



Thamarai learning centre and sports development A Dream coming true



REAR STAIRCASE & PLAYGROUND VIEWS

THAMARAI AFTER-SCHOOL
ANNAI NAGAR





Thamarai is the Tamil word for lotus flower. We are a project unit based in Tamil Nadu, India part of the Auroville Foundation (functioning under the administrative control of HRD Ministry of Government of India).

Thamarai aims to enable participants to reach their full potential and communities to thrive. The project was co-founded by Kathy Walkling from Australia and Bridget Horkan, Ireland. Today, Bridget manages the project with a local team of 5 full-time people and 13 part-timers supporting a daily playgroup for 32 children, and offering two daily after-schools that provide 110 children with homework support and education programs including language and digital literacy, environmental programs, a natural health care service, alcohol rehabilitation support and community leadership. The projects are based in the most marginalized sections of villages and a unique feature is that many of the children who started in 2006 have now graduated from college and are back working in the project mentoring the next generation of children.

Please see our annual report for a broader spectrum of our work. We have for the past 14 years been operating in free or rented spaces, we are now building a sports and learning center that will host our programs and be a permanent home for the project to ensure the long term sustainability of our work. Please see further below the designs and details of the budget and our request to CAF for support with stage 2 of the development.

Estimates for Thamarai 3 stage Development 2020-2021

Stage	Estimate Rupees	Estimate Dollars	Status
Stage 1	33,04000	46,278	Finance secured, complete by Jan 2021
Stage 2	36,00000	48,873	Pending
Sports ground	5,39000	7,550	Finance secured, complete by Jan 2021

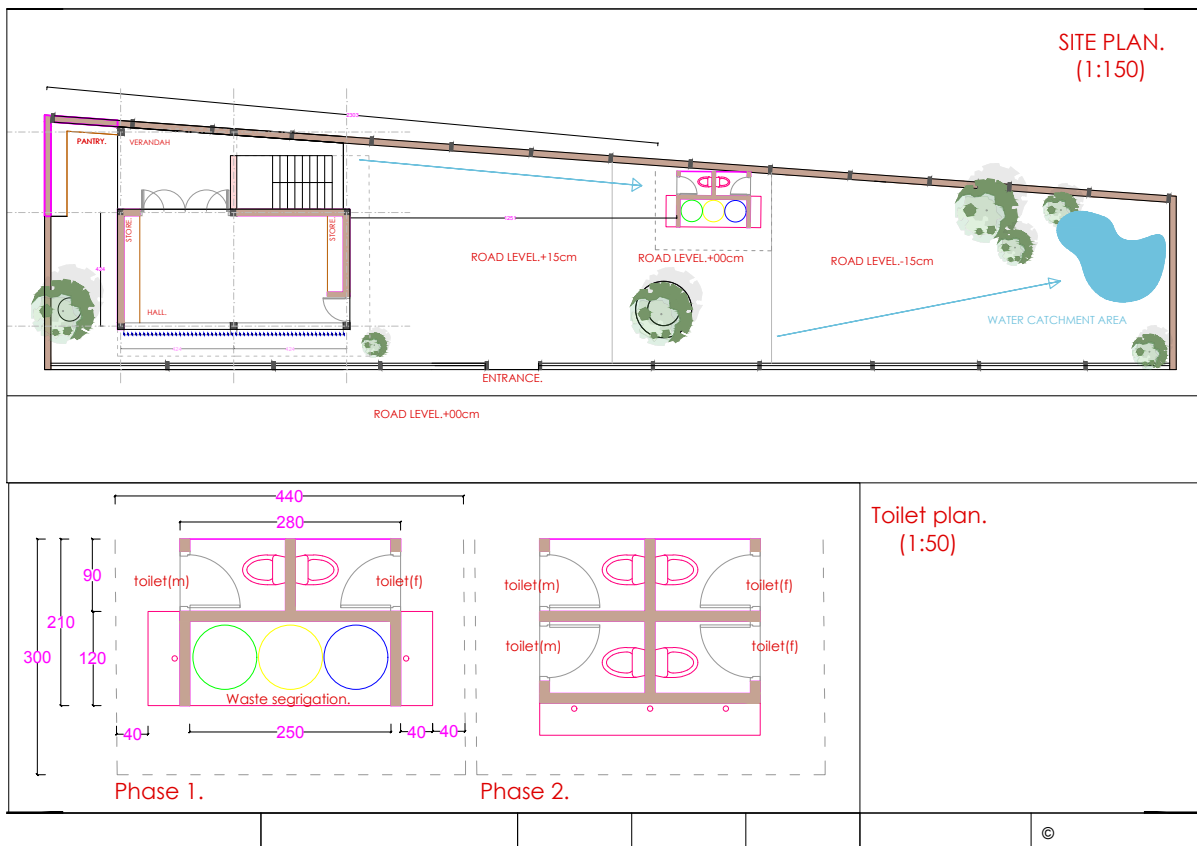
The site

The stewardship of this land, a narrow 200-metre stretch and adjacent open 60 metre long area has been given to us by Auroville Foundation, for the development of activities for this village. This picture below, taken in November 2019 prior to construction, shows the spot where the learning center is being built. The remainder of the land will be

developed as a play area for children, permaculture garden and other activities that the villagers identified as needs and across the road the sports ground is being developed.



