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Please read the minutes in conjunction with the corresponding slides on the project page. I have not noted down everything that is already on the slides for brevity sake.

Seva Mandir Update (Amit)

Started with the Lok Jumbish – Education for All movement

Most children they work with have never been to a school before

Or they are kids of migrant laborers

Non-formal education centers

RTE: How to improve Govt schools, this led to activity centers. Now state of Rajasthan has recognized these schools as RTE compliant.

District -> Blocks --> Zones --> Villages --> Hamlets

Slide 11: Assessment mechanisms are both self created and the one created by Digantar Level 0 for beginners

1 for alphabets

2. sentences

3. paragraphs, complex text

36% decrease in level1: Seva Mandir concludes that this is most likely due to non-attendance.

Teacher training done by Seva Mandir, in partnership with Vidhya Bhavan Society

On average overhead of record keeping is >30%.

Teacher exchange program in collaboration with Edukans (Netherlands)

Optional fee is being collected. PTA decides how to spend the money.

Exchange program with Govt school teachers as well.

Success Story: SK Rama instructor's efforts

Assessment of the school itself was conducted, details on slide 15.

Students are not grouped by age but by learning levels (defined above)

Teaching happens more or less together, but assessments happen based on their speed of learning.

Total ask: Rs. 30, 84,000 (\$48,951 as of today's conversion rate)

Main difference this year: asking for 3 seasonal schools instead of the usual 2 seasonal schools.

Door Step Schools (Suhas)

Main idea is to work in conjunction with mainstream school instead of creating a parallel school system

Staff: 400 teachers + 400 volunteers

They don't support mid-day meal scheme as they have concluded that it is more of a distraction and not the best use of their resources

We supported 63% and builders supported 37% of the funds

Learning camps

Activity centers

Activity based learning, to replace rote learning

Running on-premise in the Govt school, and After schools in Govt schools

This has dramatically helped in solving the problem of retention and dropouts. Proves that if the environment is provided, these issues can be solved. A lot of these changes were made on Asha-SV's recommendation. A success story for us.

Budget

Last year they had excess of Rs. 7,60,960. So they asked for a reduced budget. But ended up with a deficit of Rs. 1, 76, 191. The vols decided to include that excess amount to this year's budget. So a total of Rs. 21,93,483 + Rs. 1, 76,191 = Rs. 23,69,674.

Please refer the slides and budget google spreadsheet (in the project page) for details.

Amit comments:

In late 90s there was a big push to get all children into schools. Then focus shifted towards quality. Now the problem has transformed into educated kids being unemployed. Typical students end up in MNREGA scheme, they are not financially viable options. 14-25 year olds brought together by Seva Mandir to get them self-employed. Reached over 1500 kids through this project.

