciary has given rights for children and various schemes too, but to strengthen it to a level where they themselves can get aware and spread the same awareness to other fellow children could be an effective measure towards fulfilling the common goal and shielding maximum children against all evils.

Vision of BCC

To emerge as an effective change agent and community development organization integration voluntary spirit with professional competence.

Mission of BCC

To develop faith of people in themselves and to improve competence and leadership through self-help approach.

Objective and Aim

- To develop leadership, competence & faith of people in themselves.
- To activate social organization & enthuse members to work together.
- To disseminate correct information & make effective use to available resources.

- To provide a forum through which Voluntary & Government agencies can tackle city level problems especially of the economically & social deprived section of the society.
- To co-operate with the local body, voluntary and government agencies and public in working for the further development and improvement of the District of Vadodara/Gujarat.
- To encourage the development of responsible citizenship so that people may participate more effectively in today's society.

Chapter 2: Savera Educational Sponsorship Program

Need Assessment

Education is the vital part of any nation and child's development. The children of today are gearing up to become adult citizens of tomorrow. The growth is directly proportionate to the future of our country, which is reflected through quality of the present education imparted. It is widely accepted that the learning process is instrumental in shaping one's personality and the way he/she deals with situations of life. The shift of thoughts from bookish knowledge to knowledge of life, in schools, has brought forth a sea of change. Education is not just schooling, neither is it mere literacy, education is empowerment. It is providing individuals the tools to understand the world they are living in – the many forces, man-made or otherwise that shape their everyday lives. It is creating awareness of their rights and privileges.



Proper and adequate education is absolutely required for every individual as a lifelong pre-requisite for all sections of society, across any age. Education paves the way for a prospective career that in turn brings comfort, luxury, status and recognition in society. Knowledge enables analytic thinking, inculcates moral values, and builds up good manners and the right approach in life.

People have warmed up to the idea of education being the key to a holistic development instead of just a means to acquire degrees and monetary success in life. Education must facilitate the cultivation of a healthy thought processes and grooming of our cognitive abilities. In the contemporary world, education is a basic necessity for human beings after food, clothes and shelter. Significance of education is understood by almost all the communities. However, due to lack of economic support from their families, many of the children do not get the opportunity to study in their desired educational institute. **Thus, by providing support to the educational fees to 100 children, we also support the Sustainable Development Goal 4 which aims to “ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promotelifelong learning opportunities for all.”**

Project Overview

Under the aegis of BCC, **Project Savera** has been successfully running for a decade and more. As the name implies, this project tries to connect with underprivileged children, provide financial assistance so as to continue adequate and basic education and widen the horizon of their aspirations. The project had been inspiring, counseling students as well as the families and guiding them to avail appropriate academic credentials.

The program has reached out to thousands of families to uplift their economic background indirectly. It has also enabled many deserving students to unfold their talents and achieve their dreams as well as goals. It has indirectly motivated young children to focus on better academic performance so that they qualify for scholarships. It has inspired many economically backward families to attain new horizons and contribute as responsible citizens. It has facilitated the participatory community approach. The Savera program has helped to develop a responsible student parenthood alliance, thereby the Savera team functions as catalysts.

Under the Savera program, once a child has been identified, the team members give a surprise visit to the child's residence, meet the parents, confirm their financial condition and go through all the assessment procedures by visiting the child's house and their school.

However, unfortunately this year, with the outbreak of the Pandemic, i.e., Covid 19, the homeostasis in society has been lost, Schools, colleges and University had virtually stopped running for time immemorial, may be for the entire first term!

Nevertheless, it is during this critical phase, children need help, to cope up with academics, to face the trauma, depression and anxiety, and proceed for taking the right decision in their life, for their future career. BCC has been actively trying and is connected with all the students through the online classes, to bridge the gap.

It is therefore, under this crisis, we as Savera team would look forward to the continued support from our benevolent donors. A lot could be prevented and facilitated with the generous influx from our donors.

By the year 2023-2024, total 2439 children got the benefit under the Savera Educational Sponsorship Program. Reports for the progress among the beneficiaries are being sent once a year to our donors. Experiences by the parents and beneficiaries are also shared with the donors where they also realize the wonderful support that they provide towards educating these underprivileged children.

