

Akanksha Public Charitable Trust

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Annual Report 2012-13

About Akanksha

Akanksha was born when a group of friends started volunteering on weekends at public hospitals and homes for destitute children and women in Chennai in 1998. Akanksha Public Charitable Trust was created on July 15, 2000 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu and registered soon after when some of its volunteers decided to devote more time and energy to Akanksha to make it their primary work.

PURPOSE

Akanksha's purpose has evolved over the years. Today, Akanksha works to learn along with individuals caught up in life's unfortunate circumstances who are still eager to learn through collaborative initiatives in areas of education, health, livelihoods, culture and ecology especially engaging with the old, the very young and with women.

ACTIVITIES

Over the last decade, Akanksha's work has involved the following activities:

- Volunteering at state owned 'children's observation homes' to help such state owned organizations deliver better by organizing activities for their children and helping children who have strayed away from their homes to get in touch with their families and return home.
- Volunteering at state owned hospitals for women and children, helping cancer afflicted children and their families cope with hospitalization and medical treatment by organizing recreational activities and financial aid for them.
- Providing relief material to those affected by earthquakes and tsunamis.
- Augmenting the work of other not for profit organizations whose work is closely aligned with that of Akanksha by providing voluntary services and / or financial assistance to such organizations.
- Sponsoring medical expenses of financially needy people especially women and children.
- Sponsoring the educational expenses of financially needy children.
- Establishing and operating a rural school and primary health centre.

Today, Akanksha's work primarily revolves significantly around the last three activities.



YEAR THAT WAS

During the year 2012-13, Akanksha continued to build on the work undertaken during the earlier years.

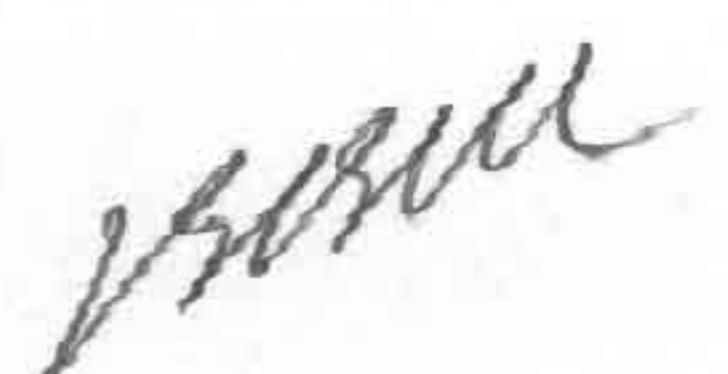
The bulk of the work of the Trust was located in Balenga Para village in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh state and in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The highlights of Akanksha's work during the year, are summarized below:

- Thirteen children living in Chennai and hailing from economically weak families were identified and the trust commenced and committed to sponsoring their educational expenses for as long as they wished to continue to study.
- The trust sponsored a total hip replacement surgery of a young boy and medical expenses of two other individuals who come from economically weak backgrounds and are residents of Kibai Balenga village where the trust operates Imlee Mahuaa School.
- The trust sponsored solar powered lanterns for twelve children studying in classes 10 and 12 from Balenga Para and Sadaadi villages which are still not electrified.
- Imlee Mahuaa School started an evening educational program for people in its neighborhood who were interested in learning to read, write and do math, but couldn't attend school as they had domestic responsibilities. Currently, the program has 5 regular students. Three of them study in the local government school during the day and attend evening classes at Imlee Mahuaa to get help in English and math. The other two students have never been to school before.
- Imlee Mahuaa got a substantial part of the physical infrastructure that it requires for its activities constructed during the year. This includes two more classrooms, a pottery, an amphitheatre, a small office, sitting areas under trees and a wall around the campus. Work on putting a roof on the amphitheatre, constructing a slide, swings and a tank for making manure with the help of earthworms and possibly a well still remains. We expect to complete much of the work during 2013-14.
- The educational program of the school was further sharpened to make it more relevant and meaningful to children e.g. independent games periods for each class gave way to a common games period for the whole school, as children wanted many more of their friends from other classes to play with them; time tables were designed to ensure that children spent two thirds or more of their time at school learning with their bodies (kinesthetically) and less than one third of their time in bookish pursuits. Even in classes that used texts to learn and teach, we ensured that music, theatre, art and craft were intertwined with learning processes wherever and as much as possible.
- Children took on increasingly independent, participative and responsible roles at school and it was decided to take further initiatives during the new academic year towards enabling children to deepen their stakes in their own education. Some of the older children now run their own unsupervised classes for activities such as art, spinning yarn, pottery and games. They have also started shopping for vegetables and food for the school independently at the local weekly market. Many are increasingly participating in regulating their own and each others' behavior through means and measures that they themselves control.

