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educo is a charity, founded in Ireland in 2006. It's **aim is to educate children in India out of poverty**. A fully registered charitable trust in India since 2009, educo India is run by volunteers who oversee seven programmes throughout the country, which in total provide education for some 2,500 underprivileged children.

Even though literacy figures have increased in recent years, India still has the largest number of uneducated children of any country in the world - two-thirds of whom are girls. Just under 40% of the country is illiterate with 37% of all primary school children dropping out before Standard 5. Government reports indicate that some **60 million children between the ages of 6-14 do not attend school at all**.

educo's 4 Key Pillars:

- 1) Education is given through **English** – providing the students with the best chance for economic and social mobility.
- 2) educo puts great emphasis on keeping girls in full-time education – helping to redress the **female education** gender imbalance – proven to be the most important factor in a country's economic development.
- 3) educo undertakes the **training of teachers** from the areas local to its schools, thus providing direct investment back into the local community.
- 4) **Computer training** is actively promoted – ensuring the most underprivileged children are given the skills necessary for modern employment environments.

educo projects

TOTAL: 2,506


Mumbai:

PROJECT	PUPILS
Saibaba Path	626
Muskaan	90
Sahar	400

Kolkata:

PROJECT	PUPILS
Tangra	229
Life-Skills	93

Assam:

PROJECT	PUPILS
St. Stanislaus	123
St. Xavier's	747
Bogapani	198

educo proposed schools



West Bengal:	St. Conleth's English School, Jalpaiguri District Birpara, Dalgoan Busty Kalachini, North Mendabari
Jharkhand:	St. Stanislaus, Lohardaga Soso Sogra, Simdega St. Mary's School, Simdega District
Chhattisgarh:	Jharain



Saibaba Path

Central Mumbai

Leader: Ms Meenal Srinivasan
Principal: Ms Nita Desai
Location: Saibaba Path Mumbai Public School, Lalbaug,
Central Mumbai
Started: June 2009
Teachers: 38
Pupils: 626 [Junior, Lower & Senior Kindergarten,
Standards 1 -6]
Boys: 338 Girls: 288
Supported by: Tech Mahindra



Ms Meenal Srinivasan

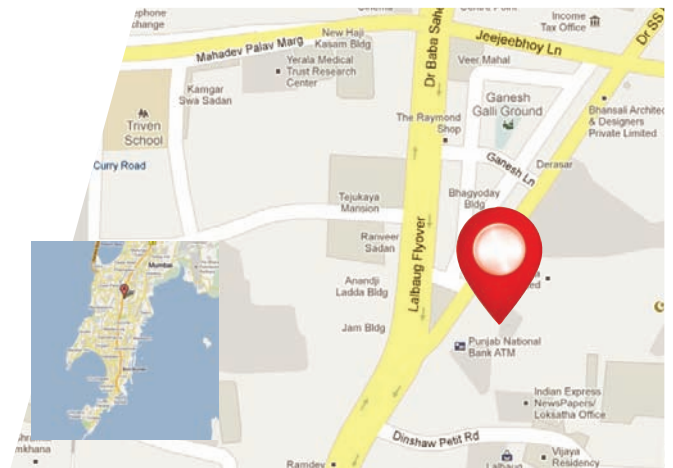


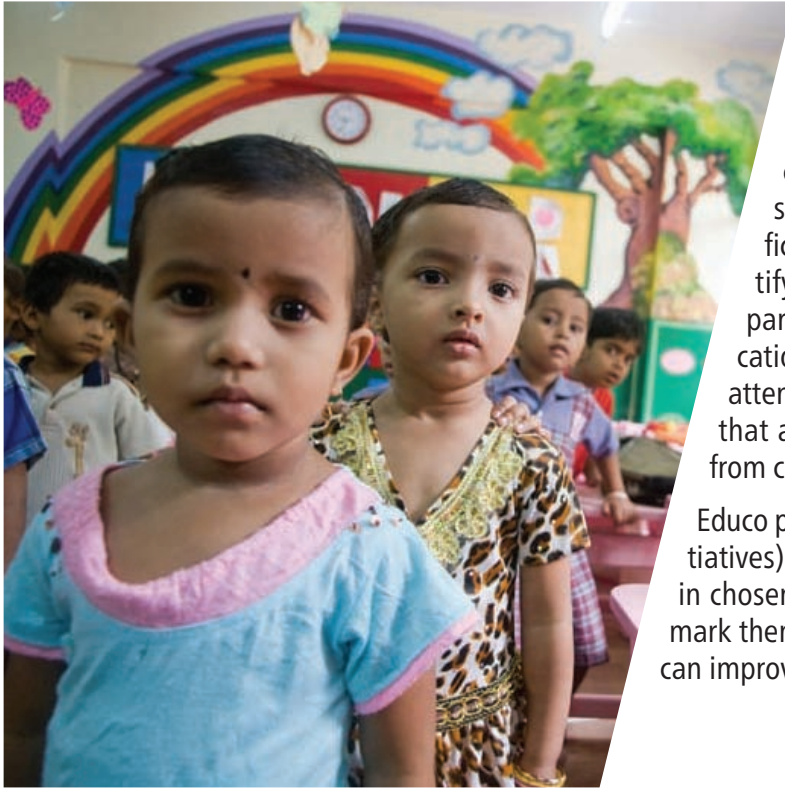
Ms Nita Desai

Saibaba Path Mumbai Public School is located in a large but somewhat underutilised school building in Lalbaug, owned by the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM). The MCGM, under a public private partnership, has permitted educuo to run an English medium school, in which we are currently educating pupils from Lower Kindergarten to Standard 6.

