

Project Proposal for
Community Learning Resource Center
Library for Children
at Marol Maroshi Welfare Center

*(Financial Support for the
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1. General Information

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Project Location : Marol Maroshi, Bhandarwada, Andheri (East), Mumbai

Activity Area : More than 1000 sq. ft.

2. Profile of SRS

Slum Rehabilitation Society, established in 1972, is a voluntary non-for-profit organization, which is working for slum redevelopment and improvement of quality of life of Mumbai's slum dwellers. SRS is predominantly working in the slums in Bandra, Dharavi, Mahalaxmi, and Goregaon. SRS is also assisting Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) in Mumbai Urban Transport Projects and in Mumbai Urban Infrastructure Project in Jogeshwari and Chembur for rehabilitation and resettlement of households affected by urban infrastructure projects.

SRS aims at integrated improvement of the living standards of slum dwellers, thus emphasis is laid on both physical and social improvement. Along with housing construction and formation of housing co-operatives, educational activities and vocational training programs are also carried out. In its activities, SRS gives special focus to child development and empowerment of women.

3. Project Area

The proposed Slum Community Library will be located at Marol Maroshi Welfare Center run by SRS. Currently, SRS undertakes tailoring classes, basic computer education classes and other vocational training activities for girls and women.

SRS has been engaged in forming and registering Mahila Mandals and Self Help Groups (SHG) in the slum communities. Further SRS helps them in starting income generation activities and educational programs for the benefit of its members. In last one year of SRS intervention, seven SHG, one Mahila Mandal and one Senior Citizen Group have been formed.

4. Target Population

The Marol project area covers and caters to the households located at Bandarwada, Sai Baba Nagar, Mangu Mhatre Chawl, Anjuman Chawl and Tanjuman Chawl. The proposed project will cater to about 1000 families with a population of about 50000 from the said area. The target population is mainly engaged economically as vendors, factory workers, home maids, security guard and daily wage earners. The proposed library resource center will specifically cater to the children from disadvantaged section of the community, who have limited access to outside learning resources, including girl child, physically and challenged, among others.

5. Project Objectives

The specific objectives of the project include the following:

- (a) To strengthen and operate the slum community learning resource center at Marol Welfare Center of SRS for serving the learning needs of five neighboring slum communities;
- (b) To provide access to learning resources specially to underprivileged children and young girls including physically challenged children;
- (c) To promote reading and learning habits among the children and others from the urban poor communities;
- (d) To facilitate and contribute in non-formal education and acquiring life skill education among the target population through learning aid; and
- (e) To create opportunities for promotion of sports, cultural activities, and exposure visits to help them enhance their creativity, capacity and talent.

6. Current Status of the Community Learning Resource Center (Library)

The Bombay Community Public Trust supported SRS to start and run the community library at Marol Maroshi Welfare Center for last one year. Through our intervention with BCPT support, SRS has made an impact in the learning of the children and in the community. We have been able to change the mindset of parents towards the learning process through well planned activities of our community based library. We have been able to reach to 103 children from the above areas in the last one year.

Through our continuous interaction in the community we have observed that there is a still need to work on educating parents and children about the importance of education, involving those who have not been the part of this project in the last one year of SRS Library Project. Our outreach has been expanded in community development. Thus the need of the Library Project has become essential for those unfortunate children who are not getting any kind of Library facilities which can enhance their mental and learning capacity.

7. Expected Outcomes

In the coming year, we aim to reach approximately another 250 children. The expected outcome of the renewed extended community learning center project at Marol are well organized and functioning community based library at Marol with increased participation of the parents and children in our learning center activities. We shall reach out to more children with the benefits from this library.

8. Timeframe

SRS involvement at Marol is planned to restart in July 2015, for a period of another one year.

9. Budget

The total cost of the project is Rs. 2.79 lakhs which is detailed below:

Annexure I: Budget	
Slum Rehabilitation Society	
Period April 2015 to March 2016	
Particulars	Amount (in Rs.)
A, Salaries (Library and Recreation Unit)	
Salary for 1 Full time Library Assistant @ 5000 for 12 months	60,000
Recreation Worker @ 3500* 12 months	42,000
Honorarium to visiting resource person	7,500
Sub-Total of A	109,500
B, Resources	
Recreational material	8,000
Books	10,000
Audio-visual resources	3,000
Sports and prizes	2,500
Exposure visit	20,000
Sub-total of B	43,500
C, Activities/ Developmental Workshops	
Reading promotion activities	10,000
Cultural programmes and workshops	10,000
Sub-Total of C	20,000
D, Rent and Infrastructure	
Repair/Maintenance @Rs. 6000 for 12 months (including water & electricity charges)	72,000
Sub-Total of D	72,000
E, General	
Administrative cost	24,000
Staff capacity building and training	10,000
Sub-Total of E	34,000
Granda Total (A+B+C+D+E)	279,000

10. Project Summary

This project aims at improving the quality of life of children in and around Marol slum community. The objective of the project is to provide the library facility at Marol with basic reading and learning resources that is necessary for continuing library activities. We seek to empower the children of Marol area through developing inquisitive mind in non-threatening playful means. We shall make use of the available learning resources and tools to reach out to more and more children.