

## SSF: a non state-aided foundation

Being a foundation and run by volunteers the SSF guarantees that 97% of all the revenues reach the projects in India. It is held to publish an annual report which is public and is to be downloaded from the website.

## Meaning of the logo

Our hands are the last hands of help.  
The logo of the SSF speaks this message in sign language: **I Love You**  
Index-finger = I  
Index-finger + Thumb = L(ove)  
Thumb + Little Finger = Y(ou)

## Your donation

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IBAN: NL28RABO0109989597 or  
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An electronic version of the SSF folder is also available on the website in Dutch, English and German languages.



Children in the classroom



Sewing lessons



## Stichting STROHALM Foundation (SSF)

(literally: Blades of Straw Foundation)

Helps underprivileged children in India





### **SSF: Stichting STROHALM Foundation**

The SSF is a Dutch foundation which was established in 2005. Struck by the poverty and desperate life conditions of hundreds of children in the Andra Pradesh in South India the SSF was founded in The Netherlands by a small group of volunteers. Its aim was to start a small scale school project in the village of Puttaparthi in the Andra Pradesh.

In 2006 a primary school for the very poor was realized and has developed ever since. In 2009 it has become a school with classes from 1 till 7 and provides education to 150 pupils. The school enjoys the full consent of the Indian Government and teaching is done by professional teachers. It has the name: *Sri Sai Vidyalaya School*.

### **A better future**

The main objective of the SSF is to provide education to the very poor in the region whose prospects in life will be very bad without. But apart from being a centre of education the school offers more. Most children (and their families) in India lack the basic needs as good drinking water and water for sanitation. The school offers them these basic needs in life. In addition the children are given a healthy meal six days per week and they are ensured of medical and dental care.

### **Sri Sai Vidyalaya School**

In what way does the school contribute to the lives of these children?

- education from class 1 till 7 by professional teachers;
- six days a week a healthy meal;
- a new school uniform each year;
- purified drinking water;
- sanitary provisions;
- possibility to make homework after school;
- under the supervision of a teacher;
- sewing and computer lessons;
- annual school trips;
- sportive and creative school projects;
- elementary dental and medical care.

To give the children daily meals the SSF needs € 1.275 a month. To cover all other expenses i.e. the wages of the teachers, a small library, school uniforms, maintenance of the equipment, the school and the playground, etc. another € 1.300 are needed monthly.

That brings the total cost per child to € 17.50 every month!

### **The Mandals**

A Mandal is a large inhospitable area, the population of which is extremely poor. Puttaparthi's surroundings have three of those so-called Mandals. At turns the SSF provides the small local schools (up to 50 pupils) uniforms and other necessary school requirements.

Besides social and humanitarian help is given to the children out there. When a child needs to see a doctor or needs to be hospitalized the SSF arranges transport and accommodation for the family so that they can look after their sick child during hospitalization.

To cover the above mentioned expenses the SSF needs € 1.700 a year.

### **Your support is their future**

The SSF is determined to continue these projects and cannot provide help without you. Therefore your financial support is essential.

Please, let your heart speak.