Educo has extensively renovated and furnished the classrooms provided by the MCGM, including laying new floors and painting colourful murals on the walls. We also provide additional teaching materials and class supplies, including books, games and musical instruments. Our aim is to expand our school by one classroom each year as the children progress all the way to Standard 10.

Educo fully manages and funds the running of the school while the basic infrastructure is provided by the MCGM. Our teachers are recruited from the local slum areas and we provide them with an intensive year's teacher training, in partnership with the Mukhtangan organisation. Central to the Mukhtangan method is the impressive teacher-pupil ratio – **one teacher for every 17 pupils**. This encourages close tuition and remedial education to the children who need it.





Lalbaug also has especially high rates of unemployment due to the closure of the local textile mills on which the local community depended for work. The children attending the school all come from the local slum areas. We employ a fulltime Community Liaison Officer who works closely with the local community to identify new children to join the school and to ensure the parents of those children are fully committed to the education of their children. Our CLO also ensures that children attend school regularly and will work to resolve any issues that arise within the home which are preventing the child from coming to school.

Educo pays for **3rd Party testing of pupils** (by Educational Initiatives), which gauges the level of each pupils comprehension, in chosen subjects. We do this for all (626) pupils, and benchmark them nationally. This so we can see where we as a school can improve our teaching.



Goals:

Saibaba Path has huge potential for growth and continued support from the local community & we aim to keep expanding our school into the available space to meet the need for a good quality free English medium school for local underprivileged children.

Prabhat Tara School

North East Assam

Leader: Fr. Telesphore Lakra
Principal: Mr Abraha Hasa
Location: Bogapani, Digboi, (near Dibrugarh),
North East Assam
Started: June 2011
Teachers: 9
Pupils: Currently 198 [Lower Kindergarten -
5th Standard] Boys: 137, Girls: 61
Partner: Jesuit Order

Educo is currently working with the Jesuit mission on building a large new school on land donated by the community and one of the local tea companies, in the midst of tea gardens. The school will be laid out over 4 acres and will be built in 3 phases, with the aim of accommodating 1,000 pupils up to Standard 10.

Currently educo has funded the ground floor concrete structure, English-medium school. At the moment, this school has 198 pupils.

59% of pupils are from the 'untouchable' Adivasi tribes - so a good education will have a major impact here. There is great demand for this new English-medium school amongst the local Community, with children in the Digboi area currently having to travel for an hour to get to other schools.



Fr. Telesphore Lakra



Mr Abraha Hasa



Goals:

Motivate the parents, students and teachers.

Get qualified teachers

Make collections for teachers payment

Talking English among the students

*Creating civic consciousness among
the people around the school*

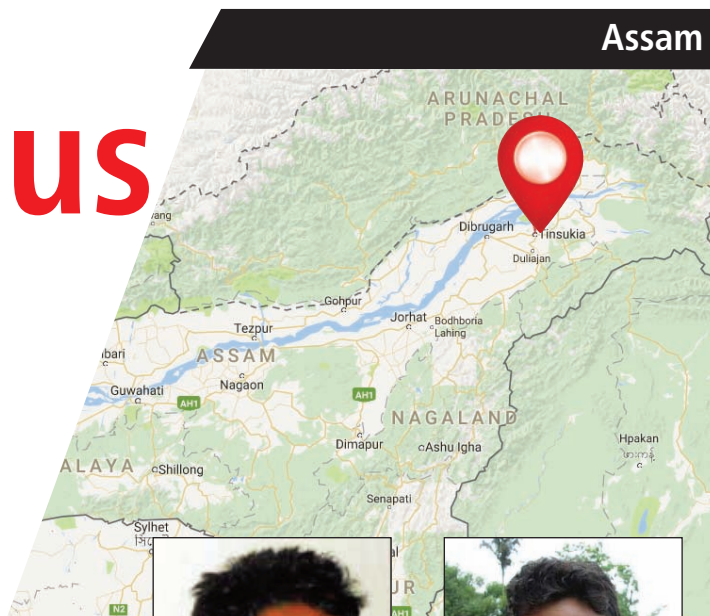
St. Stanislaus School

North East Assam

Leader: Fr. Telesphore Lakra
Principal: Mr Naith Billung
Location: St. Stanislaus School, Konapathar, Tinsukia, North East Assam
Started: January 2007
Teachers: 9
Pupils: 123 [Lower Kindergarten to 6th Standard]
 Boys: 89 Girls: 34
Partner: Jesuit Order

Educo partners with the Jesuit order to run this English-medium school for the children of the impoverished local tea pickers. St. Stanislaus is a primary school which acts as the feeder school for the secondary St. Xavier's school in neighbouring Pengaree (18km away). It is in a very remote village in North East Assam - there is no town nearby and children come from many miles away to attend the school.

Educo and the Jesuit priests saw the great need to found a school in this area to educate the children living in the local community. Most of the parents of these children are illiterate tea-pickers, whose priority is to satisfy their basic everyday needs of having food, shelter etc. There are no government-run schools available to these children in this remote area of Assam, leaving these children with no other means to lift themselves out of this poverty.



