

Akanksha Public Charitable Trust

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Annual Report 2013-14

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 and support individuals caught up in life's unfortunate circumstances who are still eager to live and learn through collaborative initiatives in areas of education, health, livelihoods, culture and ecology especially engaging with the old, the 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.

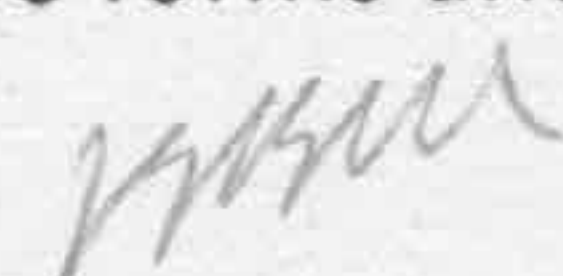
Today, Akanksha's work primarily revolves significantly around the last three activities.

THE YEAR THAT WAS

During the year 2013-14, 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 Kondagaon district of Chhattisgarh state and in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The highlights of Akanksha's work during the year, are summarized below:

- School and college fees of thirteen children living in Chennai and hailing from economically weak families were borne by the Trust to ease the burden of such expenses from their families and to ensure that the children continued to enjoy being members of their school or college communities. Volunteers and trustees kept in touch with the children and their families through the year and received consistent feedback from the children that they were enjoying their formal education. Their families continued to be supportive of the children's wishes to go to school or college.
- The Trust continued to provide primary medical care for minor ailments to people in the Balenga Para region and to the children and paid staff of Imlee Mahuaa School and sponsored their treatment in a good hospital in Jagdalpur whenever needed.
- The School saw a significant drop in absenteeism among its students and staff caused by poor health. The drop could be attributed to the habitual use of soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, footwear and warm clothing at appropriate times during the School's activities leading to their habitual use at home too by the children, timely administration of primary medical care using safe ayurvedic and homoeopathic preparations to sick children and staff, and the provision of balanced, wholesome food and ample opportunities for play and physical activities given to all at School.
- The School had to discontinue its evening educational program due to the lack of sustained interest in it amongst its members.
- Work on the construction of physical infrastructure for the School did not progress satisfactorily due unavailability of masons.
- The educational program of the School became more meaningful for everyone as children in classes three and above gained the freedom to design their daily timetables (which included the freedom not to attend certain or any classes). This freedom was coupled with the responsibility for tracking the way the children spent their time by maintaining daily diaries of time they spent at school which they shared with their teachers and parents. Children have used this freedom with care and gay abandon and continue to immerse themselves enthusiastically hour on hour and day on day in activities and subjects that interest them the most without any pressure from their teachers to conform to the limits of a prescribed timetable. Drawing on paper and cloth, coloring their works effortlessly and attractively with crayons or thread, immersing themselves in books or in noisy games, children have seized their new found freedom enthusiastically. More smiles beam on faces in the School than ever before and the School is fortunate to have a few students who just play the whole day long throughout the week!
- Reading books gained huge popularity among children of the School. They take home library books regularly and enthusiastically during working months and vacations, cover them, read them and return them with care. Children continue to be spotted with open books in their hands on their 'library days', reading them as they walk home. Solar powered lanterns provided to the children have helped to make reading an enjoyable evening pastime.
- Some of the older children took on many responsible roles in the School through the year. They taught English and Hindi to the younger classes, became store keepers for sports gear, started managing mealtimes independently and shopped for vegetables for the School at the village bazaar through the year. In the process they learnt to handle large sums of money and to write accounts of the expenses that they incurred on the School's behalf. Some students have accompanied their teachers to Kondagaon on Fridays to help with the work there. Two students have accompanied one of their teachers to Chennai and other places to get a feel for the work of the Trust outside Balenga Para. Many of them filled forms for opening Public Provident Fund Accounts for themselves and their friends, collected the requisite documents for the purpose and got parents to sign at the appropriate places on the forms and documents. Students



regularly helped write notices addressed to their parents and circulated them in their respective neighborhoods on behalf of the School. They also helped with the cooking, cleaning of premises including washrooms, with the watering of plants and harvesting of fruits and vegetables grown in the School regularly.

- The children of classes three and above went on many day long excursions to places of natural beauty, government offices, court houses, police stations, banks, NGOs, nurseries, and artisans workshops on their bicycles during the year. During these trips they learnt to take care of each other and their bicycles, to dialogue with people outside the School and to understand the nature of work happening in the neighborhood. They also went on two long excursions to New Delhi, Kausani and Sevagram during September and December 2013. Some parents also went along on these excursions to provide the required adult presence. During these two trips, the children had a close look at the Gandhian way of life, learnt to spin cotton yarn on the charkha, discovered a new terrain that was covered with pine and was adorned by the beauty of the Himalayas, witnessed the pain and violence in living on the streets, the ironical complications of ostentatious lifestyles, the challenges of being a commercial sex worker or her child, of earning a living by picking pockets, visited a few places of historical interest, saw how television programs are made, and even endured the boredom of waiting endlessly for a disinterested politician.
- 60 children now study in the School and the School has reached its capacity. Going forward, the School plans to admit new children only when existing children leave after completing their schooling or for other reasons.
- In order to ensure that children studying in the School do not have to abandon their formal education soon after completing school due to their financial circumstances, the Trust has planned to implement a scholarship scheme for the students of the School. The scheme envisages making annual contributions into Public Provident Fund accounts proposed to be opened in the names of the students. The funds will be available to the students when they become majors and could be used to pay for college expenses or for making initial investments in entrepreneurial ventures. The Trust will need to raise substantial funds over the next few years towards the scholarship scheme.
- 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.
- The distribution of donations received by Akanksha across donors including donors to the corpus during the financial year 2013-14 is as follows.

