Asha has supported teacher and staff salaries, library costs and TLM over the last 5 years for 2 schools at Jaganpura and Bodal.

GSK started in 2003; today have 4 schools and over 450 children.

Children make a daily newspaper, bal panchayat etc.

Experienced staff, most have master's degrees in education.

School operations are child-centric.

Typical school day: 8a-11.30a (classes), 11.30a-12.30p (lunch), 12.30p-2.30p (classes), 2.30p-5.30p (evaluation and planning for next day), 5.30p-6.30p (interaction with villagers).
Updates - Morange

- New creative journal, Morange, being published by the children every month.
- 8 Morange articles and poems were published in Chakmak, a popular kids' magazine by Eklavya
- Edited by Prabhat, a locally accomplished poet, who is also a part-time teacher at GSK
- Room to Read has sanctioned 1000 books for 2 schools each.
- GSK and Aravali are researching into a livelihood generation project
- Bodal construction is complete
Infrastructure/Schools

- New school at Faria is doing well, have experienced and motivated teachers
- Teachers attended a workshop by Room to Read in December
- A real estate company has donated 4 acres of land for a new Uday school
- Local IT commissioner is trying to generate 4-5 lakh rupees.
- SDTT proposal is on hold because of RTE bill.
Site visit

- Zankhana, Vibha's employee in India, visited GSK in December 2009.
- Most of the old staff who had left during the turbulent funding times in previous years have now returned with more stable funding.
- Uday Jaganpura has got the affiliation from the Rajasthan Education Board this year.
- Teachers have weekly workshops on Saturdays. GSK also had quarterly workshops in October and December, the second one held at the XISS (Xavier Institute of Social Services) campus of Ranchi.
- The new school at Faria now has 100 children and 4 teachers. The school caters to 3 villages at the edge of the Ranthambore sanctuary. Different villages donated 20 bighas (~8 acres, ~30k sqm) of land for the school campus. It currently runs in thatched structures built by the villagers similar to how the schools at Jaganpura and Bodal started.
In all 3 schools, children have started playing cricket and hockey with all the donated sports equipments.

The 5th and 6th editions of Morange, the children's magazine, has come out.

With the new facilities at Bodal, many more children have joined this year from govt schools, and the children enjoy the new way of learning: 'dimag me baith jata hai' (concepts are grasped easier).
Funding scenario

- Overall budget ~ Rs. 39 lakhs
- Support from Asha Austin + WAH ~ Rs. 10 lakhs
- Support from Asha SV: Rs 14.6 lakhs
- Disbursals so far: ~10.2 lakhs (Sep 2009)
- Remaining disbursals: ~4.4 lakhs