

## **Conference Call Minutes**

**Date** : Wednesday June 2, 2010 (India) / Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 (Austin)

**Attendees** : Vijaybhai (Project coordinator, Asha Samajik Vidyalaya, Reoti)  
Rangakrishnan Srinivasan, Ganesh Krishnamoorthy (Project stewards, Asha Austin)

### **1. Disbursal**

- Second installment not yet sent. To be sent by mid-June.

### **2. Teacher training via Gramin Siksha Kendra (GSK)**

- Murali (GSK project steward), inquired with Maneesh (coordinator for GSK) about their annual training
- Teachers from all over the country attend the course
- The course is held in-house at GSK for a month (the teachers stay at GSK for the duration)
- The annual training session for this year happened in April-May. Maneesh had invited all ASV teachers to attend. It was too short a notice to work out the logistics to get the ASV teachers to attend.
- Maneesh had also mentioned about bring the trainers from Rajasthan to Reoti.
- The logistics for doing this is being looked into. Asha Austin to bear the cost of training (if it exceeds the currently allocated budget)
- Vijaybhai to look into venue for arranging the training for both ASV schools

### **3. Health check up**

- The summer is very hot and the climate is not very conducive to hold a health check up camp.
- The exam schedule was also conflicting with arranging a suitable date
- Doctors were not available before the school closed for the year.
- The school reopens after the summer vacation on June 15. The school will try to get doctors to visit after that

### **4. Miscellaneous updates, plans for the 2010-2011 academic year**

- The final exams were held in May. The grading has been completed and compiled. Computer file will be sent to Asha Austin after June 18<sup>th</sup>
- The school budget for the academic year 2010-2011 will also be sent to Asha Austin after June 18<sup>th</sup> (both Vijaybhai and Vallabhji are busy with accounts and Income tax forms until then)
- Anupama will be confirmed as a full time teacher starting this year. She is doing a good job and is committed to the school. She knows the philosophy of the school and the way everything is done in the school.
- The school has not been able to find another new teacher, they are still looking.
- If a new teacher is found by July, the school will include that in the budget for the forthcoming year.
- Vijaybhai expects most of the current students to continue. On

- New students are expected to join at the nursery and KG levels
- No intake of new students in the higher grades. The students currently in class 5 (about 13 of them) will go to the government school for class 6.
- Vijaybhai expects about 20-25 new students (30 at most)
- There will be approximately 130-140 students taught by 5 teachers. So it would definitely help if another teacher can be found.
- Some classes may be joined together (if they have a low number of students)
- Vijaybhai mentioned the difficulty in getting a new teacher from out-of-town. It is not easy to find someone committed, sincere, interested in this kind of a job. If the school can find someone like that, then they will hire the person.
- Not all the kids who dropped out during the harvest season returned back to school.
- Vijaybhai met their guardians and mentioned that in some cases the guardians don't really care even when the kids just dropped out and sat at home.
- About 8-10 students are likely to drop out this year based on the final exam results.
- Asha Austin has requested ASV to include new teacher's salary in the budget if a suitable candidate is found soon.
- Asha Austin has also requested ASV to inform us as soon as possible if there would any new items in the budget to account for funding requirements
- A center operating at IIT Kanpur (Jeevan Vidya) has developed training guides for moral education.
- They have a full team to train teachers
- The main content is developed by someone from Amarkanth. Another professor from a college in Kanpur is also interested in this. The material is taught in various colleges, schools and technical institutes in Kanpur.
- Two teachers from ASV will be attending the sessions this year in June when the school is closed (4 day conference/training)
- Vijaybhai thinks it will benefit the children. The concepts are general to make it easy for students of all ages to grasp