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Project Proposal to Support Rural School Feeding Project for Local Schools

Executive Summary

The ABC NGO has started working on education and child development issues across country. In the first five years NGO reached around **numbers of districts and over **** thousand people around the country were directly benefitted under its various developmental activities of organization. The organization focus on poor and disadvantaged children in the community so that they can have opportunity to live, educate and give back to community in near future.

The project area is considered one of the poorest regions in this country where over more than 70% people live under poverty line whose income is less than \$1 per day. ABC NGO, has been working very closely with local schools and students in this region for last 10 years and constantly trying to improve the condition of learning among school going children.

It is a project targeted to provide meals at school to reduce children's hunger during the school day. Usually, this type of programme is designed for increasing the time children spend at school, improving certain cognitive functions and improving nutritional status of children. This programme provides meal to school going children. Students are provided with breakfast, mid-morning, lunch or combination to alleviate short-term hunger, increase attention span, facilitate learning, and prevent the need for children to leave the school to find food.

Good health will help a child to receive good education and improved education also ensures healthy status of children (Bloom, 2005). This programme will definitely attract girls to schools and parents will be attracted to send their daughter to school.

The ABC NGO has skilled, experienced and trained employees and adequate resources to carry out the project in proposed region successfully. Moreover, we have strong grass root level networks with local NGOs, Government organizations and other institutions and influential individuals in that area who can assist us enormously in successful implementation of this project.

We hope the donor will support our cause and assist us to continue with this project for ensuring quality education and health for children in community for what donor is also working worldwide.

About Organization

ABC is a national non-profit organization established in xxxx in xxxxxx. Since then, ABC has been working in grass root community level in xx districts across the country. Child development and education are the core interests of organization. ABC mainly works for the national government and CSR projects to deliver timely and effective project operations. Among various initiatives, ABC has special emphasize on:

- **Child development:** pre-school facility, primary and secondary school facility, help poor students to continue their education.
- **Education:** owns xx schools across the country, teacher training, special coaching for underprivileged children, vocational training for unemployed youth, adult literacy
- **Women:** literacy, empowerment, awareness raising against domestic violence, family planning
- **Environment:** Environment education, awareness, training on reducing risk and hazards of natural calamity.

Currently we run xx projects in various districts across the country. ABC has strong administrative framework that conduct projects operation with the help of local employees.

Statement of the Problem

When team of organization visited various schools in this area and talked with school students and their parents, we found that many students come to school without having any breakfast and many of them just have two times meals in a day. Because of extreme poverty and carelessness to their children's parents don't care at all about their children who attend school in empty stomach. This huge number of children goes through physical and mental hardship to acquire quality and standard education due to their hunger and malnutrition. Poverty stricken families can't provide minimum nutritious foods to their children or food with very low nutrition value. Starting a day in empty stomach isn't a healthy sign of good education environment where students can't concentrate on studies due to hunger. Lack of nutrition is resulted in various illnesses to students who become irregular in schools and dropout later before finishing their primary or secondary education.

In our proposed area many students in rural areas live under poverty lines and their parents fail to provide them necessary food arrangement even two times in a day. Over 70% people living in selected areas earn less than a dollar per day. In the meantime the food prices are folded and inflation also hits in local economy. Therefore, it is becoming more difficult for parents to provide meals three times a day contained basic nutrition.

In this context students have to attend class with hunger. This discourages students to join school and a dropout rate is relatively high. Moreover, this scenario discourages the girl students to attend school. Furthermore, low-income countries are emphasizing on this program to continue their effort to reach their targets of Millennium Development Goals (MDG) by drawing more children to school especially the girl student.

Project Goal

Providing nutrition fortified meal to students from selected schools.

Project Objectives

The project aims to cover selected xx primary and secondary schools in proposed area where most poverty-stricken families live. According to our estimation we have to provide assistance to more than 10000 students with one morning nutrition fortified meal for next one year. After analyzing situation, the core objectives behind this project are to:

- Improve school enrollment to above 85%, class attendance 80% and decrease dropout rates to 15% in next year.
- Alleviate short term hunger and improvement of health issues of 10,000 students providing additional treatment what they need.
- Improve student's academic performance in school.
- Contribute to improvement of educational facilities in all selected schools providing educational accessories.
- More girl students will come to attend school because of incentives.
- Mobilize and build capacities for local government and other organization to conduct such kind of programme to support their local schools and students.

Project Beneficiaries

Primarily school going poor students are the prime beneficiaries of this project. Approximately 10,000 students will be directly benefitted in this project for 1 academic year. Local food production will be encouraged to use foods in project what will indirect benefit farmers and local community.

Project Implementation Strategies

Under this project xx schools have been selected from poverty prone areas and we will deliver meal to 10,000 students once in a day for six days in a week. A committee will be formed to supervise the whole program who will report back to board of ABC in every month. ABC has local volunteer groups who help us in our various projects. Volunteers will play the significant part in this project. Moreover, a teacher from every school will be requested to join and supervise their own school food project voluntarily. Before initiating the project, we will have discussion with all the school authorities of selected schools, parents, students and local government agencies asking their full support and assistance regarding this.