Site plan for the Learning Center



Stage 1 and 2



Stage 1 as per 15th November 2020 will be complete 15.01.21

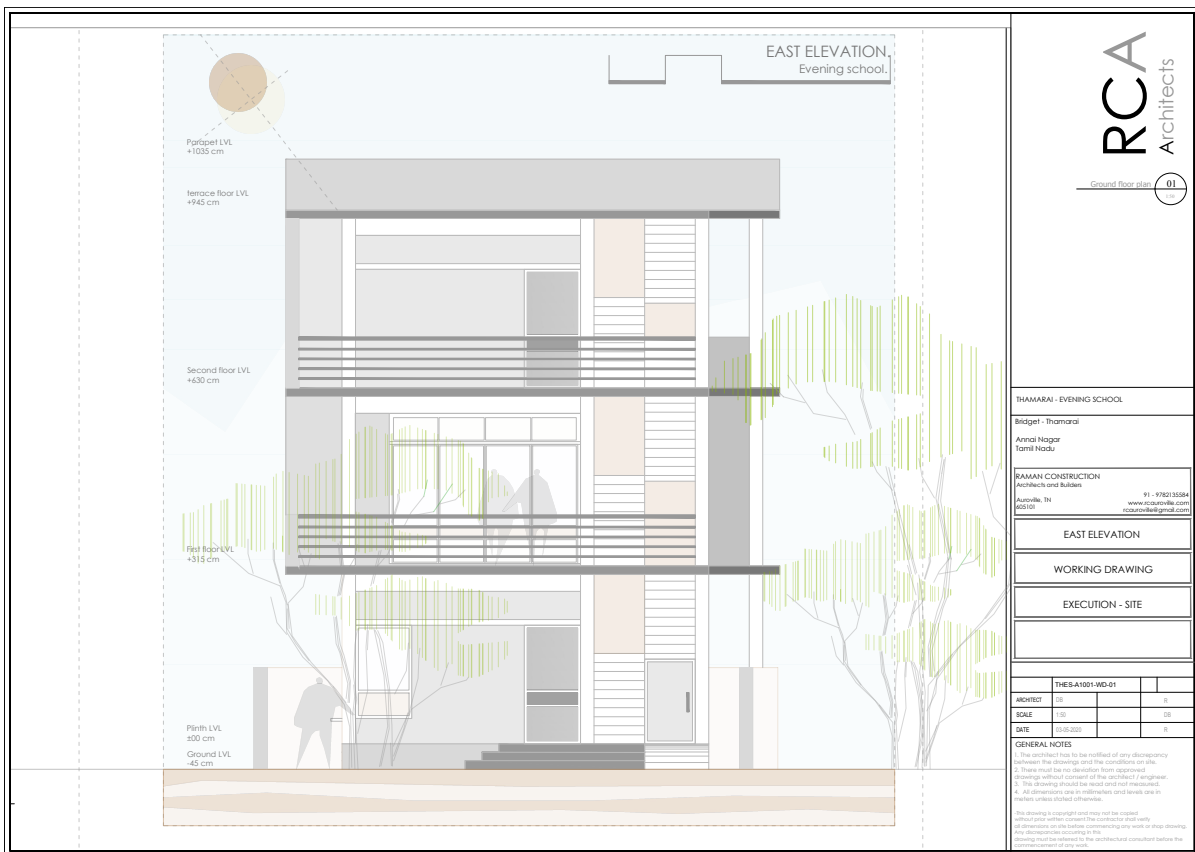




Maximizing light and storage area, windows to be fitted

Phase 2: elevations – the subject of this funding request

Development of the second and third-floor classrooms and open areas with storage shed and disability toilet make up the stage



Estimate Phase 2

Phase 2 Thamarai learning center	1st and 2nd floor classrooms with outdoor areas plus shed and disability toilet	INR ₹	USA\$
Finished 1st floor	RCC frame stucture with CSEB walls, wooden enclosures, electrics and finishings	750000.00	10182.00
Finished 2nd floor	RCC frame stucture with CSEB walls, wooden enclosures, electrics and finishings	800000.00	10860.00
Store room and drinking water	CSEB walls with light metal roof	600000.00	8145.00
Boundary wall	recycled plastic waste cemernt bricks with chain link fnce	400000.00	5430.00
Landscaping	Levelling,playground, vegetable and fruit garden, lighting	150000.00	2036.00
Water facility	underground water tank, syntex tanks	100000.00	1360.00
Disability toilet	Structure and fittings	150000.00	2036.00
Soak pits, peculation		50000.00	679.00
Gov. Of India tax	Goods and Service Tax 12%	400000.00	5430.00
Fees and contingency	Contingencies 3%, architectural 3% and structural fees 1%	200000.00	2715.00
	Total cost of stage 2	3600000.00	48873.00
	Less funds already in place	1000000.00	
	Total funds needed	2600000.00	34882

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Note 1

Conversion rate on 15.11.20
is 1 USD = 74.54 INR

Sports ground

We have begun by filling in 96 lorry loads of soil, fencing the area and erecting some simple sports equipment and are now, November 2020, leveling and marking the ground, making the steel sports structures, planting trees and erecting sports equipment.



Sports ground site plan



We look forward to manifesting the remainder of this dream that will create an enabling environment for all, especially children and youth, to stretch towards their full potential.

Feel free to contact us for any further details.

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