Amount of donation (Rupees)	Individuals	Foundations and Trusts	Others	Resident	Non- resident
< 5000	3	-	-	3	-
5000 – 100,000	5	1		6	-
> 100,000	-	1	-	1	-
Donations in kind	1	-	-	1	-
Total	11	2	-	11	-

The average value of monetary donation received during the year ended on March 31, 2013 was Rs 91,600.

➤ Members of the staff and volunteers as of March 31, 2014 were as follows:

Employees

Gautam Ram Sethiya

Milan Ram Baghel

Volunteers

Nandini Joshi

Seema Joshi

Suvarna Vaze

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Abridged Financial Statements

BALANCE SHEET AS AT MARCH 31, 2014

	Schedule	As at March 31	
		2014 (Rupees)	2013 (Rupees)
Sources of Funds			
Corpus		88000	88000
Surplus		1652647	1813680
TOTAL		1740647	1901680
Application of Funds			
Fixed Assets		55544	55544
Current Assets			
Tax deducted at source		3550	10686
Cash and Bank Balances	1	1667553	1827450
Loans and Advances	2	14000	8000
TOTAL		1740647	1901680
Significant Accounting Policies And Notes to the Accounts	7		

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

	Schedule	For the year ended March 31	
		2014 (Rupees)	2013 (Rupees)
Income			
Donations Received	3	916000	843000
Interest on Bank Accounts	4	126180	138308
Excess of Expenditure over Income		161033	718840
TOTAL		1203213	1700148
Expenditure			
Expenditure in connection with the objects of the Trust	5	1203213	1700148
Add: Balance brought forward from the previous year		1813680	2532520
Balance carried to the Balance Sheet		1652647	1813680

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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 29, 2014

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2014

	Schedule	For the year ended March 31	
		2014 (Rupees)	2013 (Rupees)
Sources of Funds			
Donations Received	3	916000	843000
Interest on Bank Accounts	4	126180	138308
TOTAL		1042180	981308
Application of Funds			
Expenditure in connection with the objects of the Trust	5	1203213	1700148
Increase or (Decrease) in Net Current Assets	6	(161033)	(718840)
TOTAL		1042180	981308

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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 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, Thiruvanmiyur, 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, 2014 are given in the table below.

Name	Age	Sex	Position on Board	Occupation	Area of Competence	Meetings Participated
Khodadad Moradian	60	M	Chairman	Business and financial consulting	Business reengineering	2/2
Oswin Thayal	43	M	Trustee	Medical practice and business	Medicine and medical diagnostics	2/2
Prayaag Joshi	49	M	Trustee	Learning and teaching	Finance and education	2/2

- Akanksha's Board of Trustees met twice in FY 2013-14 on April 3, 2013 and October 15, 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.

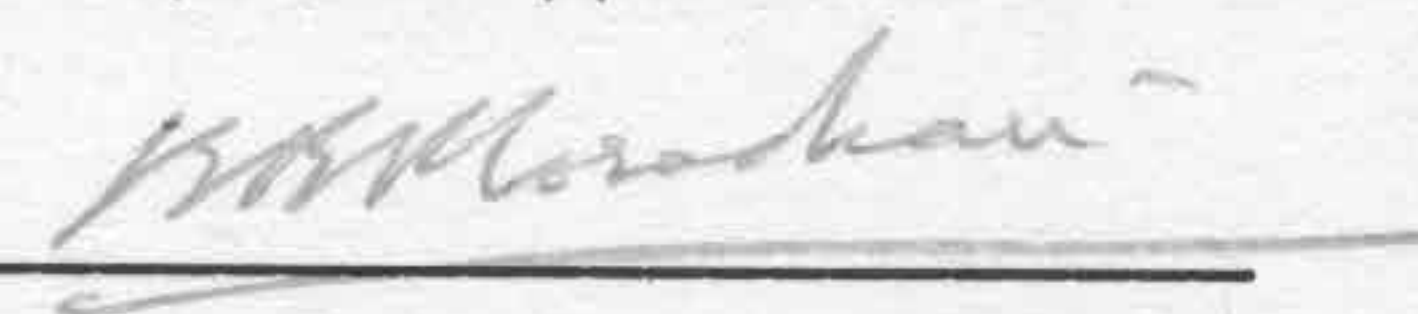
ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- 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 2013-14.
- All staff members are issued letters of employment and draw equal remuneration, linked to their hours of work. The remuneration drawn by the highest paid staff member as on March 31, 2014 was Rs 7000 per month and that drawn by the lowest paid staff member who works part time was Rs 5250 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
Male	1	1	-

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

- No paid members of staff draw monthly gross salary and benefits that are less than Rs 5000. The average salary is Rs 6125 and the median salary is Rs 6125. The remuneration drawn by the Executive Head is zero.
- The total cost of National Travel by all members of the Board was Rs 13740, by all staff (including volunteers, independent consultants, etc) was Rs nil and by beneficiaries was Rs 167192. 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 29, 2014