



Upgrading School Infrastructure for quality
Education to the children living in the remote
rural areas, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India



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Project Aim:	To provide better educational facilities to rural students; to Improve the quality of education.
Location:	Holy Queen's Matric School, Avarampalayam, TN, India
Amount Requested:	₹ 24,22,795 (Twenty Four Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Five Only)
Amount Requested:	USD 34928.22

1. Title of the Project

Upgrading School Infrastructure for quality Education to the children living in the remote rural areas studying in Holy Queen's School run by GREAT Trust, Avarampalayam, Vellore, Tamil Nadu.

2. Name of the Agency Applying for Grant:

GREAT Trust is a registered charitable trust working for the welfare of the rural communities for the last twenty years in Vellore District, Tamil Nadu, India. Multi facet social welfare programs, as given under, are implemented, based on the needs, for holistic development of the rural communities.

- Children education
- Community health
- Women Empowerment
- Capacity Building
- Relief & Rehabilitation services



GREAT Trust believes that there is no better way to pull a child out of a life of poverty than through education. Child education is one of the main programs of GREAT Trust. It established a school in Avarampalayam village where there is Dalits and Gysies living around the area. With the support of qualified and trained teachers, comprehensive education is provided for holistic development of the children comes from remote rural villages.

The proposed project seeks support to upgrade school infrastructure run by GREAT Trust, to extend its services to more children in one of the district in Tamil Nadu, India, where Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes accounted for 21.85% and 1.85% of the population respectively.

Project Description

Conducive learning environment is very essential to learning and this must be ensured for all children of school age. This school has insufficient and broken desks and chairs, damaged flooring in classrooms, lack of water and sanitation etc. This project aims to providing tables, desks and chairs, water and sanitation facilities for pupil and teachers to ensure quality educational environment. The school is located in rural area that is connected to public electric power supply. The project will be carried out in phases until all classrooms are fully equipped.

5. Beneficiaries

Young children, aged below 16 years old, belonged to socio-economically vulnerable families, especially SC/ST/ MBC such as dalits, gypsies will be benefited from the proposed project. The pupils and teachers of the school are the direct beneficiaries.

a) Project Rationale: GREAT Trust has been working in this area nearly 2 decades. The main focus was on holistic development of the local communities. We have been providing quality Education, Technical Education, Health development, Women Empowerment, Socio-Economic Upliftment, Community Development Services particularly to the ignorant people of undeveloped remote villages to make them better citizens irrespective of caste, religion and sex.

The school established on 15th June 2000. The school sprawls over a serene and hygienic campus of 1 acre 14 cent with a built-up area of 8655.71 square feet. At present, the school has been teaching from LKG (Lower Kinder Garden) to 8th standard and is expected to upgrade upto 10th standard.

Currently 150 children studying and those who are coming from surrounding 40 villages, It is expected to reach 500 children in the next few years period. In order to upgrade the school infrastructure will help for existing students for comfortable learning as well as to accommodate expected new students in the years to come. GREAT Trust proposes to upgrade infrastructure in the existence school building campus.

b) Project Location:

The school is located in Avarampalayam village of Vellore taluk in Vellore district, Tamil Nadu, India. The nearest town is Vellore at a distance of 14 kms.

c) Proposed Activities:

1. **CLASSROOM DESK AND CHAIRS:** The children and the teachers will be saved the ordeal of sitting on the floor or broken furniture. To provide better educational facilities to students; to improve the quality of education.
2. **FLOOR TILES:** The floor tiles to be installed and make sure a non damaged and clean environment.
3. **REPLACE THE BROKEN DOORS:** Replace the broken doors, windows to make sure the safety of the school campus.
4. **UPGRADATION OF EXISTING WATER TAPS PIPES AND PLUMBING:** Replace the old electrical lines and water tapes. Ensuring the existing water points in the school for drinking. Ensuring the overall quality of water for drinking, personal hygiene and cleaning is safe for the purpose intended.
5. **OVERHEAD STORAGE TANK:** The sourced water needs to be stored in hygienic tanks enclosed in a specially designed facility to preserve the quality of the water and maintenance of the tanks to ensure better upkeep. The tanks should be of good quality and large enough to store water for daily drinking, hand washing and toilet use.
6. **CONSTRUCT TOILETS:** Existing toilets for boys and girls are a decade old and there are long queues at toilet facilities during the class breaks. There is a need for construction of additional toilets with urinals, water closets, wash basins and toilet accessories.

