

Press Release

The Akshaya Nidhi Foundation

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Rating Update

Total Bank Facilities Rated*	Rs.5.00 Cr.#
Long Term Rating	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB-) Issuer not co-operating*

#Refer Annexure for details

*The issuer did not co-operate; based on best available information.

Acuité has downgraded the long-term rating to '**ACUITE B+**' (**read as ACUITE B plus**) from '**ACUITE BB-**' (**Read as ACUITE double B minus**) on the Rs.5.00 crore bank facilities of The Akshaya Nidhi Foundation (TANF). The rating continues to be flagged as "Issuer Not-Cooperating" and is downgraded on account of information risk.

The Akshaya Nidhi Foundation (TANF) was established in May 2014 to serve as a sustainability vehicle for the Akshaya Patra Foundation. The Akshaya Patra Foundation (TAPF) is a charitable trust founded in 2000 under public private partnership model to implement the Mid-Day Meal program of the Central Government. Started in Bangalore, it reaches 1.6 million children across 26 locations in 12 states. The large fleet reaches around 13,000 schools every day. The local recipes serve vegetarian food (without garlic or onion). The trustees are full time missionaries of ISKCON movement and include Mr. T. V. Mohandas Pai, Ms. Sangita Jindal, and Mr. Rajendra Hinduja etc who hold key positions in the organisation. The Akshaya Nidhi Foundation (TANF) operates out of Bangalore (35,000 persons per day) and Gurgaon (15000 persons per day)

Non-cooperation by the issuer/borrower:

Acuité has been requesting for data, information and undertakings from the rated entity for conducting surveillance & review of the rating. However, the issuer / borrower failed to submit such information before the due date.

Acuité believes that information risk is a critical component in such ratings, and non-cooperation by the issuer along with an unwillingness to provide information could be a sign of potential deterioration in its overall credit quality.

This rating is therefore being flagged as "Issuer not-cooperating", in line with prevailing SEBI regulations and Acuité's policies.

Applicable Criteria

- Default Recognition - <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-52.htm>
- Service sector Entities- <https://www.acuite.in/view-rating-criteria-50.htm>

Limitation regarding information availability:

The rating is based on information available from sources other than the issuer/borrower (in the absence of information provided by the issuer/borrower). Acuité endeavored to gather information about the entity/industry from the public domain. Therefore, Acuité cautions lenders and investors regarding the use of such information, on which the indicative credit rating is based.

Liquidity Indicators - "No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon."

Rating Sensitivity - "No information provided by the issuer / available for Acuite to comment upon."

About the Rated Entity - Key Financials

The rated entity has not shared the latest financial statements despite repeated requests.

Status of non-cooperation with previous CRA (if applicable)

None

Any other information

Acuité is yet to receive the latest No Default Statement (NDS) from the rated entity, despite repeated requests and follow-ups.

Rating History (Up to last three years)

Date	Name of Instrument / Facilities	Term	Amount (Rs. Cr)	Ratings/Outlook
16-Apr-2020	Bills Discounting	Long term	5.00	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
15-Feb-2019	Bills Discounting	Long term	5.00	ACUITE BB- Issuer not co-operating*
08-Dec-2017	Bills Discounting	Long term	5.00	ACUITE BB-/ Stable (Assigned)

#Annexure – Details of instruments rated

Name of the Facilities	Date of Issuance	Coupon Rate	Maturity Date	Size of the Issue (Rs. Crore)	Ratings/Outlook
Bills Discounting	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	5.00	ACUITE B+ (Downgraded from ACUITE BB-) Issuer not co-operating*

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