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RESPECTED PRESIDENT

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Title Of the Project: Proposal For Establishment of Infrastructure Facilities At St. Franciscan Sisters Home For Children

Greetings and prayerful wishes to you and from Sr. Stella Mary, the Provincial Superior other sisters, lay staff and the less privileged children of St. Franciscan Sisters Home For Children , Settiyapatti, Dindugul, Tamilnadu, India. We are wish and pray that this letter should find you both in good health and sprits.

As detailed in the project request our convent provides complete care for 315 children who are either full or semi orphans, children, abandoned by their surviving parents due to their families' poor economic status and children with disabilities. We provide them shelter, food, clothing, personal needs and basic academic education with all the required educational Aids, like books, notebooks, uniforms, fees and other stationeries. Since we are not able to collect any money either from the parents or from the relatives of these children we are necessitated to meet all their needs from our own recourses.

Besides providing basic education we teach them physical exercise, yoga, prayer and community consciousness because our aim is mould them adequately so as to enable them to live human with Christian sprit and be of service to themselves, to their parents and to their communities later. We have instilled into the hearts of these children and to a certain extent in to the minds of their parents through constant motivation and awareness that only education could be the Golden keys for the doors of success and development in their lives.

Through providing proper care and support for such deprived and less privileged children is very difficult and not that easy we the sisters have taken up these work us a challenge with concern and dedication for the good of them. We are confident always that the Lord Jesus Christ will blessed us and provide us the required support through some good souls like yours because we are doing rather continuing his ministry on this earth.

We have drafted project application detailing our problems and needs and pleased to submit the same for your kind perusal /study and eventually favorable consideration. The endorsement of our Arch Bishop Of The Arch Diocese is being attached as the needs are genuine and imminent. We do look forward to receiving your early reactions on this project request. The children whom you are supporting state from their inner hearts that you are the God for them because they believe in the proverb that those who open the eyes of illiteracy are to be worshiped and revered Equal to God.

Thanking you and with prayers.

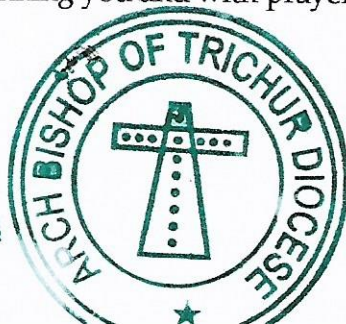
Yours in Christ

Sr. Stella Mary

(Sr. Stella Mary)

Encl: Project Proposal, Photos.

f. Rev. P. Andrews
RT. Rev. ANDREWSTHAZATH. D.D.
ARCH BISHOP



St. Franciscan Sisters Home For Children

General information:

1.1: Title Of the Project: Establishment of Infrastructure Facilities At St.Franciscan Sisters Home For Children.

1.2: Name And Address Of The Applicant And Project Holder: Sr.Stella Mary, Provincial, St.Franciscan Sisters Home For Children,56, E Main Road, Dalmiapuram, Trichy District - 621651, Tamilnadu, India. Email: stimmaculate@gmail.com

1.3: Name And Address Of The Legal Holder: Sr.Stella Mary, Provincial, St.Franciscan Sisters Home For Children, 74,E Main Road, Dalmiapuram,Trichy District-621651, Tamilnadu, India.

1.4: Legal Status:

a) Registered as a society under the society's registration act of 1860 on 11th April 1956 under No: 16/1957 at Dindugul.

b) The amended memorandum and by-laws registered on 4th June 1984 under no: 16/1957

1.5: Total cost of the Project : Rs. 4,00,000

1.6: Grant requested : Rs. 4,00,000 (Equivalent to 4500 Euro)

1.7: Banking details:

Bank Account Name	Peoples Education & Training Society.
Bank Name	State Bank Of India
Bank Account Number	31642230751 Current Account
SWIFT Code	SBININBB454
IFSC Code:	SBIN0002254
Bank Address	Pasumalai Branch, No: 370-17,Tpk Road, Gst Road, Pasumalai, Madurai -625004 , Tamilnadu, India

Brief Background History of the Congregation:

Around hundred and fifty years (150) back a dynamic and dedicated your girl by name Annammal, who was a candidate for sisterhood is one of the convents at Dindugul, forced by family conditions left the convent and entered into a married life. Since God's plans were different, her married life could not endure for long due to the death of her husband by cholera, epidemic that was common in those days. Not only she, but also many such young girls of her age were also driven to the same status by the dreadful epidemics of cholera and plague.

