

Direct Support against Poverty in India

Concept "Vidya Ratna" Scholarship-Program for migrant children in India

Location Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India, a township near by New Delhi.

Partner organization in India

SADRAG NGO

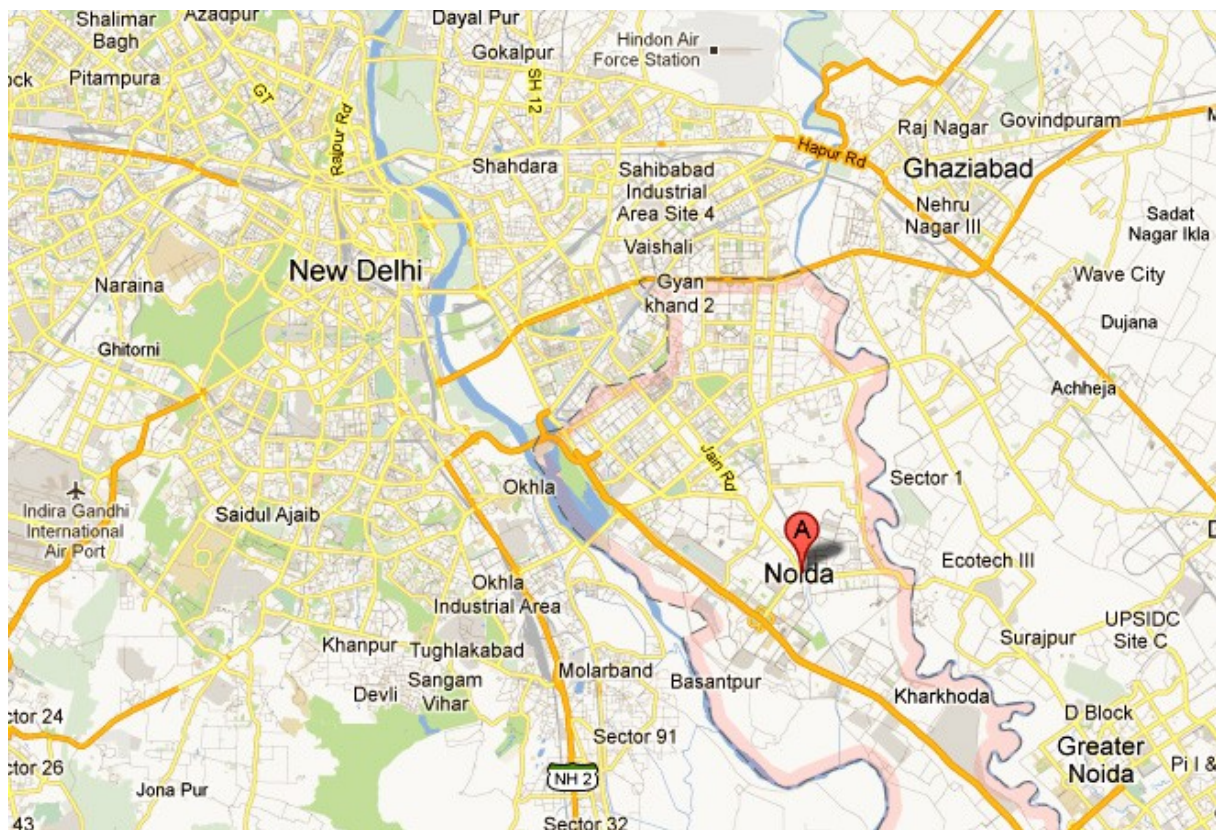
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Short description

Aim of the project is to help with a scholarship program poor immigrant's children to visit a good school. (Noida Public senior secondary school) This is essential for any further professional training.

Problem and aim

Though, in India, going to school is compulsory, not all children go to school. The Government schools, which you can find in the big towns can be visited without school fees, but they aren't good. Teachers aren't well educated. Perhaps also because the salary is low they aren't motivated. Almost all professional educations require English language knowledge.

A good school is to free the children from life long unskilled work.

Target group:



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Children from poor parents with migrant or rural background, who are sufficient gifted to visit a good school.

Parents are mostly from first generation of migrants from Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and west Bengalen. 90% are living permanent in Noida. Some of them are from Bangladesh.

Involved organizations und persons

Noon will implement the project together with the Indian partner organization SADRAG, which is since years working in Noida to mainstream children (Ugta Suraj program), who don't go to regular school. Noon is working since years together with SADRAG's Ugta Suraj program. Noon members visited regularly the project in New Delhi.

The initiator and director of all the activities of SADRAG is the sociologist Dr. Mala Bhandari. She will be our contact person and responsible for the new project.



Noon is collecting donations in Switzerland for the education of children in India. Projects are realized together with Indian NGOs. Within the noon organization Adrian Plattner, who was several years president of noon, is responsible for the Scholarship program.

Extent:

The project is at the moment planed for a group of 16 children (6 - 15 years old). They come from SADRAG's Ugta Suraj project. Program could be extended in future.

Foreseen minimum duration of project:

SADRAG's aim is to support the children up to 12th standard. Noon.ch commit oneself to pay for 5 years. Such a guaranty is important, because the sudden stop of the program would be a big damage for the children.

Cost:

Rough cost plan per student:

Uniform, shoes, schoolbag	3.500 INR
books and stationary	3.000 INR
School fee	3.500 INR
Total	10.000 INR

As the school fee and the cost for uniform and books increase with the age, the cost isn't the same for all the children. In addition to it, Mrs. Bhandari tries to get special conditions for the group. Mrs. Bhandari will put the money from noon in a separate fund from which the school fee and the other expenses will be paid.

Cost for administration will be 1000 INR per month which is 12.000INR per year.

Every year noon will get a billing for the expenses. The receipts we can see, when we visit SADRAG.

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The content of noon-SADRAG agreement, which we have for Ugta Suraj program, is the same for Vidya Ratna program. Agreement Vidya Ratna is attached.

Budget for 16 children per year	160.000 INR
Administration cost	12.000 INR
172.000 INR is per march 2013	3.000 Swiss Fr
Per 5 years	15.000 Swiss Fr

Sektoren der Schule, der Organisation SADRAG und seiner Lerning Center in Noida

