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Objective - establish a model with primary, middle and high school to educate children in Champawat District, Uttarkhand

- There are 8 schools.
- It works with government schools to provide primary teachers, infrastructure and facilities are provided by government
- challenge - need to work effectively with government teachers and principal
- Effectively the school has one teacher, our goal is to provide one teacher per class.
- Started by Dr Hari Bist (faculty member at IIT Kanpur)/
- total - 624 students, 19 teachers in 2010, in 2005 there were 52 students, 3 teachers.
- activities by Savidya: improve education quality by adding more teachers, rotating library, annual health checkups,
- One of the schools is Kulethi which has been upgraded to middle school in
- Ritesh Tiwari volunteered (engineering graduate) for about 6 months. volunteered at the science center

explained experiments to kids. arranged for one day visits to two schools - Dungra Sethi and Kharkee

- kho kho champions, publicised in paper
- monthly meetings with parents
- each school has its own chairman.
- Periodic meetings with guardian of students.
- exam - grant total - 340 students.

very few students failed - around 2%.

- accomplishments - 3 students in NAVODAYA Vidyalaya 2010 from Dungra Sethi (DS) School.

Dungra Sethi Primary has gained status of Model Govt school

As part of RTE, govt distributed uniforms to Dungra Sethi

DS Principal (Mrs Pandey) is being considered for state/central Govt Recognition/Awards

- Uniforms, medicine, gifts were given to students.
- They celebrated World Environment Day 06/05/2010.
- We are working with Azim Premji Foundation to get funding.

Site report - Kids were quite curious, smiling etc.

Rainy day - so class 2 and 4 in the same class (usually class 2 sits outside)

Kids were interactive

Dungra Sethi - Grade VII - children enacted a short skit illustrating the lesson being taught

Computer room - 2 donated by Asha. Students were very enthusiastic.

- Kulethi - There was a library.

Messages

- uniforms are useful.
- cultural programs are useful
- Sports equipment is broken in some school
- lecture training useful

For 2011 -

- We are dropping to support one school - Subash Nagar because the students are dropping from 202 students in 2006 to 117 students in 2009

When we went to distribute uniforms there weren't enough students. So they are basically inflating students.

Also there are budget constraints.

- Ravi to find out more as to why is this school not supported.

Budget -

- so we are targeting 502 students, 16 teachers.

- Total budget - Rs 1581250 from Rs 1970200 in 2010.

- Learning resources: library and science center - budget reduced from Rs 212800 to Rs 153000

- proposal uploaded on the website.

- 20% cut is already incorporated in it.

Suggestion:

- Cut the budget for the medicines(necessarily vitamin tablets) and instead of vocation training for sweing etc.

- Ravi will find out their meal menu to take the decision on this.

- Another question is we are kind of lacking the longer vision of the project.

- May be we can work with 3-4 schools instead of 7 and spend budget on policies and models.

- We need to figure out how do we need to go ahead with this project.

- Ravi to ask whether they have filed any RTI as to places where schools are there but why are the teachers not deployed.

Link to approval poll:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ashasv-vol/surveys?id=3045977>