

Asha for Education™

Site Visit Questionnaire

P.O. Box 322 • New York • NY 10040-0322

www.ashanet.org

Dear Volunteer

Thanks for conducting this site visit.

The following set of questions is only a suggested guideline. Some of the following questions may not be relevant or applicable to the particular project you are visiting, but please do try to answer as many of them as possible. Please note that Part sB & C necessitate that the information be gathered through conversations with the children and their parents, and not simply the group's teachers and staff.

Please feel free to attach any documents/photos you feel are pertinent to the project.

Thanks.

- Asha for Education

Date: Jan. 24, 18

Name of the Project: Sarvodaya Parivar Trust, Pindval center

Name of the Organisation Running the Project (if different):

Was your site visit announced? Yes, it was planned

No, it was a surprise visit

	Project Contact	You Name (Asha volunteer conducting the visit)
Name	Mitali Baxi, Education Coordinator	Tushar Shah
Address	Pindval, Tal. Dharampur, Dist. Valsad – 396 050, Gujarat	9 Coneflower Ln, Princeton JCT, NJ, 08550
Phone(s)	+9199251 00260	2014840095
Fax		
E-mail	pindvalvinoba@gmail.com, baxi.justlikethat@gmail.com	tusharshah@gmail.com

PART A: Particulars about the organization and its environment

1. What are the different focus areas of the organization? (give a rough estimate of the % of their total effort/funding)

Community development ___% Education 100% Health ___%
Other ___% (please specify)

2. What is the administrative structure of the group (e.g. Board of Directors/Grassroots-based)?

Board of Trustees. Sujata Shah as full time trustees and in-charge of both centers. Mialiben is the Education coordinator. Ganeshbhai is in charge of Admin and also teaches at Pindval. Shri Prakash Shah, a Trustee, plays an active role at SPT after Shri Kantibhai passed away

3. Are there any other organizations working in the area providing any one or all of the services provided by the visited organization? (Briefly mention their names and their objectives)

Organization	Objectives of the organization
Dakshin Gujarat Pachaat seva Mandal	120 Residential tribal students
Van Path	Community development and education. It is located 20 KM from Pindval and operates in a different area of the hills. Van Path and SPT are like minded NGOs and collaborate on many issues

PART B: The organization and the community it serves

(Information to be gathered from parents and children)

1. Approximately how many families live in the area? 42 villages with approx 3000 families.. Out of about 6000 children in the age group of 5 yrs to 14, the school accomodates only 250 students. The school limits the applications to 150 of which only 27 were admitted to the Std 1.

2. What do the parents do for a living? (Agricultural worker, Daily wage laborer etc.)

Small farmers and migrant daily wage earners in construction, odd jobs and farm workers.

3. At the time of enrolment, does the school ask for the names of both parents?

Yes No, just the father's name No, just the mother's name

4. How often do the teachers meet the parents?

Once a year on the Parnets' day. Parents often walk in to meet the teachers. The life is slow paced and parents have plenty of time. They also do odd jobs that are required on the campus.

5. How do the parents participate in the organization's activities? (e.g. by contributing their time, money or labor in the school's activities etc.)

occasionally contribute labour. They participate in the parent-student meets and cultural programs.

6. Are there any Government Schools in the area?Yes No **7. If yes, how far are the Government Schools from the community? 500 M.****8. Why did the parents choose this school over the Government School?**

1. SPT is a residential school. Others are not, except one, which is Government aided
2. Superior education.
3. superior reputation.
4. Better nurturing.
5. Emphasis in overall development
6. Free of Cost.

9. When you visited, how many children were present in the class?

Did not check number. Average attendance is more than 99%. Only when kids fall very sick that they are either admitted to hospital or parents take them back to home

What is the regular class strength? 21

Comments:

10. Do the children seem to enjoy coming to school?

Yes. They are a happy bunch. They live like an extended family. Older girls groom younger ones like sisters.

PART C: Project particulars

(Information to be gathered from students and staff)

1. What is the mode of teaching in the school? (Check the appropriate choices)A. Formal (State Board, Central Board etc.) **till what class?** 8th standard.B. Non-Formal Education (NFE)

do the students also attend formal school?

C. Vocational D. Other . Please specify _____**2. If A (Formal), up to what grade(LKG, 5th, 7th etc.) does the school conduct classes?
standard 8**

3. *If B (Non-Formal Education) how many of the children also attend formal schools in the area?*

Non formal education is about Sanskara, equal respect for all religions, Gandhian philosophy etc
If none do, does the project plan this for the future?

4. *If Non-Formal Education, does the organization create its own study material (books, games)?*

SPT uses formal school syllabus & books

5. *If C (Vocational), what do the children do after they finish training?*

Ex students and other youths are sponsored for vocational training at reputed institutes. #7 youths have completed the courses and are working in their respective professions, with high income. Additional 21 youths sponsored by SPT are at a vocational training center at Bhuj. 10 are under training and 11 are gainfully practicing their vocation at the Bhuj center..

6. *How many staff or volunteers are recruited from the community?* 8 Teachers + 1 Principal + cook
How many of the staff are women? 7

7. *How many teachers have left the school in the past one year, and why?*

0.

8. *How many new teachers have joined in the past year?* 2

9. *Does the organization train the teachers?*

Yes

No

If yes, how do they provide the training?

1. ARCH for science and maths 2
2. Parle Trust for science, Maths and Teaching methods 3
3. Government schemes
4. Learning Network workshop.

10. *How much is the staff paid?* Rs 6000 to 12000 pm Vs. Rs 18,000 to 40,000 pm in Government schools.

Is it on par with the salary paid to the staff in the Government schools? Yes No

PART D: Financial resources of the organization

(Feedback from the person conducting the site visit)

1. *Do you think the proposed amounts in the budget are reasonable?* Yes No Maybe

2. *Are all items covered in the budget?* Yes No Maybe

Comments: I believe that the school should spend more on food and sports activities.

3. Is there anything you think should be added or removed from the budget?

Yes No

If you recommend any changes to the budget, please explain your reasons for this.

I believe more nutritious food should be given to students. SPT points out that food available at their home is so meagre that a huge gap should not be created in their lives. SPT gives the food of the type used in their homes but better. The experiment of raising cows to give milk to kids has not succeeded. Pindval will be buying milk from Market.

4. Did you discuss the proposed changes with the project? If so, please describe their response.

I have given feedback but have not proposed any change.

PART E: Comments

(Feel free to attach documents if necessary)

Very detailed report of the activities is prepared by SPT and I am not repeating the content.
Please refer to the detailed report prepared & attached.
SPT is focusing on improving the Quality of education.
Major construction of a new school building is underway.