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Project VAARADHI
Empowering the Orphans and Abandoned Children through Education

Proposal Document Ver 2.0

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Problems Noticed

While interacting with the school staff from Rural Government High Schools, the following problems have been noticed:

- Frequent dropouts of both boys and girls in the age group of 11-15 yrs (6th – 10th class)
- Very early marriages for the girl children
- Very high unemployment rate since the children here are not prepared with enough skills to go and compete in the job market

Root Cause Identified

Most of these children are orphaned and/or abandoned with single parent OR no parent. These children are usually under the care of grandfather/grandmother/uncle.

The root cause of this situation is both parents were either uneducated or remained as dropouts during the high school education. Unfortunately, this section of the people is totally unnoticed and very easy to be missed out.

These children have no mother/father to guide them, protect them or love them. All they have is a shelter to stay. Most of the time they are hungry, lonely, afraid, have holes in their cheppals or no cheppals at all, and face the greatest challenges of any children on the face of the earth. Unless adopted or absorbed by someone, these children are left to wander the streets, beg or steal food. This cycle results in a high rate of suicide, the need to turn to organized crime and prostitution for survival, ultimately producing more orphans.

The **cycle continues forever** unless there is an intervention at the school age by providing basic education and thus empowering them to become self reliant.

Proposed Solution – Project VAARADHI

The only solution to break the poverty cycle of these needy families is to bring these children under one program and provide basic needs as well as the required counseling.

Once we help them understand the importance of education and provide the required tools to gain basic education and technical skills, they will be on their way to a sustainable livelihood leading to productive and positive contributions to society.

Empathy – Opportunity - Equality
The goal of project VAARADHI is to translate our **empathy** into action by providing orphaned/abandoned children the **opportunity** to help themselves and be treated with the **equality** they deserve.

Expected Impact

After providing the basic needs for school & health care, these children are encouraged not to miss the school. They can focus on their studies better now without having to worry about their family's inability to support their educational and health care expenses.

With basic education and proper counseling, they will be EMPOWERED to support themselves.

Project Approach

Cluster Approach
Start with a cluster of 5/6 Government High Schools @ Mandal Level (11-15 Yrs => 6th to 10th class)

Norms to identify children

- Single Parent or No Parent

- Not enough resources in the family to support the child's educational and health care expenses

- Currently enrolled in the local Government High School in 6th to 10th class/grade

- Must go through the initial screening process by the class teacher about the child's need to become part of this project

Verification Process
- Personal Interview for both the child and care taker
- Physical Visit Report (PVR)

Support Provided

- Basic Needs at the school - Note Books, Guides, Stationary (Pens, Exam Pads) etc.

- Basic Needs at home - Casual Wear, Cheppals etc.

- Basic Health Care - Follow up on health issues like eye, dental, ENT & heart diseases if any.

- Career Counseling - Continuous monitoring of the child's progress, Offer frequent counseling, Help them plan their career according to their interests

Overhead Expenses
Most of this expense is included in the projected amount. Any additional expenses will be documented as needed

Project Accounting
Suryaprasad Padala, Project Coordinator - Overall in-charge of maintaining the books

Project Reports
The project reports will be published quarterly to outline the progress made, issues, success stories, follow ups etc.

Project Partner
TANA Foundation has kindly agreed to partner with NSF to help fund this project.

Project Expenses & Projections
Attached as a separate document