

# “Adopt A Mandal” Project

**Adopt A Mandal**, an initiative of ACO (Adopt Child Online, a non-profit organization established in 2010 to educate the poor and meritorious children), is to encourage and empower bright S.S.C. students from Zilla Parishad High Schools of an identified Mandal by providing them necessary financial support for their Intermediate education.

## **Why “Adopt A Mandal” project?**

The objective of the project is to create a system for bright young children of rural India, who otherwise discontinue their education due to poor socio-economic background, to become Engineers, Doctors and other professionals. The goal of the program is to identify such bright students from all the ZP High Schools of the adopted Mandal and provide the necessary financial assistance for their Intermediate education.

## **Why Intermediate Education?**

It has been observed that many bright students discontinue their education after completing S.S.C. due to poor financial background, in spite of having the ability to study and achieve professional degrees. Intermediate education is crucial as it involves appearing for competitive entrance examinations like EAMCET and IIT-JEE. Hence, we are focusing on providing Intermediate education in a good, credible and established college. Our target is to encourage the children to perform well in intermediate as well as the competitive exams. A good performance at this level will help them in getting an admission into a good college where they can access a world of opportunities and build a good professional career for themselves. We strongly believe this would transform the life of the child as well as the family and will act as a catalyst to improve the education in the school and the village as well.

## **Project Plan:**

**Step 1:** ACO will connect to the Mandal Education Officer (MEO) of the identified Mandal and brief him about the project and gather the necessary support system from MEO to implement this project in the Mandal. This step is performed during the beginning of the academic year.

**Step 2:** ACO will survey the Intermediate colleges in the District HQs (or nearby town) and identify a credible Junior college with good track record and build a partnership with the college for “Adopt A Mandal” project. Under this agreement of the partnership, the college will provide discount to the college fee for the students of this project and take special care in their education.

**Step 3:** ACO will launch the project in the Mandal by organizing a meeting, with the support of MEO, with all the Head Masters of the ZPHS schools and the local officers of the Mandal. ACO will brief about the project and take the necessary commitment from the Head Masters in implementing this project in their respective schools. The necessary help will also be taken from HMs in identifying the bright children (Minimum of 20 and Maximum 30) with poor economic background, based on the results from the S.S.C. exams in that academic year.

**Step 4:** ACO will identify a credible person from the Mandal who will communicate this message, with the help of MEO and the Head Masters, to all the children of S.S.C. and other classes effectively to motivate them in participating in this project and get the benefit. The Head Masters would also communicate this transparently to all the children in the school and their parents so that the project will be effective in identifying the poor and meritorious children.

**Step 5:** ACO will drive the fund collection from the donors from the time of launching the project till the end of academic year and pool in the required funds for the project. In case of any deficit in the funds, the already available funds from the ACO will be used.

**Step 6:** ACO will identify the children to be sponsored based on the inputs from the MEO and HMs and will do all necessary background check (Educational/Financial) for all students (With the help of Village council)

**Step 7:** ACO will present the Cheques to the selected children for the amount of their college fee, in favor of the selected college.

**Step 8:** ACO will continuously monitor and review the progress of these students and take necessary action with the help of college faculty and authority

### **How can you contribute to Adopt A Mandal project?**

Under Adopt A Mandal project, donors have an option to sponsor the education for one student or multiple students. It takes about Rs.6000/- to 8000/- to sponsor a single student for their Intermediate education. Donors may also make contributions of any amount as they like, in which case their donations will be pooled with other donations to fund the project. Projects will be implemented in the name of all donors and all the details will be published on the ACOINDIA website.

### **About Adopt Child Online**

"ACO (Adopt Child Online) is a non-profit, non-political organization run by Young and Energetic individuals. ACO is dedicated to enable impoverished children by providing education to them and training them into responsible citizens with intellect and wisdom."

### **Our Vision**

"ACO's Vision is to educate and empower India by supporting dreams of impoverished children with the help of people who share this common goal."