Children's meals provided through school feeding project should be prepared and delivered to children in hygienic condition. Whilst classrooms can also serve as dining areas for children, it is important that appropriate food preparation and storage facilities should also be available in schools. If food is prepared offsite then conditions in schools should be adequate to ensure that there is no risk of contamination through dirt or poor sanitation facilities that might affect this. In this regard a kitchen will be set up in every school with regular kitchen utensils for cooking food. Phases of project implementation will be done in order given below:

- Meeting with local residents, targeted beneficiaries, head of selected schools, teachers, local organizations and government officials regarding the projects and present details of it to them.
- Tender to construct kitchen in every school and initiate procurement procedure to buy foods
- Recruiting a consultant, new cooks and assistants and volunteers for every selected school to deliver the assistance accurately
- Delivering meal in every morning for six days in a week for next one academic year
- Training and awareness raising regarding local food production and distribution so that it can be used in School Feeding Project
- Providing education materials to selected schools on need basis
- Evaluate the outcomes and impacts achieved so far from the various modalities that have been used.

We will be collecting students' data for projects success and further need using following categories:

- Student attendance
- Students by gender

- Performance in class and in exam
- School facilities available in selected schools
- Village census, household survey, school survey and community survey will be conducted to gather data.

Project Work Plan

| Sector | Jan | Feb | March | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
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| Hiring consultant, cooks, volunteers | √ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Meeting with local resident, teachers and government officials about progress | √ | | | √ | | | | √ | | | √ | |
| Monitoring Report | | | √ | | | √ | | | √ | | | √ |
| Evaluation Report | | | | √ | | | | √ | | | | √ |
| Set up Kitchen | √ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Audit Report | | | | | | | | | | | | √ |
| Training to increase local food production | | √ | | | √ | | | √ | | √ | | |

Project Logical Framework

| Objectives | Expected Outcomes | Verifiable Indicators | Means of Verification |
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| Improve school enrolment to above 85%, class attendance 80% and decrease dropout rates to 15%. | More students presence in schools with higher rate of successful school completion | School records showing low enrolment and attendance | School records and data available to local organizations |
| Alleviate short term hunger and improvement of health issues of 10,000 students providing additional treatment what they need. | Improvement of child health and decrease malnutrition and other related diseases | students diagnosed problems due to malnutrition | Records from local hospitals and satellite clinics and local organizations working on health issues |
| Improve student's academic performance in school year 20XX/20XX | Improved academic result and cognitive skills necessary for students | Poor results of students in exam and unsatisfactory performance in class | School records of each child |
| Contribute to improvement of educational facilities in all XX schools providing educational accessories | Improved educational environment for students for better learning | Poor classrooms and management hampered delivering effective education | School visit and observe the condition of classrooms and over all educational facilities available |
| More girl student will come to attend school because of incentives | Girl's participation will be increased in schools | Ratio of girl students in rural schools is still relatively low | School record and family interview |
| Mobilize and build capacities for local government and other organization to conduct such kind of programme to support their local schools and students | Network with other organizations to work and share expertise on this project and involve local government to find more assistance | Less cooperation and coordination between organizations and government agencies hamper to carry out development | Projects run successfully and more schools and students are being covered under such programme |

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Project Sustainability

This project will raise awareness among parents and try to share its resources with other organizations so that all can work together on similar issues with collective fund and expertise to reach more poor students in area. Economic empowerment strategy for community people will work as tool towards sustainability of this project. Along with this project we will also try to increase our project based earnings and donations so that we can continue with this project with our own fund partially.

For sustainability of this project we will seek partnership with other organizations like Ministry of Education and Health, UNICEF, Oxfam, Action Aid, CARE and other national or international donor agencies. This project needs alignment with national framework policy to run it smoothly and needs staff training and capacity building to continue in Progressive policy change can make this effort beneficial for general people in community.

Administration and Financial Management

Administrative department of ABC will supervise the financial issues accurately and financial report of expenditure will be sent to donor on quarterly basis. ABC always puts emphasize on fair and clear financial correspondence with its funding bodies. Donor will audit our financial reports on feeding program annually. Standard documentation and accounting procedures will be strictly followed during the project run time.

Monitoring

Project monitoring will be conducted by ABC and report will be duly sent to donor office to track the status of project.

Evaluation

Project evaluation will be done in every four months and report will be sent to the donor on outcome and progress of project. Our evaluation and monitoring team will conduct the evaluation under the supervision of an expert on project evaluation.

Risks and Assumptions

External Factors:

Food price hiking, inflation, economic slowdown, political unrest may affect the project operation in few occasions.

Security:

ABC has its own security rules and procedures and we will try to adopt top security measures to ensure smooth project operation.

Gender Strategy

In ABC we always encourage women employee to join our team and currently the ratio of men and women employee is 60: 40. ABC expect this project will attract more girl students to join school than before.

Coordination with Stakeholders

Coordination with existing stakeholders will be necessary during the project to share expertise and technical assistance.

Community Involvement

Regular meeting will be conducted with parents of children what will make a bridge among the people receiving aid from this project. Awareness and training will include more community people in project. Moreover, success of this project will attract more community people to work together on similar issues for their own development.

Conclusion

This proposed project will directly help poor school going children by providing one meal in a day from schools for the next one academic year. We are truly expecting that we will receive satisfactory improvement in education and health issues among the students of selected schools and more schools will be covered if more funding will be available for this project. Therefore, we are looking forward to supporting our projects financially and help us to reach to community to make it a better place.

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