

Project Title: School in a Slum: Education for 100 'Unreached' Kids

I. Project Summary (The "Hook")

This initiative launches a free, English-medium Primary School in the Guntur slums to rescue 100 marginalized children from hazardous child labor. By removing the barriers of high tuition and distant travel, we provide a government-approved curriculum, digital literacy tools, and daily nutrition. Operating from a stable new facility with 8 expert staff, we are building a scalable model to break the cycle of poverty and secure a dignified future for the "unreached" children of Andhra Pradesh.

II. The Problem

Children in Guntur's remote slums are trapped in a cycle of poverty. Local families cannot afford the high tuition and transportation costs of distant private schools, while government facilities remain unreachable for these remote clusters. Without a free, local, and accessible school, these 100 "unreached" students are denied the quality education necessary to escape unskilled labor. After 24 months without funding, these children risk losing their only path to a better life.

III. The Solution

We are establishing a **localized sanctuary of learning** directly within the slum clusters.

- **Eliminating Costs:** We provide free tuition, uniforms, and textbooks to 100 children.
- **Quality Education:** Using an English-medium curriculum and 5 digital learning tablets, we provide a 21st-century education.
- **Holistic Care:** We provide daily nutritious breakfast and bi-annual health camps to ensure students are fit to learn.
- **Expert Staff:** Our team of 6 qualified teachers and 2 support staff provides professional academic guidance in a safe environment.

IV. Project Budget: \$21,000 (Year 1)

Category	Item Description	Annual Cost (USD)
Infrastructure	Rent for stable building, desks, chairs, boards, fans.	\$3,600
Digital Learning	5 Tablets/Laptops, internet setup, and projector.	\$2,200
Staffing	Monthly honorariums for 6 teachers and 2 support staff.	\$7,200
Materials	Textbooks, uniforms, and stationery kits for 100 kids.	\$2,500
Nutrition & Health	Daily breakfast/milk and bi-annual health camps.	\$4,000
Admin & Travel	Documentation, "mainstreaming" outreach, electricity.	\$1,500
TOTAL GOAL	Total funding required for Year 1	\$21,000

Just **\$18 per month** (or \$210 per year) provides a child with a full-time, high-quality education, nutrition, and a future.

V. Implementation Timeline (March – June 2026)

- **March: Identification & Outreach** – Tracking 50 current students and identifying 50 new "unreached" children through home visits.
- **April: Infrastructure & Hiring** – Finalizing the school lease, procuring furniture, and conducting a 1-week teacher orientation.
- **May: Digital & Material Prep** – Setting up the internet and tablets; distributing 100 sets of uniforms and textbooks.
- **June: The Grand Launch** – Official inauguration and start of the daily nutritional program and formal classes.

VI. Potential Long-Term Impact

This project halts the cycle of child labor for an initial 100 children. By providing English and digital literacy, we empower these students to pursue professional careers and financial independence. This school serves as a "Launchpad," with a scalable model designed to eventually reach hundreds more children, permanently transforming the socio-economic fabric of Guntur's marginalized communities.

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