Fr. Telesphore Lakra



Mr Naith Billung



Goals:

Our goal is to work closely with the Jesuits and teachers to ensure the parents of the students are committed to the education of their children and that attendance figures continue to improve. Once we are satisfied that progress is being made, we will consider expanding the school to include Kindergarten classes and to accommodate a further 500 children from the local area up to Standard 7.



St. Xavier's School

Pengaree, North East Assam

Leader: Fr. Telesphore Lakra
Principal: Fr Roshan Bage SJ (Lower Kindergarten)
Location: St. Xavier's School, Pengaree, North East Assam
Started: January 2003 in mud building; 2007 in new building
Teachers: 18
Pupils: 747 [Lower Kindergarten - Standard 10]
Partner: Jesuit Order



Fr. Telesphore Lakra



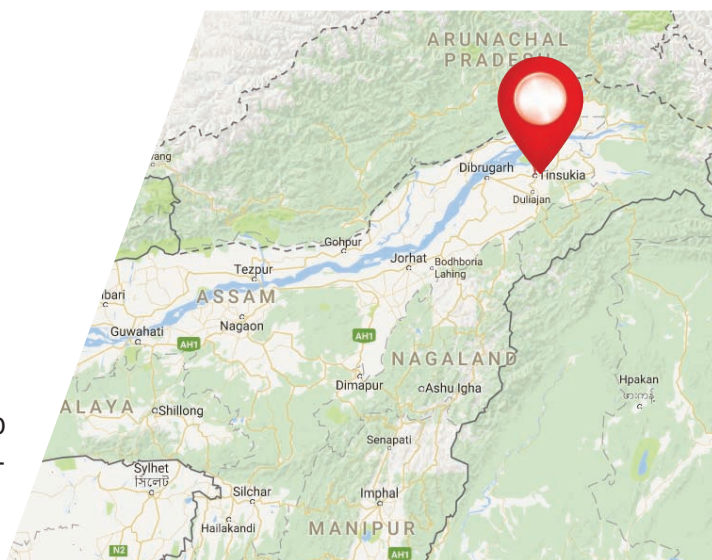
Fr Roshan Bage SJ

As with the St. Stanislaus School in nearby Konapathar, educo partners with the Jesuit order to run this English-medium secondary school for the children of the impoverished local tea-pickers.

In this very remote part of North East Assam, educo funded the building of a large brand new school with a capacity for 1,500 to educate local children up to Standard 10. educo recognised the need to build this school after witnessing the success of the original Jesuit school which was run out of a mud building.

The children who attend this school come from families of originally migrant workers from other states in India or from Nepal or Bhutan. As such, they have minimal rights in Assam because they are neither Assamese nor a recognised minority. This means they are excluded from state-run schools, and local private schools are too expensive for the parents of these children who typically only earn 1,500RS per month.

The Jesuit order has a long proven track record of providing high quality education in India. In all three (non-denominational) schools we jointly run in Assam, they fully share our commitment to teaching through English, equipping the stu-





dents with computer skills, and ensuring female students stay to complete their education.



Pengaree School New Kindergarten

Due for completion late 2016

Leader: Fr Roshan Bage SJ

Capacity: 160

The kindergarten schooling facility has become necessary as the main school at Pengaree has grown, with many other schools in the greater region (10 mile radius) now becoming feeder schools to Pengaree. Feeder schools are good to establish that there is demand for education, but it does mean more travel for those transitioning pupils. Having a 4 class kindergarten within the Pengaree school grounds is a great move forward for this school. This kindergarten was substantially funded from funds raised and donated by Clonkeen College, Dublin.



Goals:

- 1) To grow the school to its capacity of 1,500
- 2) To ensure some students go on to graduate from college, to provide much needed rolemodels for the children
- 3) To fully develop the sports facilities – the school is on a 4-acre plot & has many underused playing fields



Tangra

East Kolkata

Leader: Mr Arvind Sinha
Principal: Ms Shazia Khatoon
Location: Christopher Road, Tangra, East Kolkata
Started: August 2010
Teachers: 9
Pupils: 229 [Crèche, Junior & Senior Kindergarten, Remedial, Teenage & Adult Education Classes]



Mr Arvind Sinha



Ms Shazia Khatoon



This project is born from a comment Shazia made when Arvind filmed her for a documentary about living in the slums of Tangra. Shazia, then 17, said she dreamed of one day running a school. educo partnered with Arvind to make that dream a reality and now the school in Tangra educates over 200 pupils.

Tangra, a predominantly Muslim slum in East Kolkata, is an area with one of the lowest literacy rates in Kolkata. Our school is non-denominational, and whilst many of the pupils are Muslim, there are also Hindu and Christian children enrolled. The pupils come from families earning a combined monthly income of between 2,500RS - 4,000RS, with parents working as auto & manual rickshaw drivers, shoe-makers and cleaners etc. Most children in this slum area generally do not get the opportunity to go to school and certainly most don't get the opportunity to be educated in English and computer skills, so there has been a huge impact so far on the

local community from our school. Shazia, our Head Teacher, and all the other teachers and helpers come from the local community and therefore understand the issues the pupils and their families face on a daily basis.

educo has funded the rental of the school building until such time as we are able to buy or build a more permanent structure in the area to be able to accommodate Standards 1-10. In the long term, our aim is to make this school self-sustaining by charging parents a nominal fee of 200RS per month per child. Currently the school includes a crèche, Kindergarten classes (which use the Montessori teaching method), and remedial classes for children aged 5-6 who are finding it difficult to get admitted into Standard 1 in local schools. Additionally the school offers teenage and adult education classes, in English, Computer Skills and Tailoring.



