VARUN Site Visit & Mid-Year Report

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Video Summary

=> Access to potable water
=> Access to clean toilets
=> Access to solar fans

https://photos.app.goo.gl/syKLEWky3Zk7vCmt9
Location & Background

➔ Asha SV funding since 2003
➔ 9 centers across Chandauli and Sonbhadra districts of U.P., 1 in Bihar
➔ All schools are informal centers in isolated forest villages of 40-50 families
➔ Road access: Only Shahpur
➔ No water, no electricity, toilets under construction
➔ Used to be naxal affected, not anymore; heavy CRPF presence in Naugarh
Leaders On Ground

➔ Dr. S. P. Singh
◆ PhD in agriculture
◆ Co-founder of VARUN
◆ Spent all his life at VARUN
◆ 60+ years old, failing eyesight

➔ Ram Krit
◆ Right hand man for Dr. Singh
◆ 31 years old, B.A. degree
◆ Student of VARUN
◆ Main administrator for VARUN

➔ Ramesh
◆ Long time VARUN employee [?]
◆ 3rd most important person
◆ No education, but skilled
Aurawatand
Dhobahi
Nandana
Bhitari
Baluhiya
Nauvanar
Food & Nutrition

➔ PDS is working well, good supply of rice and wheat
➔ Farmers grow 1 vegetable using old agricultural practices
➔ Huge variations in rainfall year after year - 2019 has been terrible so far
➔ Children are visibly underweight
What Should We Do?

➔ In some ways, the problems in the area are beyond Asha’s capacity to solve
➔ We need to make peace with providing temporary relief until govt steps up
➔ We should invest more in RTE/RTI/awareness programs for the benefit of locals
➔ We **MUST** address some immediate needs: water and toilet cannot wait for govt intervention
➔ We must fund social entrepreneurship programs for at least a selected few
Immediate Need

### One-time cost

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<th>COST/UNIT</th>
<th>UNITS NEEDED</th>
<th>COST [$]</th>
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<td>Water pump</td>
<td>700</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>3,500</td>
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<td>Solar lamp + fan</td>
<td>600</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>4,800</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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### Recurring cost

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<td>Salary Increase</td>
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<td>Additional Teacher</td>
<td>700</td>
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<td>Ramgarh Center Rent</td>
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### One-time cost

Girls Hostel in Naugarh - $35,000
Personal FR For VARUN ~$25,000

- Google match: 36.7%
- Cash: 6.7%
- Cash Match: 13.4%
- TA: 8.1%
- TA Match: 4.1%
- FB: 27.9%
- FB Match: 3.3%
Thank You!