Since the social customs and practices that were prevalent in those days did not favor their remarriages, Annammal joining hands with four other such young widows started to make a living as a group supported by the own hard labor. Despite their strenuous living having been motivated to make their life more meaningful and Christian they started to help the poor children for their education, to visit the sick in the hospitals, to care for the neglected and abandoned from their hard earnings and by colleting alms from the public.

The earnestness and the commitment of this group for the cause of the poor despite their stagnant and deplorable conditions, motivated and enthused Rt. Rev .Alexis Canos, S.J, the bishop of the diocese to procure some suffer from a generous French couple called Dian Komagom known to him for long.

With that assistance Annammal and her group started a home to care for the widows and later, on 2nd February 1858 converted the home into the "St. Franciscan Sisters," and started to work in collaboration with a congregation of sisters from France. Since those sisters were necessitated to be back in France, Annammal and her group re-established the congregation on the 14th day of September 1877 to work independently with the following two major objectives:

a) To work for the welfare of orphans and the sick women and b) to established and run homes for the welfare and rehabilitation of widows.

As years passed the number of candidates who joined the sisterhood increased and also the activities. Now the sisters are involved in four major fields of activities viz. a) Pastoral and religious b) Education c) Health Care and d) welfare and development, as a result of the faster growth both in Numbers and activities the congregation gained the status as a papal organization during the year 1977. The activities of the congregation have now been extended to other countries too like Japan, Africa besides work in many states of the country.

2. Project Information:

2.1: Title Of The Project: Establishment of infrastructural facilities at St. Franciscan Sisters Home For Children.

2.2. Location Of The Project:

The proposed infrastructural facilities will be created and established with in the premises\space already designated by the congregation for St. Franciscan Sisters Home For Children. The St. Franciscan Sisters Home For Children is one of several such units housed within the campus of St. Franciscan Sisters Home For Children Setiyapatti, Dindugul. Dindugul is one of the 32 district headquarters in the state of Tamilnadu and geographically located at the centre of the state at a distance of 320kms southwest of Chennai the capital city of the state Dindugul is easily accessible from any part of the district, state, country and even from other overseas countries as it is well connected by road, rail and air. Dindugul airport is one of the international airport having direct connectivity with Srilanka, Singapoor, Malaysia Sarjah And Kuwait.

2.3: Brief Background Of St. Franciscan Sisters Home For Children:

Since one of the two major objectives of the congregation envisaged at the time of establishment during the year 1877 was to work for the welfare of orphans, the sisters started to admit and care for the orphans and abandon children (both boys and girls) found in the streets. As the selfless and committed and maternal services rendered to such orphans and abandoned child, by the sisters work were made known to the public by the diocese many child started to seek abide in the home. Since the number of children increase year by year the congregation was necessitated to established separate and a bigger home to provide the required care and support for all the children admitted.

The continued guidance and support of the them Mother General of Dindugul Generalate motivated and enthuse the sister to name the home as " St. Franciscan Sisters Home For Children" during the year 1947 in recognition of his support and to honor him as patron our congregation. The children admitted besides providing care and support were educated through the formal school established for the purpose up to v standards. Later as years passed and the number of children increased the school was upgraded into a middle school and it was named as St. Franciscan Sisters Home For Children Middle School. The girls admitted were retained in the middle school after the completion of their V th standard and the boys were sent to the Generalate schools. The tremendous increase in the number of sisters, activities and areas in course of years necessitated the congregation to bi-fugal it into three provinces for an effective control, administration and dissemination of services during the year 1982. The children who were cared at St. Franciscan Sisters Home For Children, were also divided into three groups and entrusted to the care and support of respective provinces. After the bi-function the St. Franciscan Sisters Home For Children was necessitated from different sources to taken in not only orphan or abandoned children but also semi orphans (having one of the parents), destitute children whose parents are living apart due to some misunderstanding, misconception social stigma and exclusions.

