



Tiljala SHED



Sponsor a Child

**Tiljala Society for Human
and Educational
Development**

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Educational Sponsorship Program for Destitute Girls and Boys



Aim: To provide opportunity through educational support to **50** vulnerable boys and girls

Background: Over the last 20 years, Tiljala SHED has been administering a similar program but for girls only. This has been funded by the Italian NGO, AIDOS, and has been a great success providing girls with an education up to degree level and the skills necessary for them to support themselves and their families. However, there are many more girls wishing to enter the sponsorship program than the AIDOS contribution can support. Tiljala SHED also wants to find similar funding to support boys.

Because of the recent (and understandable) bias towards the girl child in funding, it is common to see girls from the bustees attending college, but extremely rare for boys. With poor employment prospects for illiterate or poorly educated boys, they are vulnerable to drugs, crime and other social evils. Moreover, the educated slum girls are still most likely to marry poor boys from the slums and the education differential between them can be a cause for family strife.

Project Activities:

Aside from attending school and higher education, the sponsored children will have opportunities to attend occasional workshops on Tiljala Shed premises and the girls will be encouraged to make use of facilities and activities at the **Gyan Azhar Library** (a resource centre dedicated to girls). Boys will be provided with outlets such as sport and computer training courses. There are staff members and volunteers on hand to provide the mentoring and moral and educational support that the young people need. There are regular classes in English, computer studies and other practical vocational skills alongside special Mathematics and Science classes as these are the subjects where more than 90% of the students face hardship. Health checks and nutritional support and advice are intrinsic in the programme as are the necessary maintenance expenses to enable the young people to avail themselves of their education.



Monitoring and Evaluation:

The program will be monitored by Tiljala SHED and the progress of each student will be closely followed.

Direct Costs per Beneficiary: per child

Yearly Requirements:

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| 1. Books | Rs. 1500 |
| 2. 2 sets of uniforms | Rs. 600 |
| 3. School bag, shoes & water bottle: | Rs. 600 |

Monthly Requirements:

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| 1. Tuition Fees: Rs.600 X 12 months | Rs. 7200 |
| 2. Stationery: Rs.200 X 12 months | Rs. 2400 |
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| | Rs 12,300 |
| | Rs 615,000 |

Other direct costs (whole cohort of 50)

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| 1. Medical | Rs 20,000 |
| 2. Nutrition | Rs 30,000 |
| 3. Maintenance assistance | Rs 400,000 |
| 4. Travel | Rs 17,000 |

Indirect costs per annum

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| 1. Administration Costs | Rs 72,000 |
| 2. Training and excursions | Rs 36,000 |
| 3. Staff costs | Rs 170,000 |

Total for 50 beneficiaries : Rs.1,360,000 per annum

**Sponsor One Child
for
Rs 2300 per month**

Project Duration:

Because educating a child takes a number of years, we are looking for donors to take on a child for a minimum of three years



About Tiljala SHED

- Tiljala SHED is a grassroots voluntary organisation working in the slums and squatter camps of Kolkata since 1987
- Tiljala SHED is committed to
 - the welfare of at risk children
 - reproductive and child health
 - the empowerment of women
 - residential care for particularly vulnerable children
 - literacy
 - microfinance

Background

The communities where Tiljala SHED works live in the slums and squatter camps alongside the railways and nullahs in central east Kolkata: in Tiljala, Topsia, Tangra, Narkeldanga and Park Circus. They are mostly Muslim and migrants from rural areas of West Bengal and other states. Many are employed in the rag picking industry, collecting, sorting and trading waste; others are rickshaw pullers or poorly paid pieceworkers; stitching and trimming footwear are common occupations.

These communities suffer from illiteracy, a lack of social and financial security and violation of human rights. Poor community organisation leads to low levels of socio-economic participation and an inability to access government support. Family cohesion is threatened by drugs, alcohol, violence and exploitation.

Tiljala SHED's Activities

- Participation in the National Child Labour Project. 50 children engaged in hazardous jobs are being prepared for mainstreaming into formal schooling.
- Providing alternative livelihoods through access to micro-finance
- Solid Waste Collection from corporates, business houses, amusement parks, residential housing complex ensuring better livelihood for the Rag Pickers.
- Sponsoring Girls Education
- Vocational Training – beautician and tailoring
- Food distribution at festivals and at regular intervals throughout the year
- Open shelters for street children and children in difficult circumstances
- Running a community library and information centre for the girls in the slum
- Spearheading the activities of the Association of Rag Pickers of Calcutta-a registered legal body for the empowerment of the Rag Pickers community
- Running a residential home for the most at risk children especially rag pickers children
- Strong advocacy, lobbying and media network for strengthening the Rag Pickers movement and other vulnerable communities
- Interface with government functionaries, political leaders with the beneficiaries
- Working with NGOs and civil society to ensure a child's Right to Education
- Supporting the formation and administration of Self Help Groups, Credit Interest Groups and linking them with banks



Due Diligence – all documents available on request

- Registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1961
Registration number S/73815 dated 28.06.1993
- FCRA Registration
- 12A
- 80G Tax exemption
- Full set of audited accounts available on request for the last 9 years

Management

- Md.Shafkat Alam
- Md.Alamgir
- Anirban Mitra

Bank Details

Union Bank of India
DR S M Avenue Branch
33/1 Dr S M Avenue
Kolkata 700014
West Bengal

FCRA Bank A/C

Number:301402010007078
Branch code: 530140
SWIFT code: UBININBBOCL
IFSC Code: UBIN0530140

Auditors

Mohamed Shuja & co
Chartered Accountants
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Online Donations

www.smallchange.ngo/ngos/tiljala-shed/

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