

Meeting: March 20, 2013

===== MINUTES =====

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GSK - renewal presentation (Murali)

- They have found other donors for school in Jaganpura
- The schools focus on quality of education - child centric, after-school evaluation,
- Children graduate 8th grade and take the Rajasthan prelim exams
- Students from GSK - many students coming first in the district
- In fact Govt school teachers are asking GSK how the children are doing so well
- Apart from first school, all others were opened based on community demand
- All land donated by the community
- Children get to make a newspaper every 3 months; publish a magazine called Eklavya
- GSK started in 2003 - today has 4 schools and ~550 children
- What is the involvement with govt schools?
 - o Community outreach program
 - o GSK organization (separate staff, not the teachers) go into villages and educate the parents on involvement
 - o Women sign up and become a part of the PTA
 - o Training for govt school teachers
- We used to work with schools in Jaganpura and Bodal
- Jaganpura has support from Heisley foundation
- There are some changes to Bodal school starting this academic year (Aug '12)
- Govt school has now been merged with Bodal school
- Bodal has merged with a government school. There is a 5 Year hand off period following which it will become 100% government run. Overall turning out to be a pretty good and smooth handover. However we need to monitor the handover and make sure the quality does not drop.
- A new program called Vistaar has been started by GSK and their goal is to convert 100 government schools to make them like GSK with teaching materials, etc. (Project funded by Kothari foundation)
- Evaluations done by Hemant Kothari foundation for the Vistaar schools to check the quality improvement.
- Site visit report - The govt school teachers have excepted the new learning methodologies.
- Some remnants of govt school methodologies like attendance sheet etc. But overall much higher quality of education.
- GSK is maintaining its high standards for quality of education.
- Site visitor noted that govt school teachers still inflict corporal punishment on school students. GSK is trying to prevent that.
- 45 days intensive training course for GSK teachers. Some govt school teachers too enroll.
- **Budget - 2012 2013 : 516,000 (\$9,200) down from (\$22,000) in the last budget.**
- Main reason for lower cost is Heisly is now supporting Jaganpura from 2012 onwards.
- Plan was to create a model school, and then work with government schools to bring the higher quality to those schools. They are now on the road to achieve this in the next 3 to 5 years.
- We need metrics for evaluate govt school teachers and how seamlessly the transition is happening
- Govt school teachers involved in training, staying late, children evaluation, etc

- Does AshaSV want to continue to support the Vistaar program? Vistaar wants to support about 100 schools
- Breakdown of admin funds needed before next renewal.
- Fund one disbursement for July '12 - Mar '13
- Bring in next disbursement for Apr '13 to Mar '14
- Open a poll and include the single disbursement for 12-13 in the question.
- We need a success story from GSK - this is a good successful model with an organic exit
- Great model to engage with schools to improve their quality
- Look for a steward for GSK with Murali as a co-steward

POLL QUESTION: Do you approve INR 387,477 for Gramin Shiksha Kendra Samiti for July 2012 - Mar 2013? Sine the amount is lower than last time and the disbursal is late, do you approve disbursing the whole amount in one installment?
Renewal presentation - <http://www.ashanet.org/projects-new/documents/603/gsk-sv-mar2013.ppt>.

CHOICES AND RESULTS

- Yes, 12 votes, 100.00%
- No, 0 votes, 0.00%

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- No