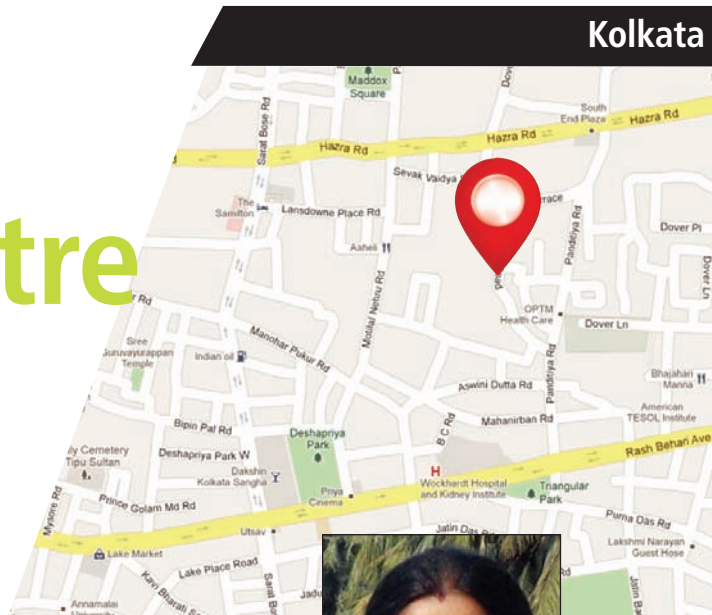
Goals:

- 1) To locate a nearby building to buy or plot of land where we can build a larger school to accommodate the demand for Standard 1-10
- 2) To actively encourage the enrolment of girls to redress the lack of female education in the area
- 3) To encourage more adults from the local community to avail of our adult life-skills education programme, with English, computer and tailoring classes

Life-Skills Training Centre

North East Assam

Leader: Ms Geeta Venkadakrishnan
Location: Panditya Road, East Kolkata
Started: August 2008
Teachers: 4
Pupils: 93
Partner: The Hope Foundation



Ms Geeta Venkadakrishnan

Educo partners with the NGO The Hope Foundation to run this life-skills training centre in Kolkata, the aim of which is to provide quality and professionally designed **vocational training** to adolescent and adult males and females, who are living below the poverty line and are unable to access vocational training from state-run institutes.

The majority of workers in the informal sector in India have had limited formal education and typically have never received vocational training. Current state-run skills training courses, because of their educational entry requirements, exclude the underprivileged. The main objective of this project therefore is to enable trainees to become more employable and to therefore break the cycle of poverty in which they have found themselves.

The majority of the trainees come from the slum areas local to this part of East Kolkata. The centre consists of three training units (Food & Beverage, Pattern Making & Garment Construction, Computer Training) which allow the students to learn various life-skill activities, all through the medium of English. **Such skills include culinary and waitressing, craft-making and garment construction**, as well as of course the **English language** itself and **computer skills**.

After completing their training, the students (under professional supervision) run each production unit, which includes a restaurant and clothing shop. The production units secure orders from the market and are also responsible for the delivery of goods. In the long term, the goal is for each production unit to be self-sustainable and to be run as a cooperative.



Goals:

- 1) To continue to develop contacts between the centre and local businesses to generate a higher level of income for the goods and services produced by the Production Units.
- 2) To continue to provide the necessary training to underprivileged girls allowing them to generate a decent level of income when they leave the programme.

St. Conleth's English School

West Bengal

Leader: Fr Sebastian Martis
Principal: Ms Pinkey Kerketta
Location: St. Conleth's English School, Chalsa,
Jalpaiguri District, West Bengal
Start: 2016
Partner: Chakra Society



Fr Sebastian Martis



Ms Pinkey Kerketta

Educo is fully funding the building of this primary school for 400 pupils. The school will start with about 40 pupils starting in Junior KG and will eventually fill out to have 400 pupils, being taught all the way up to 10th Class. It is located in West Bengal, near the border with Bhutan and Sikkim.

Chakra Charitable Society will run the school. The first sod was turned in September 2016 after the local floods had subsided, allowing building materials to get to the site.

St. Conleth's will be completed in 2017 and twinned with St. Conleth's College, Dublin, Ireland.