Many more children have learned to ride bicycles during the year, and we expect to provide them with bicycles too like their older classmates for their daily commute to school.

- The school's staff worked with Mr Himanshu Srivastava, a doctoral fellow at the Homi Bhabha Centre For Science Education, Mumbai (HBCSE) to develop a broad framework for learning science at school. The framework relies heavily on learning through experimentation and towards this end, we also acquired our first Baal Vaigyanik portable laboratory developed especially for children by Eklavya, MP during its highly effective Hoshangabad Science Teaching Program. The laboratory is housed in a small well designed trunk and can be used by four young minds collaboratively and safely.

We expect to follow up with more workshops with Himanshu over the years. We could not meet for a mathematics workshop this year as our trainer Mr Arun Mavalankar took ill.



- As on March 31, 2013, 34 children studied at Imlee Mahuaa School from pre-primary to class 4. The school expects to admit about 3-5 students during the new academic year commencing on April 1, 2013.
- The School continues to be an accredited study centre of the National Institute of Open Schooling, NOIDA and is also registered under the law for compulsory education with the District Education Officer, Kondagaon.
- Distribution of donations received by Akanksha across donors including donors to the corpus (FY 2012-13)

Amount of donation (Rupees)	Individuals	Foundations and Trusts	Others	Resident	Non- resident
< 5000	92	-	-	92	-
5000 – 100,000	3	1		4	-
> 100,000	1	1	-	2	-
Donations in kind			1	1	-
Total	96	2	1	99	-

The average value of monetary donation received during the year ended on March 31, 2013 was Rs 8515.

- Members of the staff and volunteers as of March 31, 2013

Employees

Birajbatti Marawi

Gautam Ram Sethiya

Milan Ram Baghel

Reeta Baidh

Susheela Manikpuri

Volunteers

Nandini Joshi

Seema Joshi

Suvarna Vaze

Abridged Financial Statements

BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2013

	Schedule	As at March 31	
		2013 (Rupees)	2012 (Rupees)
Sources of Funds			
Corpus	1	88000	88000
Surplus		1813680	2532520
TOTAL		1901680	2620520
Application of Funds			
Fixed Assets		55544	55544
Current Assets			
Tax deducted at source		10686	6552
Cash and Bank Balances	2	1827450	2558424
Loans and Advances	3	8000	-
TOTAL		1901680	2620520
Significant Accounting Policies And Notes to the Accounts	7		

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For Velu Muthu Associates

For Akanksha Public Charitable Trust

Chartered Accountants

Firm Regn, No. 004590S

Velu Muthu

Oswin Thayal

Prayaag Joshi

Proprietor

Trustee

Trustee

Membership No. 22976

Place: Chennai

Date: April 3, 2013

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013

	Schedule	For the year ended March 31	
		2013 (Rupees)	2012 (Rupees)
Income			
Donations Received		843000	453397
Interest on Bank Accounts	4	138308	500797
Excess of Expenditure over Income		718840	11602
TOTAL		1700148	965796
Expenditure			
Expenditure in connection with the objects of the Trust	5	1700148	965796
Add: Balance brought forward from the previous year		2532520	2544122
Balance carried to the Balance Sheet		1813680	2532520

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013

	Schedule	For the year ended March 31	
		2013 (Rupees)	2012 (Rupees)
Sources of Funds			
Donations Received		843000	453397
Interest on Bank Accounts	4	138308	500797
Donations to Corpus Fund	1	-	83000
TOTAL		981308	1037194
Application of Funds			
Expenditure in connection with the objects of the Trust	5	1700148	965796
Increase or (Decrease) in Net Current Assets	6	(718840)	71398
TOTAL		981308	1037194

Credibility Alliance Norms Compliance Report

IDENTITY

- Akanksha Public Charitable Trust ('Akanksha' or 'the Trust') was created as a public trust under the Indian Trusts Act, 1882 and registered (Reg. No. 1003 of 2001 of Book 4 dated September 3, 2001) with the Office of the District Registrar Madras South.
- Akanksha is registered as a Public Charitable Trust under sections 12 AA and 80 G of the Income Tax Act, 1961 (Reg No. DIT(E) No.2(182)/2000-01) and its Permanent Account Number is AAATA6371J.
- Akanksha is registered as an Educational Association under section 6(1)(a) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 (Reg No. 075901259).
- Scanned copies of this annual report, trust deed and the letters of registration, audited financial statements from the inception of the Trust, minutes of meetings of the Board of Trustees are being exhibited on our website. These documents are available for inspection at the registered office too.