7. **CONSTRUCTION OF PITS:** Ensuring the wastewater drainage system is correctly designed and built for better collection, transmission and disposal of sanitary sewage, sanitary solid waste and storm water which has been the need of the hour.
8. **CHILDREN'S PLAY PARK:** Playgrounds provide a place for "full body" workouts that include exercises to strengthen the arms, legs, torso, shoulders, and so on. Daily exercise in a playground can do wonders for reducing the risks of obesity or helping a child to lose weight. Physical activity also stimulates brain activity, and improves circulation to the blood vessels in the brain. This brings water, oxygen, and glucose to the brain at a higher rate than it does to the brain of the sedentary child.
9. **UPGRADATION OF ELECTRICAL LINES:** New cable installation and up gradation of existing old switch and meter boards is also a necessary requirement.
10. **PAINTING WORKS:** Painting works to be carried out the entire school building.

d) Expected Results:

- Expected to reach 500 children in the next few years period and will ongoing...
- The children will be saved the ordeal of sitting on the floor or broken furniture to receive lessons; Children will concentrate better and obtain better results in the tests and examinations.
- The teachers will have a better environment for imparting knowledge.
- The communities will have better equipped schools and parents will have happier and more education responsive children.
- The proposed school up gradation expected to enable the school to accommodate the new admission.
- It will ensure better educational facilities to students with hygienically environment;
- The up gradation will increase the achievement level of the students/pupils and teachers.
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- Empower the community through education and minimize gender disparity in the stipulation of basic education, by working on affirmative action with the community.
- Build the spirit of community service and good citizenship among future generations.
- Promote Personal Integrity, Multi-cultural awareness and tolerance through education.

7. How do we implement the project?

The school team consists of 12 teachers and 7 non-teaching staff will look after the process. However, for up gradation purpose, GREAT Trust proposed to engage carry out the task of up gradation with local skilled and non-skilled labourers.

Existing Infrastructure



Our School Students



Broken Desk and Chairs



Damaged Floor



Classroom without

ESTIMATED BUDGET

S.No	Nature of Work	Description	Estimated Cost (INR)
1	Students Desks and Chairs	100 sets (Kg to X Std) = 100xRs.5,500	5,50,000
2	Staff Desks and chairs	15 Sets = 15xRs.5000	75,000
3	Office Desks and Chairs	5 Sets = 5xRs.7500	37,500
4	Floor Tiles	12000 sq.ft tiles with labour and material cost	4,24,500
5	Laboratory Equipments	Equipment cost only	1,00,000
6	Class room doors	12 doors = 12xRs.4000	48,000
7	Classroom Windows	12 windows = 12xRs.4500	54,000
8	Blackboards	10 boardsxRs.2500	25,000
9	Construction of Toilets (Boys and Girls)	2 Toilets x Rs.1,98,00 (With Urinal, Water Closet, labour and material cost)	3,96,000
10	Construction of Pits	10 ft pit construction	25,000
11	Children's Play Park (Outdoor)	Slide, Swing, Catterpillar Tunnel, Front Round Table, Mobile Basket, Elephant ...	2,65,547
12	Children's Play Park (indoor)	Giraffe slide (jr) Big Slide Kp, Jumbo Slide, Soft play climbing etc.,	1,25,000
13	Overhead water storage tank	2000 ltr – 2 Tanks x Rs.9600 =	19,200
14	Up gradation of Electrical Lines	Including Material and Labour Cost	1,02,948
14	Painting Works	Including Material, Labour Cost	1,75,100
		Total Cost in INR	24,22,795
		Total Cost in USD	34928.22