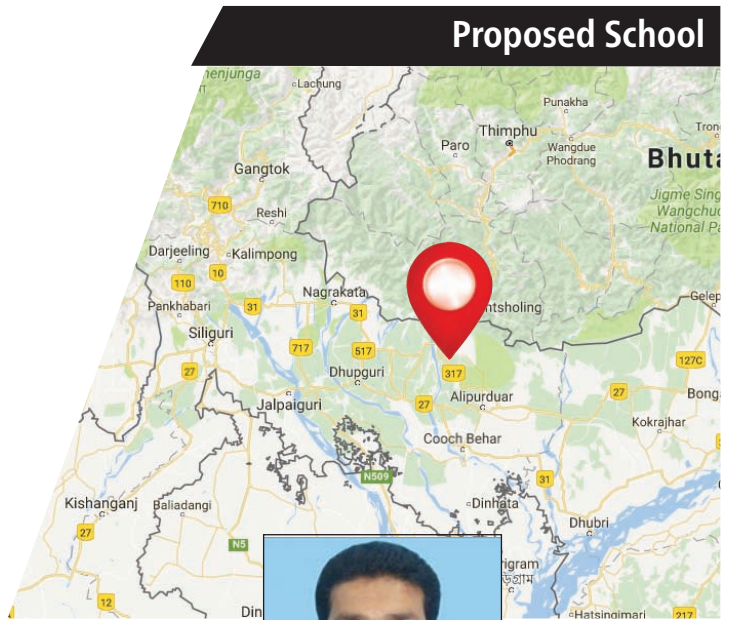
Goals:

1. Complete the school
2. Start teaching and encourage parents to value education
3. Raise the education standards by benchmarking with national levels.

Birpara Dalgoan Busty

West Bengal

Leader: Fr Sebastian Martis
Principal: TBC
Start: 2017
Capacity: 500
Partner: Chakra Society



Fr Sebastian Martis

We aim to build this school in 3 phases. (1 phase per floor and to complete this by 2019.) A temporary nursery will be run on site by Philemon. Phase 1 of the permanent concrete structure should be complete by the start of the academic year (i.e. April 2017). This 1 acre site is located near a main road, and sandwiched between 3 tea gardens, so we expect good demand from the outset.

Parents and prospective pupils meeting on site to discuss new school, Nov16

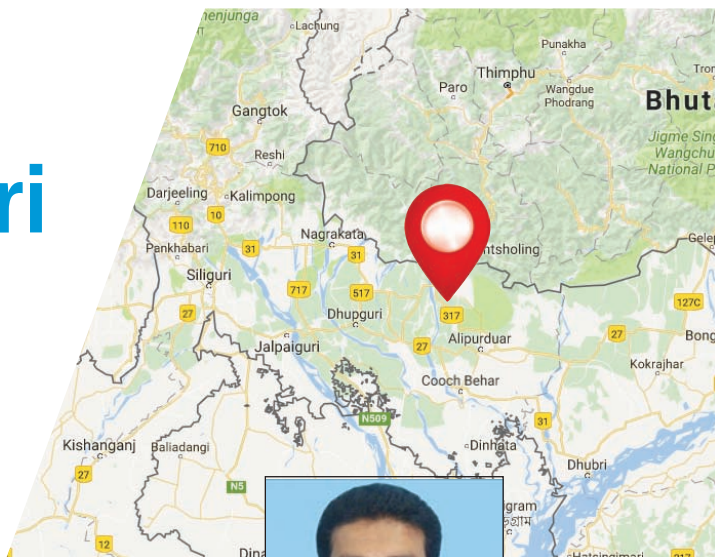


Kalchini

North Mendabari

West Bengal

Leader: Fr Sebastian Martis
Principal: TBC
Start: 2017
Capacity: 500
Partner: Chakra Society



Fr Sebastian Martis

The land for this site has been donated by a local rubber plantation owner. He is keen to have an English medium school built in his community, especially for his 2 children. There are estimated to be 2,000 families in this area. Most parents are self employed in agriculture (betel nut, rice paddies, rubber trees) and so would give full support to this local English medium school. It is envisaged that Educo France will be the primary supporter of this school

We will push to open this school in March 2017, but Phase 1 may take until June. This school will start at kindergarten (Lkg) and eventually run to 10th standard.

The Dooar Adivasi people (tribal) and the Nepali economic refugees will be the primary beneficiaries.



St. Stanislaus Lohardaga

Jharkhand

Leader: Fr. Sudhir Kumar Minj SJ
Principal: Fr. Alexis Dungdung, S.J.
Capacity: 1620
Partner: Ranchi Jesuits

Proposed School



Fr. Alexis Dungdung, S.J.

St Stanislaus' School, Lohardaga, Jharkhand will be a **kindergarten to 5th Class middle school** – a feeder school to the High school. This will benefit primarily the Oroan Tribals as well as the Muslim and Hindu communities.

Estimated cost: €92,000 G+2, for kindergarten & primary feeder schools (and toilets, elec and computer facilities).

Middle school size: 8,400 sq ft x 3.

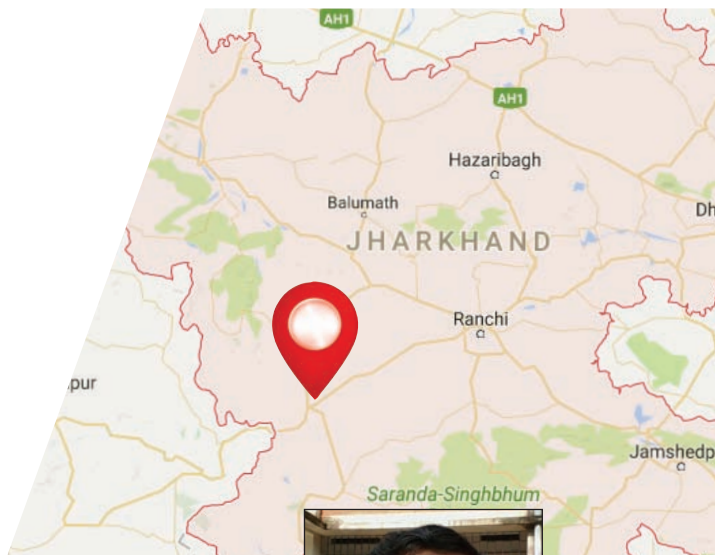
These photos show the existing High School.



