Minutes of Asha Zurich's Monthly Meeting in December

Date: 06.12.2013 **Time:** 18:30 - 21:00

Place: Sitzungzimmer, TEZET Oerlikon

Members present: Prat, Doris, Indranil, Susie, Rajesh, Hans-Jürg, Renu, Shalmali, Samyukhta, Kirti,

Neera, Swati, Umesh (new) **Minutes written by:** Prat

Points discussed

- 1. Offering skills of Asha volunteers to other organization at a cost this was a suggestion from Kirti which was accepted. The cost will depend on the specific skill to be offered and will be entirely donated to Asha.
- 2. Shalmali was appointed to be the election coordinator of the general body meeting (GBM) to be held on the 25th of January (14:00 18:00).
- 3. Contributions to the annual report will be due by 31.12.2013. All contributors should e-mail their contributions to Neera at neeramallick@gmail.com.
- 4. It was decided by hand votes (12 NO: 0 YES) that Asha will not print the 2014 calendars to save the printing and shipping costs.
- 5. Doris reported on the cooking course at Malabar restaurant and the willingness of the restaurant owner to donate part of the profit to Asha. Doris will discuss again about the extent of Asha's involvement. In case it will be just publicity, Asha would like to ask for 20% of the revenue generated. In case they will ask for Asha volunteers, a higher percentage of the revenue will be expected. Final decision will be taken after Doris's discussion with the owner.
- 6. Prat reported that no new update about the FCRA certificate of Haveri was received.
- 7. In case Asha takes up a new project there are a couple of options to be considered. Indranil reported that he already called the coordinator of a proposal received from Malda, West Bengal. He will ask Pradeep Nandi (a long term donor of Asha) to do a site visit. Depending on the report, a decision can be taken. Another option is a one-time payment for buying laboratory equipment for a school. Doris will take the lead and update the group about it.
- 8. In 2014 Kirti will give her Chat with Chaat stand at TEZET Oerlikon every month. She will donate the entire profit from three stands to Asha. Asha will also be free to organize other parallel fundraising activities such as quiz, Karaoke etc.
- 9. It was decided that 6 Asha teams will be registered on the 14th of December for Zurich Marathon 2014. The early registration will save Asha a significant amount of money.
- 10. Site visits Sachin already updated beforehand that site visit of Vishwamandal Sevashram has been arranged. It will be done by a friend of his, Anup Mehta, on the 27th of December. Kirti showed interest in doing site visit of SACSAS in April and Prat of Lok Biradari Prakalp in January. They will confirm soon.
- 11. Rajesh presented the financial report as of end of November. Asha Zurich has been able to raise 3,000 CHF in excess of the expenses.
- 12. There will be no monthly meeting in January as there will be the general body meeting on the 25th of January.
- 13. Asha Christmas meet will be on the 11th of December (Wednesday) at 19:00.