



## **Happy School – Frequently Asked Questions (FaQs)**

### **QUESTION 1**

**What are the RILM suggested components of Happy School?**

**Sample Answer:**

- a.
  - Painted, well maintained and secure school building.
  - Adequate and functional separate toilets for boys and girls.
  - Hand washing stations.
  - Clean and adequate drinking water for both students and teachers.
  - Library.
  - Play material, games and sports equipment.
  - Benches, desks for students.
  - Well maintained space for teaching staff.
  - Shoes and School Bags for students.
- b. Refer to: [https://rotaryteach.org/happy\\_schools.php](https://rotaryteach.org/happy_schools.php)

***Note:** To declare a school as Happy School, all above 9 (nine) components should be there in the school and minimum 5 components to be implemented by Rotary in one year or over multiple years.*

### **QUESTION 2**

**Can private school be adopted for happy school?**

Any Govt. School, either fully or partially aided by national, state or district or municipal bodies can be adopted for Happy schools. Clubs will be accredited with Recognition certificates based on reporting of projects done in such schools. Conversions of Private Schools can be taken up by clubs at personal level but will not be accredited by RILM.

### **QUESTION 3**

**How will RILM support in creating a happy school?**

RILM will help in

- Identification of subsidized products from National vendors to bring down project cost.
- Provide general flow of project guidelines timeline and forms for Survey and reporting activity. Data support to clubs for

- Highlight project in Literacy Times newsletter for national visibility

#### **QUESTION 4**

##### **4. Where will clubs or districts find partnership details?**

- Refer to Partnerships under Happy School Section under TEACH details in Member Zone through rotaryteach.org website
- rotaryteach.org> Member Zone> T-E-A-C-H> Happy School> Partnership Offers
- <https://rotaryteach.org/happySchool.php>

#### **QUESTION 5**

##### **Shall the clubs or Districts directly connect with Partners for Offers?**

- Clubs should connect through RILM to get Best Offers.
- Clubs should write to happyschool@rotaryteach.org with their requirement and
- Transactions should happen online through individual partner portals once Service Level Agreements are finalized and orders will be placed online through orders placed by clubs and districts and money deposited through RILM portal.
- Vendors can issue Invoices in name of RILM only and RILM will have to issue PO for partner.

#### **QUESTION 6**

##### **What is approximate cost of making a happy school?**

The cost of a Happy School depends on a lot of factors:

- Size of School
- No. of beneficiaries
- Available conditions in school
- Scope of Work in 5 missing criteria
- Price of products at remote locations may increase and can have higher transport cost.

Keeping these factors in mind,

- A Small size school with 50-100 beneficiaries may vary from INR 50,000 to INR 2.5 lakhs
- A Medium Size school with more 100 - 200 beneficiaries may vary from INR 2.5 lakhs to INR 5 lakhs
- A Large Size school with more 200 - 500 beneficiaries may vary from INR 5 lakhs to INR 7.5 lakhs

## **QUESTION 7**

### **How much time it takes to complete a happy school?**

If project planning is perfect and flow of fund is not staggered, there are instances where a Happy School Project has been completed within the Summer or Regional Holidays. It of course depends on the scope of Work. Even big projects including 5 or more components under Global Grants can be finished in 1 quarter.

However, there are instances where small clubs in remote areas having very high needs for a school have finished 1 project due to lack of funds in more than 1 Rotary Year.

## **QUESTION 8**

### **When is the best time to approach a school for happy school project?**

The best time to approach a school would be during the last quarter of the Rotary Year by DGEs and CPEs to plan the surveys and allocate Budgets and form an idea of activity for the upcoming Rotary Year.

In such a situation, the first Quarter can be utilized to complete all paperwork and documentation and seeking all fund and Grant support from members and local CSRs and GGs.

By October implementation of Project can start and end by December.

Thus, the students can get a New Happy School in the New Year and new session where academic year starts in January.

## **QUESTION 9**

### **How Can Clubs reduce Project Cost by exploring RILM Corporate Partnerships?**

- Clubs can identify the partnerships explored by RILM and relate it to projects of their undertaking.
- Clubs can see the terms of offers in RILM website to assess the cost of procurement of products under their scope of work.
- Clubs should get in touch with RILM to finalise quantity for offers and details of products and quantity and then transfer funds with 5 % admin cost on confirmation from companies of availability and terms.
- Clubs should submit basic details of projects like survey, outlay, timeline and budget of project to secure documentation of projects are in place.
- Based on club transfer of funds, RILM will raise PO to company for supply of order.
- On receipt of products at special discount prices, clubs should upload receipt details.
- Clubs should submit completion of project report to receive star certification.

## **QUESTION 10**

### **How can a Club set up a Library in a School?**

**Sample Answers:**

Refer to RILM Literacy Manual either in the Hard Copy or go to [rotaryteach.org](https://rotaryteach.org) website and download current year manual from Resources section in Member Zone (<https://rotaryteach.org/memberzone.php>)

## QUESTION 11

**What are RILM certificate recognition criteria for Happy School and Library Creation?**  
**Happy School**

LEVEL	CLUB	RID
STAR	1 school	15 schools
SUPER STAR	3 schools	30 schools
MEGA STAR	5 schools	75 schools
SUPREME STAR	10 schools	125 schools
MAJESTIC STAR	15 schools	150 schools

## Library Creation

LEVEL	CLUB	RID
STAR	10 libraries	50 libraries
SUPER STAR	20 libraries	100 libraries
MEGA STAR	30 libraries	150 libraries
SUPREME STAR	50 libraries	250 libraries
MAJESTIC STAR	75 libraries	300 libraries

**Key Points:** For RILM certificate recognition, for a Club/District, intervention for minimum 5 components is must, irrespective of sources of funding. In case less than 5 components are done, the record of the individual component/s will be maintained separately, but not be counted/recognised under Happy School.