Soso

Jharkhand

Leader: TBC
Principal: Fr Gilbert Barla SJ
Capacity: 500
Partner: Ranchi Jesuits



Fr Gilbert Barla SJ

This is an existing Middle school (co-ed) which we intend to develop and add boarding facilities for pupils.

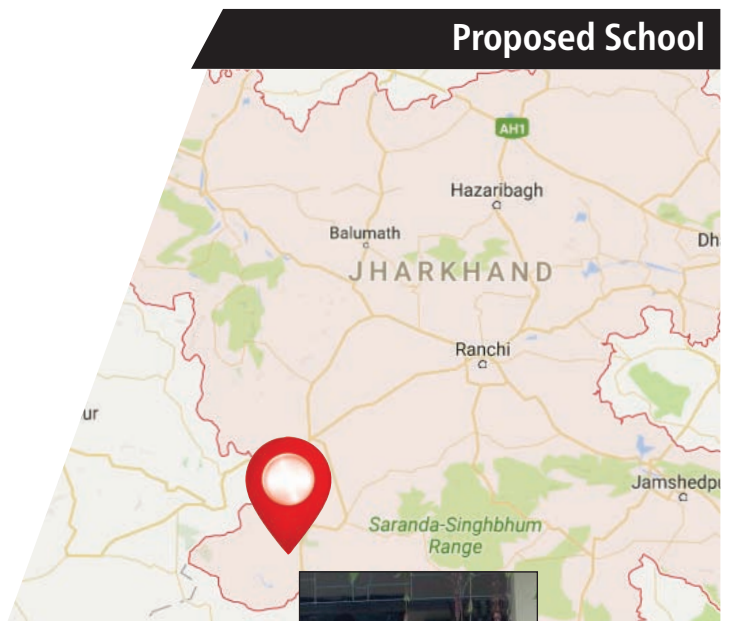
Estimated Cost: €92k for G+2 for 8 new classrooms, hall, computer lab, and maybe future boarding hall (and toilets, elec and computer facilities).



Sogra Simdega

Jharkhand

Leader: TBC
Principal: Fr Tejmati Bage SJ
Capacity: 500



Fr Tejmati Bage SJ

School furniture and hall for school activities for the current 500 pupils.

Estimated Cost: €10,000 to be confirmed



St. Mary's School

Samtoli, Simdega District, Jharkhand

Leader: Fr George Kerketta S.J.
Treasurer: Fr Bruno Toppo SJ
Capacity: 500
Partner: Ranchi Jesuits



Fr. Bruno Toppo SJ

Estimated Cost: €120,000

There is currently a junior school at St Mary's.

However there is a requirement for a permanent High School to be built to take children from standards 5 – to 10. This will be a 4 storey building with a footprint of about 6500 sq ft (600 sq m).

It is also proposed that this have a fully equipped computer lab.



Jharain Simdega

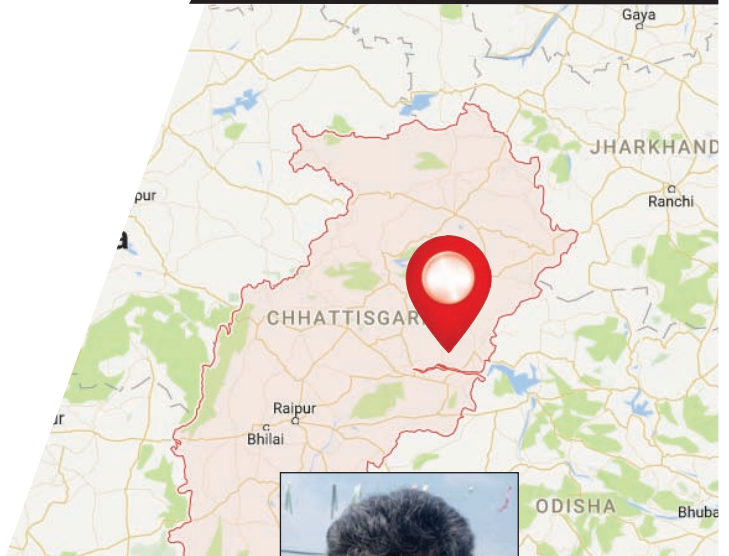
Chhattisgarh

Leader: Fr Linus Pingal Kujur SJ
Principal: TBC
Capacity: 50

Estimated Cost: €90,000

We aim to build a permanent 50 bed hostel for boarding pupils. (Pupils who board are found to attain better results, as they get regular meals and are in a routine that is conducive to study – which is frequently not the case in the homes of poorer, less educated parents). If this project goes ahead, we will also build an Assembly Hall and Computer lab.

