

NGO Partner: SAKHI For Girls Education

About SAKHI (<http://www.sakhiforgirlseducation.org/>)

Since 2008, as 'a one-woman army', Aarti Naik, a young Change Maker has been continuously leading slum based girl's education in Mumbai. Her mission of life is - "Every girl should be able to continue her school education confidently with quality learning". Eight years ago, she was a slum based school drop-out girl herself, with no hope to continue her education, but today she feels happy and proud to say that she is helping more than 300 girls from her slum community.

SAKHI has been reaching slum-based girls through the following strategies:

- Teaching basic literacy and numeracy to girls in an after-school program, which includes guided learning, games, and contests to make learning interesting and fun.
- Providing a girls-only space for learning. In a safe, supportive, and quality learning space, girls can learn, develop friendship networks, be educated about their rights, and become leaders.
- Providing girls with quality books in both English and Marathi to promote reading.
- Promoting girls-only activities that help girls develop skills, build self-confidence, increase participation, and learn to be active and shape their own lives.
- Developing local girl leaders as mentors to be role models for younger girls.

SAKHI's Objective

To create safe and quality learning space where slum based girls will be able to come together for building their basic educational capacities and life skills, so every girl will be able to continue her school confidently with quality learning.

SAKHI's Current Programs

- **Girls' Learning Centre**

It provides a safe and quality learning space where girls come together to learn. The Learning Centre offers a community-based basic education programme especially for building basic literacy, numeracy, and life skills of slum girls with a lifelong learning approach. Currently around 30 girls are benefiting from this

- **Girls Book Bank**

In November 2012, SAKHI started the Girls' Book Bank: Helping Slum Girls to Read and Lead. Currently around 100 girls are taking part in this initiative to promote literacy in English and Marathi. This innovative literacy and leadership programme provides books, and book bags for their safe storage, to neighbourhood girls. SAKHI recruits adolescent

girls to become Reading Leaders for their neighbourhood, bringing books to slum girls door-to-door, and gathering them together in fun activities to inspire reading, improve vocabulary, and build confidence. The Book Bank hosts reading and writing competitions that motivate girls to read at home. The younger girls observe the older girls reading, and each girl inspires, supports, and guides each other.

- **Girls Livelihood School**

Recently, SAKHI started the Girls' Livelihood School. Its initial goal is to develop a basic livelihood skill-building program utilising a Livelihood Mentor Network, especially for slum-based adolescent girls. Currently around 20 girls are building their livelihood skills at the Girls' Livelihood School.

- **SAKHI Girls Bank**

SAKHI brings girls together regularly to put aside money specifically for their future educational needs. Girls learn how to save, how to use their saved money in emergencies, and to provide for their own formal schooling.

The Need for a Girls' Learning Centre

Following information will give you clear idea about root cause of slum girls' core problem.

Core social issue	Slum-based girls do not have access to quality basic education
Symptoms	Slum girls are lacking in basic literacy and numeracy skills, so they struggle with reading and writing. They have a high dropout rate in secondary education, so they face limited career options and often live in poverty.
Root Cause	Slum girls do not get a quality education in school. They often do not get individual attention from teachers, because there are high numbers of children in school classes, and boys often get more attention. Teaching typically lacks creative teaching aids and best practices, making basic education uninteresting.
Issue 1	After school, there is little academic support or guidance available for slum girls at home or in their community.
Issue 2	Parents are busy earning their livelihood and often have no special concern towards girls' education.
Issue 3	In the community, there is no safe place where slum girls can gather to improve their education outside school.
Solution	<i>A Girls Learning Center</i> to build the basic literacy, numeracy and life skills of slum based girls, so every slum based girl will able to continue her school confidently with quality learning.

Funds raised would help in the following:

- Educational Capacity Building Classes (ECBC): It will build the basic literacy and numeracy skills of slum girls. They will understand the basic concepts of language and math with lifelong learning.
- Life Skills Building Sessions (LSBS): Slum girls will be able to face their day-to-day challenges.
- Reading and Writing Promotion (RWP): Slum girls will cultivate their reading and writing habits.
- Basic English Books Library (BEBL): Slum girls will get exposure of interesting Basic English books.
- Basic Computer Literacy Skills (BCLS): Slum girls will get access of basic computer education.

Funds Required by SAKHI

Girls Learning Centre is facing following biggest challenges:

- A full-time female teacher to teach basic English and Math concepts
- Room rent for Girls Learning Center
- A structured curriculum for teaching Basic English skills and Math concepts
- A structured curriculum for building life skills of girls

Sr. No	Activities	Requirements	Expected Amount
1	Educational Capacity Building Classes (Basic Language skills and Math)	One Room	6000 x 12 = 72,000
2		One Female Teacher	10,000 x 12 = 1,20,000
3		Stationary and display material	6,000
4	Life Skills Building Sessions	Teaching Aids and Resource Person	12,000
5	Reading & Writing Promotion	Books and material	12,000
6	Basic English Books Library	Books on Basic English	10,000
7	Basic Computer Literacy Skills	One Computer	30,000

8	Girls Saving Group	Meeting expenses and Resource Person	12,000
9	Mothers Support Group	Meeting expenses and Resource Person	12,000
10	Creating Teaching and Learning Material	Teaching material for reading, writing and Math activities	20,000
11	Extra-Curricular Activities (Art & Craft, clay work, kolaj work, sports, educational visits, location visits, competitions, workshops, meeting with mothers and event celebrations i.e. Girl Child Day)	Teaching aids and other related things for activities.	30,000
12	Coordination of all activities	Girls Education Coordinator	6,000 x12 = 72,000
13	Travel for GLC Coordinator		1000 x12= 12000
14	Electricity, Water, Newspaper etc. for classroom	Electricity, Water, Newspapers, etc. expenditures	1,000x12= 12,000
15	Communication, printing, etc	Communication, printing, Travel, etc.	12,000
16	Other miscellaneous	Fan, Tub light, coloring, etc.	12,000
17	Part-time Finance Assistant	Account maintenance and admin	2,000 x12= 24000
		Total Amount Required by SAKHI	INR 4,80,000
	Neikee Foundation's Administrative Charges	10% of the total requirement	INR 48,000
		Total Fund Raise Request**	INR 5,28,000

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