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Subject: Re: Re: GanaChetana Project approval : [aid-austin] Minutes of CSH On 12/20/03

Hi all,
here is the summary of GC...
will arrange summary of prev. projects during visit with Prasad end of this month...

Association for India's Development (AID)
Project Summary Form

Name of Organization : GanaChetana
Name of the Project : SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR LONG TERM
FUTURE ACTION IN THE OPERATIONAL AREA OF GANA CHETANA.

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Directions for reaching the project area from a major city:
Bhubaneswar to Keonjhar many buses are available, from Keonjhar private vehicles know as "trekers" can be hired for a reasonable price.(hitching is also an option but a lot of walking is required.

Check payable to whom:
Ganachetana

Whom to send the check to and address to send it to:
GanaChetana c/o AID INDIA,Orissa chapter,
67 Surya Nagar, Bhubaneswar,India ,751003

Any special requirements for the way the funding has to be sent:
DD addressed to Ganachetana, payable Keonjhar.

A brief summary of the goals of the organizations and the particular project submitted:

Gana Chetana is a non-profit making voluntary organization working in Harichandanapur and Banspal blocks of Keonjhar district in Orissa since last eleven years. The project has been conceived as continuation programmes of AID and have prepared in consultation with the project staff of Gana Chetana with active participation of Mr Peter Bokas, Australia AID volunteer and community based organisations in village level.

Objectives of the Project

- a) To lead a life of Ashram with demonstration farm of different scheme related to Agriculture, Horticulture, Pisciculture and Animal husbandry that would have a practical impact over people's and organisational sustainability.
- b) To provide necessary technical guidance for Income Generation activities to avail the income opportunities to people.
- c) To facilitate for empowerment of women in social and economic activities.
- d) To develop community involvement in the development of the village through Government facility and scope.
- e) To spread environmental awareness and protect forest through community.
- f) To encourage people's participation in the planning and implementation of various welfare and benefit programme.
- g) To increase bargaining power of people through group action.
- h) To develop the capacity building of organisational team through exposure.

The Tribal and Backward communities living in 20 villages of Tentalapasi, Hunda and Baragarh Gram Panchayats of Harichandanapur and Banspal Blocks in Keonjhar district are the target group of this programme.

A brief summary of the part of the project for which funding has been requested: January 2004 will see the laying of the foundation and the initiation of making hand-pressed interlocking blocks, these will be constructed from locally available soil, they do not require firing and 300 odd can be produced in a day. The local villagers and the GC team will make them, it is simple technology that can be easily operated by the locals. We (AID INDIA Orissa chapter) will be supplying a hand operated press machine leased from a local company in BBSR. This phase will see through the completion of the first of the three rooms of the Ashram with a traditional straw roof and the completion of all foundations for the 3 proposed rooms. A small traditional hut has been constructed of bamboo, local plants and straw roof with mezzanine. This is initially serving as shelter and cooking area during the construction phase and will later be utilised as animal shelter on completion of the ashram. The entire compound of the demonstration area has been fenced in live fencing and some trees have been planted. Local seeds have been collected and being raised in the nursery, the land is divided into various beds for crops and fruiting trees etc and a pond covering approx. 1 acre has been dug and some seed fish in place, two alternative organic methods of growing have been used, one is traditional ploughed field with compost and the other is deep bed system where by the soil is not dug, instead layers of compost and biomass are spread on the ground and allowed to decompose. The later beds will be used for kitchen garden vegies and the ploughed fields for grains and pulses. We are organising some field exposure tours for the staff to some reputable NGO's working in Organic techniques and will be availing various appropriate technologies and potential entrepreneurial developments such as the interlocking hand-press throughout the year.

Funding amount requested: _____\$2800_____

Signature of the coordinator: _____ a printed copy of this will be given to Mohan for signing and will be posted to you _____

We will forward a summary of the previous projects implemented by GC upon returning from our visit with Prasad at the end of this month

Pete

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