

Project-1

The Love Trust, Wardha, Vidharbha

Preamble

Many of the children who reach adoption agencies, are those who have been abandoned by their parents/guardians. A distinct section of such children are those who are severely mentally- challenged. Most adoption agencies are not equipped to provide any of the facilities that such children require. As a result, the quality of care is far from the required standards. There are about 10 such children spread across the agencies that CSA supports.

The Love Trust, Wardha, in Vidharbha, Maharashtra, has mentally-challenged children. They have the space and the wherewithal to create and run, a separate facility for 10 such children except that they need to be assured of some ongoing funding support. In keeping with CSA's objective of enhancing the quality of child care while the child remains institutionalized, we have agreed to participate jointly with TLT, to create a special facility for such children.

Objectives

To create a special facility for mentally challenged children from Adoption agencies in Maharashtra.

Project start

Year 2008

Participating agencies

CSA-supported agencies in Maharashtra

Salient Features

1. The facility will be located at TLT and will house approximately 10 children (to begin with).
2. In addition to children in TLT, similarly handicapped children from other agencies will, with the permission of the Commissioner, WCD, Government of Maharashtra, be moved into this facility.
3. CSA will offer one-time assistance in setting up the facility in addition to a monthly maintenance fee per child for a period of 2 years.
4. The entire operational responsibility including compliance with Government/Statutory regulation will be the responsibility of TLT. TLT will set up the infrastructure, staffing and other requirements and be responsible for the day-to-day running of the facility.

Estimated (CSA) Costs

Year I	Rs. 3,58,000.00
Year II	Rs. 2.60.000.00

Sponsorship

One-time costs have been donated by Chandrasekhar Potnis, CEO,and an ex-Kaleite. Recurring costs will be met from Give India Funds.

Progress

The project proposal has been sent to the WCD, Government of Maharashtra for clearance.