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GENERAL INFORMATION:

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Education Support and Empowering 100 Girl Children



1. Summary of the proposal

Kidpower is working with the 10- 15 schools in Visakhapatnam providing scholarships to poor girl children and empowering the children through trainings. Many parents in the slums send their children to low cost private schools with the belief that education will help the children have better future. However in some cases the family is unable to pay the fees and as a result the children have to drop out of school. Usually if the family has more children then the girl child is the first to drop. It is also observed that the girl children face more abusive situation because of cultural factors and there is a need to empower the children. Kidpower provide training to the child to be courageous and confident.



Setting boundaries for touch

2. Kidpower: Aims, Objectives and Approach

Kidpower aims for empowerment of children and teenagers against all forms of exploitation or abuse and to protect child rights and basic rights guaranteed under our constitution and various laws.

The main objectives are:

- Empowerment of children and teenagers against all forms of exploitation or abuse by enhancing their skills for self-protection, getting help and advocating for others
- Increase safety and mobility of children and teenagers by creating a supportive environment
- Focus on children in difficult situations
- Take up media related activities to achieve our aim

The Kidpower Approach is fun, not fear. With as much joy and empowerment as possible! In our work with children, we:

- Lead age-appropriate role-plays with skill, kindness, and humour.
 - Create opportunities to “learn by doing” while having fun and
 - laughing.
 - Teach people how to be both respectful and powerful in asking for what they want.
- Focus on positive, practical solutions that people can use to stop or get away from trouble as quickly as possible. Use upbeat language that is skill based, not fear-based. To give just one example, we teach “stranger safety,” not “stranger danger.”

“We enjoyed Kidpower training. We now know how to protect ourselves and speak confidently with outside people”
– A child participant

“Providing scholarship to poor and deserving girl children is very necessary. It helps keeps the child in school and have bright future.”
– School Principal



3. Proposed Program

The main activities in the program are scholarship for girl children and Kidpower training workshops on child safety for the girl children.

a. Scholarship for girl children

Kidpower believes scholarships for poor deserving students are a sound investment for the future generation. Kidpower pays an education fee of Rs 3000 and then provides school uniform, books, bag etc to the children. James Tootely in his book, 'The beautiful Tree' prescribes a similar approach to educate the poor children and calls it 'targeted vouchers for the poorest'.

Kidpower supports poor girl children through a network of schools catering to the slum children in Visakhapatnam. Kidpower along with the school management identifies children (10-20 children per school) who are dropping out of school because of poor financial situation. Then Kidpower staff / volunteers visit the houses of the child to ascertain the family situation and the need for the family. The school management provides a volunteer teacher who will help Kidpower to setup the program in school.

The school fee is paid directly to the school. Kidpower staff makes regular visits to the school and home to ensure the child does not drop out of school and is motivated to do well in her education. Kidpower has supported/ identified 200 children from more than 15 schools and has provided scholarships.

Case study 1:

Roshini is 12 years old and is studying 6th class. She is clever and healthy child. She studies well and when she grows up her ambition is to become a teacher.

Roshini's father left the family 3 years ago. From then, Roshini's mother only is looking after the family. She works as a cook in a nearby household. She cooks and does some other works for an old couple and gets 3000 rupees monthly. Out of this, Rs. 750/- is paid towards rent. She said that, she did not study enough to get better paid, nor her parents are in a position to get support from. Out of non affordability, she is thinking to change the children to the govt. school.

Kidpower team identified Roshini and the need to support her to continue her education. Roshini school fees were paid and she will also receive education material (school uniform, book, bag etc.).



Case study 2:

Suchitra is 13 years old. She is studying 7th class in B.V.K.School, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Suchitra is a healthy and clever girl. She told us that she likes to listening to music and singing. Her ambition is to become a lawyer.

Suchitra has an elder sister, Vasanthalakshmi, who finished class 10. They are all 4 members in the family. Both her parents do sweeping work. Their income is low. It is also learnt that the girl father is addicted to drinking and does not spend his share of income to house expenditure. Low income combined with drinking habit of father is proving to be an obstacle for achieving the girl's education.



Kidpower team identified Suchitra and the need to support her to continue her education. Her school fee was not paid properly and there is a danger that she might have to drop out of school. Kidpower paid Suchitra school fees with your support and she also received education material (school uniform, book, bag etc.).

Case study 3:

Jayasri is 6 years old and is studying 1st standard at Little Stars E.M. School, Chinnagadili. Jayasri's father died two years back. Since then Jayasri's mother is the only supporter of the family. Jayasri's mother does tailoring to make living and she earns around 3000 rupees a month. This is not sufficient to meet all the financial requirements of the family.

Jayasri is healthy and clever. She likes dancing and playing with her friends. She also likes to watch television. Kidpower team identified Jayasri and the need to support her to continue her education. Jayasri school fees were paid and she will also receive education material (school uniform, book, bag etc.).



b. Kidpower Training Workshops

KIDPOWER workshops focus on the power children have to think, move, and use their voices in order to stay safe. Children have the opportunity to practice using this power in role-play situations that allow them to rehearse dealing with challenges immediately relevant to their everyday lives. Our workshops are designed to be hands-on, short, upbeat, effective, and emotionally and physically safe. The workshops are tailored to the ages and life situations of the children. The KIDPOWER workshops are focused at children from 6 to 14 years old. The workshops include practicing physical self defence skills on a kick pad. Below are pictures from BVK School training:

		
Children participated actively in the training	When you are closed down it is difficult to see what is happening around!	Throwing hurtful words in kidpower trash can!
		
Setting boundary with voice and body!	Setting boundary for physical touch!	Practicing physical skills on kick pad!

4. Feedback – Monitoring and Evaluation

The director of KIDPOWER India will be responsible for monitoring, management, process documentation, reports and financial matters. Feedbacks will be given in timely fashion. Feedbacks include photos and case study of the girl child. There will be a half yearly update.

5. Budget

The proposed budget is as follow:

S.No	Description	INR	\$	Units	Total
1	School Fees of the girl child	3500	63	100	6300
2	Uniform, bag, books and education material	1000	18	100	1800
3	Kidpower training and mentoring	560	10	100	1000
	Total Budget				9100