Name and address of our Main Bankers

ICICI Bank Limited, Chennai Branch, 459/1, Anna Salai Road, Teynampet, Chennai 600018

State Bank of India, L B Road, Thiruvannamiyur, Chennai 600 041

Name and address of our Auditors

Velu Muthu Associates, Chartered Accountants, 1 B, Prabha, 17 Bishop Wallers Avenue (East), Mylapore, Chennai 600004

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GOVERNANCE

The Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees ('the Board') whose details as on March 31, 2013 are given in the table below.

Name	Age	Sex	Position on Board	Occupation	Area of Competence	Meetings Participated
Khodadad Moradian	59	M	Trustee	Business and financial consulting	Business reengineering	2/2
Oswin Thayal	42	M	Chairman	Medical practice and business	Medicine and medical diagnostics	2/2
Prayaag Joshi	48	M	Trustee	Learning and teaching	Finance and education	2/2

- Akanksha's Board of Trustees met twice in FY 2012-13 on April 5, 2012 and March 31, 2013. Minutes of the Board meetings are documented and circulated. All members were present at each meeting of the Board, either physically or over the telephone.
- None of the members of the Board are related to each other by blood or by marriage. A Board Rotation Policy exists and is practiced.
- The Board ensures that all the activities of the Trust are in line with its stated purpose and approved objects, key decision making is consultative and roles and responsibilities are defined for staff and volunteers. The Board approves programs, budgets, annual activity reports and audited financial statements and ensures the organization's compliance with laws and regulations.

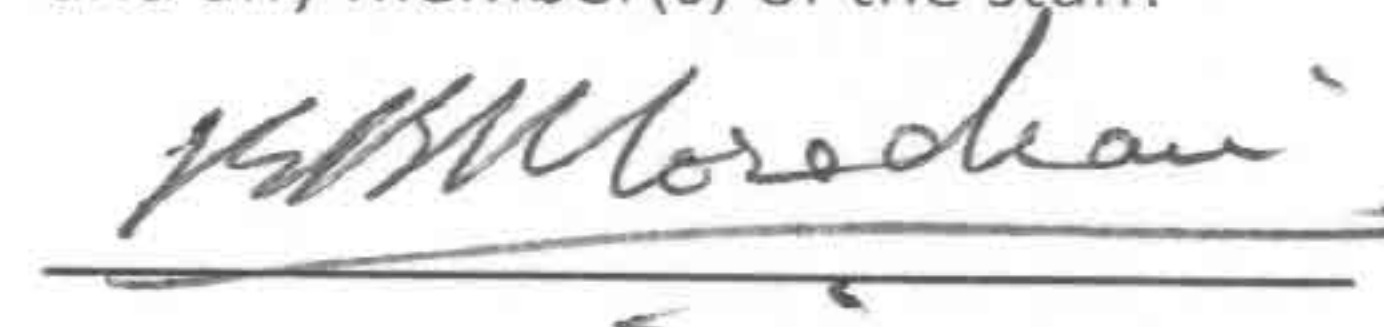
ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- No remuneration, sitting fees or any other form of compensation has been paid since the inception of the Trust to any trustee or member of the Board.
- No reimbursements were made to any Board Member during FY 2012-13.
- All staff members are issued letters of employment and draw equal remuneration, linked to their hours of work. The remuneration drawn by each of the two highest paid staff members as on March 31, 2013 was Rs 6000 per month respectively and that drawn by the lowest paid staff member who works part time was Rs 3000 per month. There is a personnel policy in place.
- Staff details (as at March 31, 2012)

Gender	Paid full time	Paid part time	Unpaid Volunteer
Female	-	3	3
Male	2	-	-

All members of the Board are volunteers and have given their time pro bono. They are not included in the table above.

- Three paid members of staff draw monthly gross salary and benefits that are less than Rs 5000. The average salary is Rs 4200 and the median salary is Rs 3000. The remuneration drawn by the Executive Head is zero.
- The total cost of National Travel by all members of the Board was Rs 16233, by all staff (including volunteers, independent consultants, etc) was Rs 3282 and by beneficiaries was Rs 2045. The total cost of Air Travel was NIL and the total cost of International Travel whether paid by Akanksha or by external sponsors was NIL.
- The financial statements indicate the method and basis of accounting. There are no serious adverse notes on any material point in the statements. The Trust has not entered into any material transaction that involves a conflict of interest between the Trust and any member(s) of the Board or between the Trust and any member(s) of the staff.



Khodadad K Moradian

Chairman April 3, 2013