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# SAMBHALI SAMBAL CENTRE

## Children Education Project

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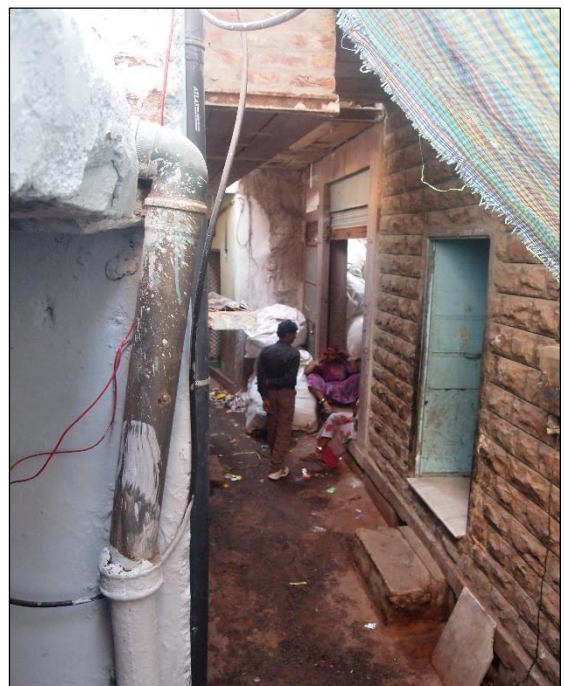
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## The Need

Bhil Basti in Sojati Gate Jodhpur is an area of brick built dwellings, narrow streets with overcrowding due to the large families that live there in one or two rooms. The children are part of the Dalit rag-picking community who try to scratch a living, whilst their fathers are mostly labourers and their mothers are at home or out gathering rubbish to sell. 4 local young men who also live in this area, have taken it upon themselves to help provide the local children with an education. These young men were the first in their community to go to school and one of them, Prabhat Bheel, is now a science teacher with ambitions to be an English teacher. Having succeeded themselves, their aim is to help all the children in that area to get an education and after about 12 months of teaching the children alone, they have now contacted Sambhali Trust for help.

These families have between 3-10 children in each family, the vast majority having 4-5 children. There are about 300 children living in this slum area in total, of which 50 have been encouraged to go to school by Prabhat and his team. The other children have to work or help in the house. In 2014, Prabhat decided to help those children who were illiterate by teaching them Hindi; this has since grown to 66 children, 40 of whom now also go to school. They are aged between 3-15 years old, so there is a large age range.

They have been granted some space for their classes in a temple where the children can be taught. They have 3 rooms and a store room to put their equipment for which they needed to pay rent. Sambhali Trust has been asked to develop these classes to give the children a good education and provide the centre with the resources it needs.

## How Sambhali Trust can help

Sambhali Trust has been empowering women and children since 2007 and has 16 projects running including 7 empowerment centres in Jodhpur and the rural area of Setrawa. These centres provide tuition in Hindi, English, Maths and workshops on general knowledge topics as well as a vocational training in Sewing and Embroidery. Sambhali would be able to use its resources to provide teachers, volunteers, funding and equipment to successfully run this new centre in Sojati Gate for these 66 children. The new centre has now been called **Sambal Centre**.



## Sambal Centre

At present there are 66 children in the centre, 30 boys and 36 girls all aged between 3-15 years of age. We would like to run educational classes and workshops until the children reach 16 years old, or they have completed 10<sup>th</sup> Grade at school. After an initial period of successfully running the centre for 12 months, if then we were able to find larger premises, we would like to teach more children from this very poor community in an increased number of classes.

### Aims of the Sambal Centre

1. To make sure all children attending the centre are literate in Hindi.
  2. To provide tuition in English to those children already attending school
  3. To provide tuition in Maths to enable the children to understand basic arithmetic
  4. To provide general educational workshops on a variety of topics.
  5. To provide workshops for older children (13 yrs+) to discuss employment, work opportunities, provide contacts for when they leave the centre and/or school at 16 years old +.
  6. To provide workshops on nutrition, sanitation, health and hygiene
  7. To provide medical check-ups; eye-tests, dental checks
  8. Provide vaccinations where appropriate under medical advice
  9. To monitor the child's health and well-being, their food intake and provide dietary supplements such as snacks and fruit on a weekly basis.
- In addition to this, we will be encouraging all children in the centre to attend school, (at present about 40 go to school) and find out if we can help with the circumstances that are preventing these children from going to school.
  - We will look at the wider community issues and aim to provide workshops on a range of health topics including women's health by having medical professionals providing workshops on a regular basis.
  - We would be encouraging the wider community to also send their children to school by holding forums to discuss the value of education.



