



Report on Borkuch High School and Bonpura Primary School supported by ASHA for Education

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Borkuchi High School

ACRD adopted Borkuchi High School, a community run school, located in Sonapur area of Kamrup Metro district, Assam in 2016. The school was set up in 2008 as there were no schools in the area and the government-run schools were far off for children to commute daily. As drop-out rates of children are high in government schools, Borkuchi High School was set-up by pooling in resources from the community to cater to the educational needs of their children in the area. The teachers, all from local areas were teaching in an honorary basis, but poor quality of teaching was affecting the performance of the students in the Board examinations. With financial support from ASHA for Education, Stanford Chapter, ACRD started paying salary to the teachers and constructed toilets for the students and teachers. Regular parent-teacher meetings are held in the school now and the performance of the school students have marginally improved. Games, sports week, school week, are held in the school regularly with the help of the community members. Last year, with financial support of ASHA the construction of the school building began and work is underway. The construction of the school is expected to be over before monsoons in another two-three months.

At present the school has five teachers. Total no of students in the school are 38. No of girls- 23, no of boys – 15. During the year 2018, 20 students appeared for High school leaving certificate examination.

A few pictures from Borkuchi High School







On-going construction of the school building



Bonpura Primary School

Every year, the teachers of the school visit door-to-door of the students to request the parents to send their children to school as there is lack of awareness and sensitization among them. The children are expected to either join their parents in the agriculture fields, or take care of their younger siblings at home.

The dedicated teaching staff of the school ensures learning is a mix of physical and mental activity in the school. Physical exercises, song, dance, apart from focus on academics are regularly taught in the school. Annual sports day, Independence Day, Children's Day, etc are observed every year among the children.

However, the school is located in a low lying area making it vulnerable to the floods every year. The school is affected by floods at least twice a year causing challenges for the school authorities and students to attend school. Saplings of various trees have been planted in the school premises and the children take care of it regularly by watering it from time to time.

As part of Work experience, the students are regularly taught to make bamboo hand fan, tray, siever, basket etc. and the girls are taught stitching and embroidery work. The students are also taught to make various types of fruits and objects made of clay.

The school was provincialized by the Government of Assam two years ago, and the post of two teaching staff were sanctioned by the Government. However, one teacher and one non-teaching staff are being paid salary from the ACRD- Asha project. Currently, a total of 200 students are enrolled in the school.

BUDGET OF BONPURA SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR 2018-2019

Sl. No.	Component	Amount	Month	Total
1	Teaching Assistant's Salary	6,500/-	12	78,000.00
2	Helper's Salary	3,500/-	12	42,000.00



3	Monitoring visit	2,000/-	4	8,000.00
4	Play materials	5,000/-	-	5,000.00
5	Books and stationary	5,000/-	-	5,000.00
Total				1,38,000.00

(Rupees.: One lakh thirty eight thousand five hundred only)

BUDGET OF BORKUCHI HIGH SCHOOL (2018-2019)

SI No	Particulars	Amount	Months	Total
1	Honorarium for Teachers	6,500/-	12	78,000/-
2	Monitoring Visit	1,200/-	3	3,600/-
3	Books and stationary	5,000/-	-	5,000/-
4	Games & Sports	5,000/-	-	5,000/-
Total				91,600/-

(Rupees.: Ninety one thousand six hundred only)

Grand Total: Rs 1, 38,000+ Rs 91,600 = Rs 2, 29,600 (Rupees Two Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Six hundred only)