As on date of this application 315 children's are being cared for at St. Franciscan Sisters Home For Children. Among the 165 are full orphans, 42 semi-orphans and the remaining 108 are destitute. All these children are being provided shelter, food, clothing, personal needs, medical care and education. The fully orphan children are retained after their studies in the convent itself, they are provided higher education either academic or technical or professional depending upon their Calibri and finally they are well settled in the mainstreams of life with job and home placement. The semi orphans and the destitute are provided education up to XII standard and then they are reintegrated into their families with the surviving parents or relatives. Some deserving children are also equipped with some protection and income oriented vocational skills so as to one them to meet their own personal needs and stand on their own legs without being burdensome to their serving parents or relatives. The St. Franciscan Sisters Home For Children is being run and maintained by the appointment and placement of one sister as superior, one as warden one as accountant and several other supportive lay staff (only women) by the superior general of the congregation. The placement of sisters is being do in rotation and according to their age and experiences.

2.4: The Problem Situation And The Needs: The existing St. Franciscan Sisters Home For Children was constructed during the year 1979 to accommodate taking into consideration the number of children than admitted and the number of sisters and lay staff required to take care of those children. As the years passed the number of children were increased and consequently the number of sisters and lay staff were also increased accordingly. The present facilities are not able to provide the required space for living, dining, studying, recreational activities and common gathering for children, sisters and lay staff.

The living room (dormitory) is being used for multi purposes like sleeping, studying, common gathering, community prayer and recreational activities. Since the problems is using the same living room for all or multi purposes the administration was necessitated to convert the Viranda (corridor) with some asbestos roofed extension to serve as the dining purpose. Since the extension were made temporarily then it was not safe and secure because the insects, flies, and other living creates like monkeys started to engross and cause lot of difficulties both to the things and the children moreover the wooden rafters and iron beams used have become weak and rusted respectively. They are at the collapsible condition at any moment posing thread to the safety of the poor children. The number of toilets existing also are very minimum. The children find it very difficult to avail them for their uses especially in the morning hours as they have to get ready themselves to go to the school for attending classes in time. Moreover since those toilets were built many years ago. They have become withered due to time, whether conditions, salty nature of water etc.

For work of the roofed place for drying the wet clothes after bathing and washing the children are being forced to faced lot of hard ships. They find it very difficult and problematic during the rainy and winter seasons. As they are poor orphans they do not have means to buy the required or sets of dresses. They have to wash them, dry them and use them for the next day or the other. The existing hall that is used multipurpose is not properly ventilated and therefore the children are not facilitated to have a sound sleep. The sleeplessness drives them to become ill vey often and hurdles them from attending their classes in the school attentively. As a result their education and future development or progresses are being affected. The lay staff working for the children also face lot of difficulties without having a separate accommodation facilities with some privacy. As they are grownups they find it difficult to live and mingle with the small children. They do not have a separate room to keep their personal belong also under safe custody. Above all since the building had become very old due to years it has started to crack in many places and to leak during rains. Therefore it has become unsafe for living.

Therefore our basic, essential and immediate needs to make the living of the poor children more safe, pleasant and comfortable are:

Construction of hall in the first floor of the existing building will proper ventilation, lighting and other facilities to be used as a common dormitory for all the present 315 children and the future additions if any

Construction of a safe and secured dining hall with the minimum required facilities replacing the existing corridor and extension part that are under collapsible conditions. Provision of tinned sheet or asbestos roof over the existing vacuum space used now for drying the wet clothes of the children and the lay staff after bathing and washing. Construction of hygienic toilet blocks replacing the existing old toilets that had become unhygienic to facilitate all the children to use them within the limited time available. Construction of a bed room block with a room for safe keeping of personal belonging of the lay staff. In the first floor on one of the existing ground floor block. To carry out the required repairs and renovations works in the existing St.Franciscan Sisters Home For Children that have giving way for crack, leakages, replacement or repairs of doors and windows to allow proper ventilation and lighting to make the use of those facilities more comfortable and safe.