## Aims and Objectives

<b>Goal 1: To provide tuition in Hindi, Maths and English</b>		
<b>Aims</b>	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>To teach Literacy in Hindi</b>	To provide tuition in Hindi at different levels of ability to ensure all children can read, write and converse in Hindi.	12 months
<b>To teach basic Maths</b>	Teach basic arithmetic; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; fractions. Dealing with money; units of measurements.	12 months
<b>To teach English</b>	To teach English using visual aids and role-play; alphabet, numbers, days of week, months of year, progressing to be able to read and write phrases/sentences and use them in conversation concentrating on daily activities.	12 months

<b>Goal 2: To provide General Educational workshops</b>		
<b>Aims</b>	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
<b>To provide a variety of educational workshops</b>	With the help of volunteers we will provide workshops on a variety of topics covering a broad base of subjects including Indian history, geography and creative workshops.	12 months
<b>To provide workshops for older children (13+) regarding employment</b>	To discuss what the children would do to gain employment when they leave the centre or school at 16+. How would they gain work/what sort of work/ qualifications required? Talks given by various people in a variety of employment to give options and how to make applications.	As necessary
<b>To provide workshops on Health topics</b>	Health and Hygiene (sanitation, personal care, cleaning teeth, washing hair); nutrition	12 months

**Goal 3: To provide health check-ups (this will be fundraised separately)**

Aims	Objectives	Timeline
To provide medical check-ups	To arrange for doctors to provide medical check-ups for the children 1x year. Any resulting treatment would need to be assessed as to where the funding could come from	annual
To provide eye-tests and dental check-ups	To provide eye-tests through <b>Shared Vision</b> in Jodhpur and provide glasses as necessary. To provide dental check-ups on a yearly basis and free treatment as necessary.	annual
To provide vaccinations	Under medical advice, to arrange for necessary vaccinations to be given	Within 4 months
To provide educational assessments for special needs	Where there are obvious signs of developmental delay in children to enlist the resources of an educational psychologist	As necessary
To monitor childrens' health and well-being	Monitor child's weight, dietary intake. Provide fruits and snacks on a weekly basis	Weekly

**Goal 4: To provide educational workshops and forums for the local community (adults)**

Aims	Objectives	Timeline
To encourage all children to attend school	Provide forums to discuss the value of education at school and encourage discussion as to reasons preventing this.	Ongoing
To provide health education	A wide variety of health topics including women's health/HIV awareness/family planning/nutrition in pregnancy from medical professionals	1 x month



**Funding Needs**

Since 28 September 2015, Sambhali Trust has been providing classes after school for 2 hours from 5.00-7.00pm, Monday to Friday. We have a Hindi tutor, Vimlesh Solanki who is teaching Hindi to about 27 children together with 3 volunteers who are teaching English and Maths to 39 children. The English classes are mixed ability and so are divided into 3 classes, Beginners, Medium and Advanced. Prabhat and his team of 3 helpers assist with the teaching throughout as well as teaching in the Centre on Saturdays when they provide further classes for the children.

Approximately 30 of the 66 children go to school during the day-time which means that we need to provide the classes in the evening. There are 3 rooms in the temple for 3 groups and the smallest group (Advanced Beginners) only has 4 children in it and need to work on the stairs as there is no other space available. One extra lockable room is rented to store all the equipment inside.

With reference to our aims for the project we require funding for 2 tutors and basic classroom equipment, stationery and visual aids to teach English, Hindi and Maths and provide the educational and creative workshops. We would also like to provide all the children in the Centre with fruits and snacks once a week and provide them with an outing on a periodic basis (eg a picnic at Mandore Gardens). We would also like to incorporate the services of Medical doctors for health check-ups and dental check-ups for the children, as well as providing vaccinations and eye-sight tests, but these will be fundraised for separately to this proposal.

Looking at the wider community, as the project progresses we would like to provide discussion forums to provide information on the value of education and health topics and could enlist the services of some local professional people who could speak on their particular expertise.

**FUNDING REQUEST**

We would like to request a grant for the amount of: **469618 Indian Rupees** for the operating costs of providing a basic education for approximately 70 children for 12 months.

