

Asha Samajik Vidayalya

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1. How long have we funded this project and what is the total amount funded so far?

2003-2011, Total- \$36,969

2. What is Asha Austin's portion in the entire organization budget (ball park figure)

100%

3. What is the bottom line problem that this project is aiming to solve?
(enable govt schools in a region, eradicate girl child illiteracy, fill the gaps in govt schools, provide assistance where there are no govt. schools, etc)

The project educates the children of socially and economically backward communities. These children belong to day labor families who cannot afford to attend private schools. Most students belong to families where education is not a priority due to economic conditions and are asked to help out by the age of 10-12. The school provides basic primary education.

4. What has been the significant quantifiable improvement that we have seen in the project over the years (eg. Increase in attendance, increase in self-sufficiency, improved community involvement)

The school started with 34 students and now has approximately 130 students. 148 Students are enrolled for 2011-2012. This is due to consistent community involvement by the teachers due to which the community understands the importance of education for children.

5. What is the project's long term strategy – Do they plan to increase their activity significantly (No. of centers, No. of schools, no of beneficiaries etc)
There are no such plans for the future.

6. Is this model replicable (in an entirely new state by a different organization)?
This school is supported through Asha Austin's Support a child program. The school is located in a remote region of Uttar Pradesh(Reoti District) where the total cost of running the school is low. Such a school can be run in a different district but the expenses of running such a school may be higher. Additionally the concentration of day laborers in the area creates a need for a school that provides basic education.

7. Is this model scalable (may be by the same organization but over a large region and larger beneficiary base)? Does the project have the resources to do it?
The school currently does not have the space or teachers to expand in a new area.

8. What would be the impact if Asha Austin cannot continue its funding?
As the school is completely supported by Asha Austin, it will cease to exist.

9. What is the best exit-strategy for Asha Austin?
Unrecognized/unaffiliated schools are being shut down all over the state of U.P. In light of this, some urgent discussions are being conducted as to how to make the ASV recognized. The school does not have the resources to be compliant with the guidelines of the RTE bill. However, the school is not under any pressure currently but Vijaybhai(Local Project coordinator) anticipates that at some point in the future there may be pressure from the government to either convert to a registered school or shut down.