

## **Project Application**

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### **Educational assistance to the displaced tribal children**

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This proposal seeks financial assistance for residential education of 150 tribal children who are victims of armed struggle between the Naxallites (Extreme left wing which believes in armed struggle) and police in Chattisgarah. Chattisgarah is the neighboring state of Andhra Pradesh where the applicant is working and the boarder is just 20 kilometers from the centre, LITDS, (Loyola Integrated Tribal Development Society) Katukapalli. LITDS is the Tribal Mission of the Jesuits of Andhra Province, India. The Jesuits are working from 1993. The clan named, Gothikoyas, is in crisis at their home lands. The tribes face severe persecution from the Naxallites (Extreme left political party which believes in arm struggle) and the Police (Security forces). If they support the police they are killed or harassed by the Naxallites and if they support the Naxallites they are threatened and harassed by the Police. To save their children and families they are running away to the forest area of Andhra Pradesh. Most of the children are often hungry and starving as they are displaced. They have settled down in the Reserved Forest in small huts. Since these are new hamlets they are not recognized by the Government of A.P as revenue village. So there are no school facilities for the children. These children require food and education immediately. Otherwise there is a danger that all these children will become child laborers. Since LITDS has the needed infrastructure to accommodate tribal girls and boys, it has already collected around 300 Gothikoya tribal children and accommodated them in the home at LITDS. We present this proposal to request you to support 150 tribal children to feed and to educate them.

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