Thus, shouldering this noble cause of promoting education for all BCC proposes for 100 children in 2024-2025, which can avail optimum benefits under the project. To take this initiative to its destination BCC needs to have enough sponsorships or donations to meet the educational growth of the needy ones.

Keeping in view this unforgivable situation, may we request our esteemed and philanthropic donors to give us their green signal nod in terms of their assistance for our 100 children students by sponsoring them for the year 2024-2025.

Aim

The project aims to facilitate the education of underprivileged children by sponsoring their annual fees. The children chosen for Savera sponsorship are either orphans or having single parents or from very low socio-economic background.

Objectives:

The objectives of this project are:

- To help children continue their education despite destitute financial conditions of their homes.
- To motivate children so that they score well and are successful.
- To facilitate 100 children for their education (fees being first priority and if possible educational kit (i.e. Books/Bags/uniforms) who are either having single parents, or orphans or are from very low socio-economic background.

Project Scope:

Current Status of the Project:

Baroda Citizens Council has been successfully supporting on an average 100 Children for their education in 2024- 2025. Education being the key component for development we would like our children to be sponsored till they finish schooling (Standard 12th). But this dream can be fulfilled with support from your esteemed organization.



Identification-Criteria & Procedure of Selection:

- Children are identified through outreach activities and phone calls and the applications received by the organization.
- Once child has been identified, the team members conduct a reference check of the child by verifying it with the school teacher, confirm their financial condition. They visit his school and meet the teacher/principal to take his feedback regarding his academics in the school.
- The team arranges an online personal interview for both the parents & children with the head of the organization.
- After the selection, sponsorship/fees are paid to school through cheque in the name of the school.

Monitoring and Evaluation of the Project:

Regular follow up of a child through home visit and school visits are done to monitor the development of the child. The rise in educational level of the child along with his regular attendance and feedback from the school authorities will be one of the criteria for project evaluation. A format for the field visit would be used for the smooth implementation of project activities. Apart from the regular activities the extra activities mentioned in the above table will also be conducted.

Areas to Assess	Assessment method
Academic Progress	School Examination Results
	Interviews with Students
	Home Visits
	Meetings with Class Teachers
Extra-Curricular	Competitions taken part in by the student
Historical Improvement	Comparative Report of at least 3 years of the child's academic performance.

Follow – up of the children sponsored

- A meeting will be scheduled after every academic year with the donor.
- The donor will be updated with a report about the child's progress.
- An individual case profile of a child will be maintained which describes his/her other activities / curricular interest.

Monitoring & Evaluation tools

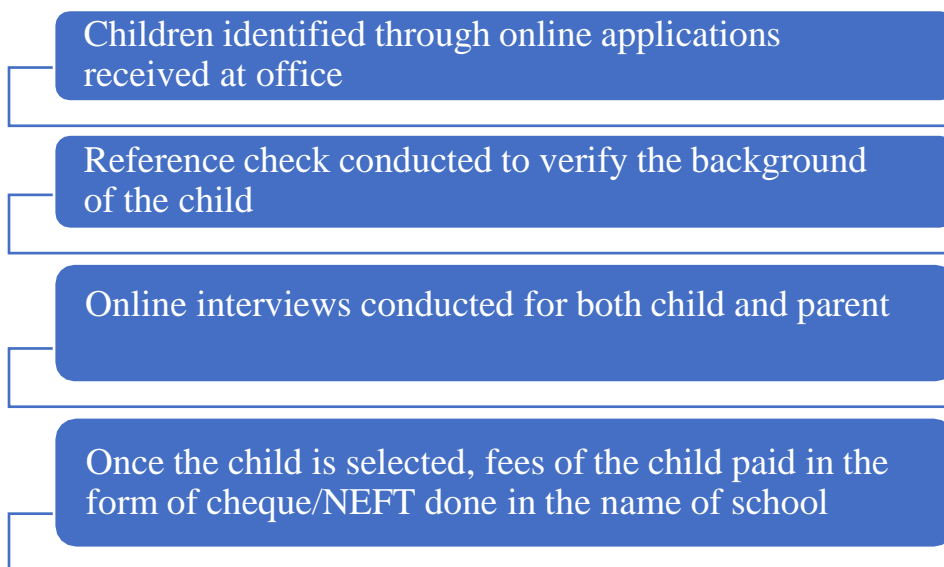
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- To organize the motivational talks especially for the students appearing for the boards in each quarter to motivate and monitor these children closely.