Proposed School



Fr Linus Pingal Kujur SJ

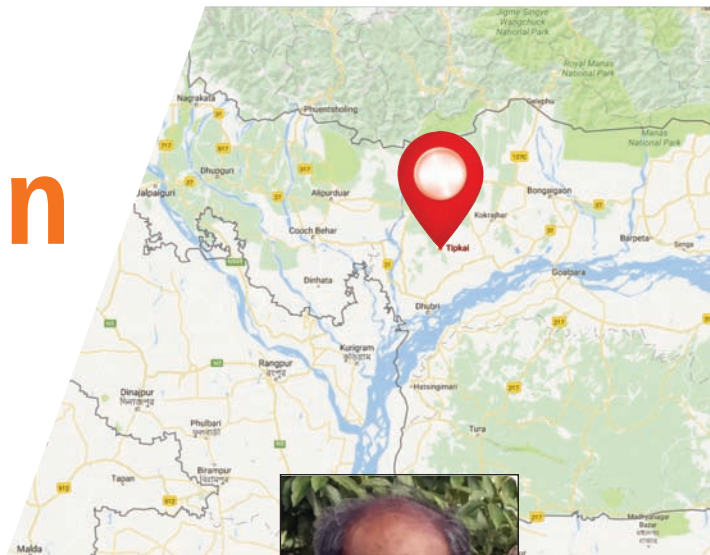


Tipkai Goalgaon Assam

Leader: Pradeep Kullu SJ
Partner: Ranchi Jesuits
Capacity: 400 (currently 43)

Phase 1 cost: €60,000

This school is currently in a temporary structure, on a 25 acre site. The aim is to increase attendance to 80 pupils in January 2017. Once the necessary building permits and land registration is signed, we expect to build phase 1 of the permanent structure in 2017.



Pradeep Kullu SJ



Muskaan School

Central Mumbai

Leaders: Chris Way & Krishna Pujari
Location: Muskaan, Kumbharwada, Dharavi, Central Mumbai
Started: June 2009
Teachers: 8
Pupils: 90 [Junior & Senior Kindergarten]
Partner: Reality Gives



Chris Way



Krishna Pujari



Educo runs a Kindergarten school jointly with the NGO Reality Gives in Dharavi, the largest slum in Asia and one of the most deprived areas of Mumbai. The school is run out of a building provided by the local community, who recognise the need for a quality Kindergarten in their area.

We use the Mukhtangan method of teaching in this school, which encourages children to think for themselves - teachers facilitate rather than teach. Central to the Mukhtangan method is the low teacher- pupil ratio: typically there is 1 teacher for every 15 pupils, thus encouraging an excellent level of tuition. The teachers all come from the local community, we facilitate their training with the Mukhtangan centre and are committed to maintaining the high standards of teaching within the school. As well as this quality teaching, we provide the children with a nutritious meal every day.

When the children graduate from the Muskaan school, we plan for them to join our school run out of the Kala Kila school, which is located on the nearby Mahim Sion Link Road, Dharavi. Educo and Reality Gives plan to recreate the model of the Saibaba Path school in nearby Lalbaug, which has proven so successful. This involves engagement with the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (formerly the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation or BMC) to allow us to use classrooms in their underutilised Kala Kila school. We already have a good relationship with the management of the school where our teachers from Muskaan assist the BMC teachers with their English classes. We plan to have our first class of Standard 1 ready to start in Kala Kila by June 2012.



Goals:

- 1) To continue to engage with the BMC authority at the Kala Kila school to ensure the use of classrooms to start our own English-medium school, starting at Standard 1.
- 2) To expand the Kala Kila school by one class every year, up to Standard 10, always providing education in English and using the proven Mukhtangan teaching method.

Kerala Region

West India

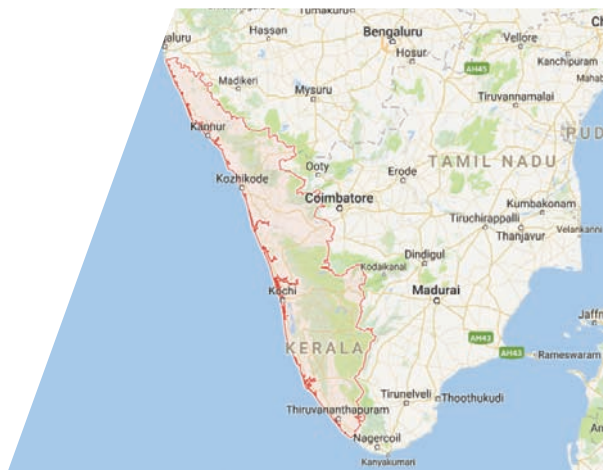
Leader: Tom McEnaney

Year: 2009

Project: In 2008 IODP (International Orphanage Development Programme) and Educo placed a library of 100 books and English language courses into 450 orphanages across Kerala. The books were chosen by librarians and teachers from Kerala, were in the local Malayalam language. They were primarily aimed at the most disadvantaged children in Kerala to promote a love of reading.

In all, two copies of 49 books and a cassette-based English-language course were presented to each school, along with clear plastic to allow the orphanages to cover and thus protect each book. The books chosen were a selection of Indian and western classics. They were mainly works of fiction and poetry with a few dictionaries and other language-based reference books.

The books and their distribution was funded by Educo. IODP administered the project. The books were supplied by DC Books, a local publisher (founded by D.C. Kizhakemuri, a well-known writer, activist, freedom-fighter and book publisher).



