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Brijesh Hari, Executive Officer, India



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Children's primary school in Pomgaon, India

School in the village of Pomgaon

Pomgaon is a little village between Mumbai and Pune, in the state of Maharashtra. Children from 4 to 16 years old, from Pomgaon and neighboring villages are to attend that only school.



The school is state owned and the government pays teachers' basic fees. Children come from poor background. Parents are usually farmers. Children can often not attend school, as (1) they need to work in the fields with their families, (2) most families cannot afford to buy books, stationary, uniforms and shoes (3) children from neighboring villages have transportation problem, (4) no meals or snacks are given at school, so it is an extra cost for families.

2009 : 1st step - Bathrooms & toilets

The first step for a proper education in India is hygiene. Diseases, contamination and illnesses are widely spread in poor backgrounds. Children need to be protected from those and learn cleanliness. Thanks to the CHF 25.000 raised in 2009, we built: **I. A complete new sanitary building**, with (1) Ladies' area: 2 toilets, 1 shower room, 1 squatting bathroom + 2 wash basins (2) Men's area: 3 toilets, 3 shower rooms, a urinal platform + 2 wash basins (3) Teacher's area: 1 toilet, 1 shower room + 1 wash basin. **II. A solar plant to provide electricity, light and hot water to the bathroom building.** **III. Water supply & drainage system** -The village has given for the school's bathrooms a nice broad water connection through which now the water tank for the bathroom fills up within 30 minutes. **IV. Repairs of many classrooms' roofs** - Classes had important holes in their roofs. Water dropped on the children and teachers while studying. Those urgent repairs have been made.

Needs



Current facilities

The school now has a bathroom, shower room & toilet building. It also has a water tank and a solar system, which provides electricity and hot water. But dormitories consist of halls and blankets. Food facilities are very poor. Language - Due to the low salaries paid by the government to the teachers, Marathi is the only language thought in school. Students who can attend the school do not get a good primary education. Premises are very basic: 5 class rooms, wooden desks and chairs. Transportation for children from neighboring villages is unavailable.

The school needs :

- **Building and classrooms in proper condition.** In which teachers have proper resources to give courses and children can study properly.
- **Clean and safe dormitory.** Many children live far away and transport is either expensive or unavailable, they therefore need to sleep in the premises.
- **Food facility.** An equipped kitchen, with eating facilities is necessary.
- **Certified instructors to teach English.** English is needed to allow children to progress themselves and their families, with minimizing the risks for them to end up in slums.
- **School bus and cycles.** Pomgaon's school is the only school in the region, with no transport facility.
- **Computers.** As we now have electricity in the school, instructors can teach them the logic of a computer, and the use of the basic tools.

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