Target Beneficiaries: The project beneficiaries are children of orphans, single parents, children from low socio-economic background. Mainly those children having good track record in education will be selected for the same. They are in need of proper guidance and the financial support to get better educational opportunities and stand on their own feet.

Plan of Action:**Project Design**

The project is aiming to facilitate underprivileged children for their education, who are either orphans, or having single parents or from very low socio-economic background by sponsoring their annual fees.

Identification Criteria & Procedure**Area / Location for Implementation:**

The program will reach out to in the entire Vadodara city (Urban/ Rural Vadodara)

Project Duration: 1 Year

Project Team: Project team would consist of one Project coordinator and one field supervisor.

Follow – up of children sponsored

- Assessment of the child's progress on the basis of his/her examination results
- Assessment of the child's overall performance, by meeting his/her parents and class teacher.
- A meeting will be scheduled after every academic year with the donor.
- An individual case profile of a child will be maintained which describes his/her other activities / curricular interest.

Monitoring & Evaluation tools: The Executive Director and Project Coordinator –Baroda Citizens Council will be responsible for monitoring and evaluation of following areas of the programme.

Area	Personnel Responsible	Technique of monitoring	Duration
Project Management	Executive Director	Interviewing each child for the new enrollment in the project.	First Quarter
	Project Coordinator	Regular Meetings with the team	Monthly
		Field visit as and when required	
		Progress Reports	
Staff Monitoring	Project Coordinator	Regular field visits	Quarterly
		Staff meeting & reports	Monthly
Financial Monitoring	Executive Director / Head – Finance	Accounts report	Monthly
		Bank Statements	

The program will be evaluated on following indicators.

- Improved educational status of sponsored children
- Success stories
- No. of children identified and provided with financial support.

Impact of the Project: The impact would be visible by increase in standard of education of the child and also his overall development. This project estimates to reach out to about 100 families from the selected urban and rural community of Vadodara district and want to directly provide benefits to 100 children; all the children will be provided with school fees. BCC has a dedicated team of 2 for this project supported by various volunteers at field level.

BARODA CITIZENS COUNCIL			
SAVERA EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM			
BUDGET FOR THE YEAR- 2024-2025			
CODES	BUDGET HEADS	AMOUNT	TOTAL COST FROM 1ST APRIL'2024 TO 31STMARCH'2025
A	SPONSORSHIP FEES (AS PER ACTUALS)		
A.1	EDUCATIONAL SPONSORSHIP OF 100 CHILDREN	5000 PER CHILD	5,00,000
A.2	HR Cost, Base line Survey, Home Visits, School Visits, Parents Meetings, Motivational Talk, Career Counseling Etc.)	1500 PER CHILD	1,50,000
B	CONVEYANCE OF STAFF (12 Month* 500 RS per staff)	500 PER MONTH	6,000
GRAND TOTAL			6,56,000

We are sharing Case Study which depicts the impact of program:

Case Study 01:

Name of Students: 3 Students from one family

- Rathwa Damini Kanubhai
- Rathwa Divya Kanubhai
- Rathwa Bhumika Kanubhai

It was found that above 3 girls' father was a Head Constable in the CT Police Station and he died due to heart attack on duty in 2007. Her mother reached to Baroda Citizens Council for her daughters' educational sponsorship. Under educational sponsorship these 3 girls studied further and at present elder sister Damini Kanubhai is doing Bachelor of Dental Surgery – BDS in Ahmedabad Medical College. Her younger sister Divya Kanubhai doing BHMS and second younger sister Bhumika Kanubhai in 12th Standard. She got 61% in 11th Standard.



Case Study 02:

Name of Student: Rana Unnati Krunalbhai

She was underprivileged child as her father was working in farm as labor and income of her family was uncertain. She is an excellent student and she has a bright background in the academics but facing an issue for the further study as her family have only one source of income, that is why they approached BCC's Savera Project for the educational sponsorship. Since year 2011 to 2016 she received scholarship which helps her to score distinction in her board exams.

Her parents share that from the sponsorship she gets, they are able to educate her daughter well and help her to choose a bright career. Currently she is working as Primary Teacher in Vandana School, Bapod Jakatnaka, Waghodiya and supporting her family.