Sahar Vasai School

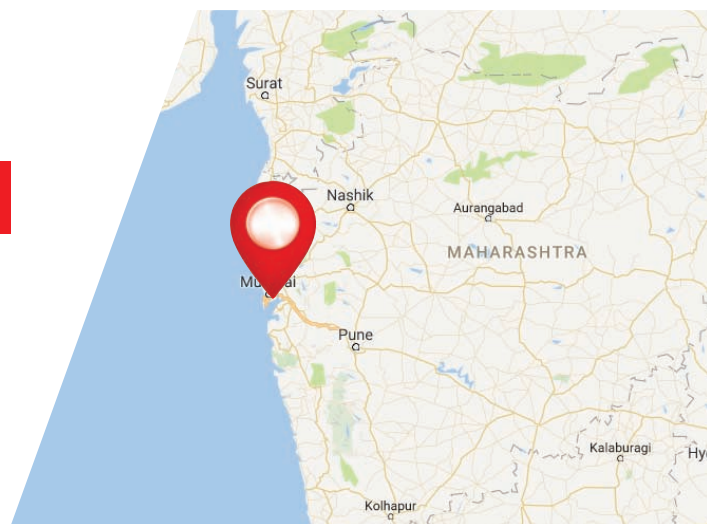
Mumbai

Leader: Sr Paulette

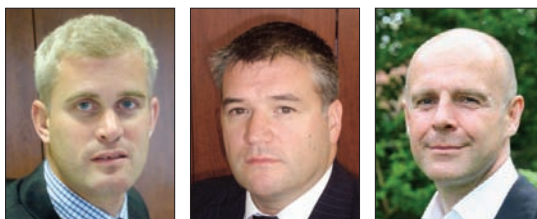
Principal: Sr Eliza Baretto

Capacity: 400

Project: This school is run by the handmaids of the Blessed Trinity which is led by Sr Paulette.
www.handmaidSORphanages.org



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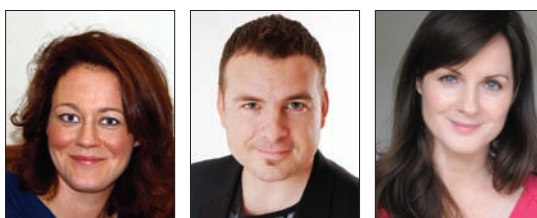
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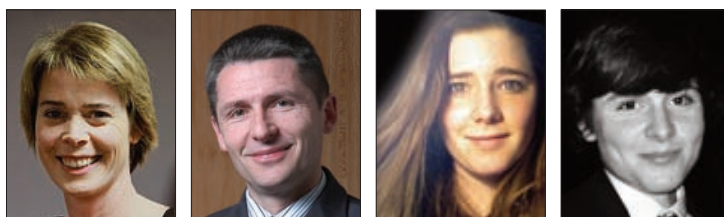
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How YOU can help:

Volunteer: Fundraise in Ireland

- 1) **Personal Collections:** Collect for Educo. If you have a group willing to collect for Educo, we would be delighted to make a 30 minute presentation (5 minute video, 15 minute talk and 10 minutes Q & A)
- 2) **Corporate Donations:** ask your company to donate to Educo: Some companies give a percentage of their profits to a charity such as Educo.
Other companies will match whatever their staff raise for a particular charity.
Why not make Educo your company's longterm CSR partner?
- 3) **Sponsorship:** Get Sponsored e.g. run a mini-marathon and raise funds for Educo.
- 4) **Teach:** Teach some of our classes from your own home, using Skype to help children improve their English pronunciation. It only takes 2 hours a week. Contact Jim Boylan
- 5) **Teach in India:** Educo has opened half a dozen schools in Mumbai, Kolkata, and Assam. While we pay neither volunteers nor their costs, we are delighted to have them share their infectious enthusiasm, goodwill and knowledge.



Donate:

Donation Packages:

PackagePer Annum	INR	US Dollars	UK Pounds	Euro
Exchange Rates - INR per unit currency		45.45	67.75	61
Annual Educational Expenses per Child - Preschool	10,000	225	150	165
Annual Educational Expenses per Child (Grades: I - III)	13,000	300	200	225
Annual Education Expenses per Child - Middle School (Grades: IV - VI)	15,000	325	225	250
Annual Educational Expenses of a Special Child (Differently Abled)	15,000	325	225	250
Annual Educational Expenses per Child - Secondary	20,000	450	300	325
Annual Expenses for Training a Teacher	25,000	550	375	425
Annual Salary of a Teacher - Preschool	48,000	1,050	700	800
Annual Salary of a Teacher - Primary	72,000	1,600	1,075	1,200
Annual Salary of a Teacher - Secondary	84,000	1,850	1,250	1,400
Cost of setting up a Resource Centre comprising of library, computers and audio-visual equipment	200,000	4,400	2,950	3,300
Furniture for a Classroom	225,000	4,950	3,325	3,725
Playground Equipment for a School	300,000	6,600	4,425	4,950
Fund an entire school in your name				€200,000



Legacy

Educo is trying to build a Fund or 'Corpus' to invest so that the running costs of our schools can be maintained long into the future. If you wish to leave a tax efficient legacy to Educo, please contact us.

*"If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed;
If in terms of 10 years, plant a tree;
If in terms of 100 years, educate people"*

Confucius





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