2.5 The Cost Estimates Of The Different Needs.

S.No	Description	Amount Rs
1.	Construction of the hall in the first floor for dormitory.	1,00,000
2.	Construction of the dining hall replacing the existing one.	50,000
3.	Provision of tinned sheets or asbestos sheet for drying clothes.	50,000
4.	Construction of a hygienic toilet blocks.	50,000
5.	Drilling a bore hole and water infrastructure installation, Library, Laboratory and 2 Computers.	50,000
6.	Food Stuffs (Rice, Food Grains, Provisions, Oil, Vegetables, Meat, Firewood / Gas Supplies (Soaps, Surf, Oils, Dettol, Floor cleaner) Note Books (Roll and Plain) Stationery (Pen, Pencil, Sharpener, Eraser, Drawing books, Slates, Geometry box, Pencil Box etc.) Children's School Uniform and pair dress, School Bag and Shoe, Chappals etc.	50,000
7.	Dormitory(beds, mattresses, pillows, Blankets, Fans, tube lights Kitchen Utensils etc)	50,000
	Total	4,00,000

Equivalent To 4500 EURO

5 Note: a) The detailed cum abstract estimates for the item 1 to 5 described in the above budget prepared by a component and a experienced civil engineering contractor are being.

b) the cost of repairs and renovation budgeted is only minimum it may go beyond the estimation because when we replace the hands on the structures they may give way for further actions since they are old and timed out.

2.6: Expected/ Anticipated Outcome Of The Project: The existing hall used for multipurpose will become available for academic (study) purposes of the children with proper ventilation, lighting and free from distractions.

Therefore the education of the children become progressive. The separate dormitory with proper ventilation, lighting and required minimum facilities will facilitate the children to have good rest and sound sleep without any disturbance.

That will help them to become brilliant and rejuvenated to attend to their daily routine activities properly without laziness or drowsiness. The rejuvenated strength will facilitate to progress in life situations.

The separate dining hall will facilitate the children to take their meals comfortably without any disturbances by insects, flies and other living creatures like monkeys. More over the cooked food kept before eating will be safe and free from contamination, spoilage etc, The provision of dinning sheets or asbestos sheets will provide adequate facilities to dry their wet clothes. This will enhance their neatness and their health conditions also to a great extent. The dresses and other textile materials will become safe to last long for some periods. The new and hygienic toilets will facilitate them to case themselves when ever needed. The hygienic conditions will deter from spreading of bad odor, sperms and save the children from being affected by ill health. The construction of a separate block as bedroom and safe room will facilitate the lay staff to feel and live comfortably after their hard work during the day with and for the children and the sisters.

The repairs and renovations will make the old building neat and tidy and will be able to serve for some more years. The health hazards based due to leakage, seepage, darkness, improper ventilations etc... will become solved and make the living more pleasing and comfortable. Above all the living and moving of children, sisters and the lay staff with the home will become more pleasant ,comfortable and non combatable the sisters and the lay staffs will further become motivated, committed and dedicated to serve the poor and the disadvantaged children more enthusiastically. The life at the home will become pleasant and worth living for everybody.

Administration And Accountability: The Superior General of the congregation will be the overall responsible person for all the activities involved in the execution of this proposed projects. She will be ably supported by the treasures, council members, provincial, superior, sisters and the lay staffs in making her responsibilities more effective, meaningful and beneficial to all the people concerned. The financing of the project activities will be monitored and controlled by the treasurer of the congregation under the directions and guidance of the superior general. The superior of the house for St.Franciscan Sisters Home For Children will be accountable and answerable to the superior general along with the other sisters and lay staffs placed for all the activities. The progress report completion report and the audited statement of account will be submitted to the donors by the superior through the superior general of the congregation. The needs of the local governments both state and central will also be adequately met and satisfied within the time limits prescribed. The project will therefore be initiated and completed very successfully in every respect.

