AshaSV has been working with Savidya Upasamiti, an NGO based in Champawat, Uttaranchal towards improving the education provided in the district. In 2005-06, AshaSV and Savidya Upasamiti “adopted” the Prathamic Pathashala (primary school) in Kulethi village, Champawat district. The 2005-06 project proposal is provided on the project webpage.

Here is an update of the activities / progress in the project in 2006.
1. The student strength has increased from 52 to 90.
2. 3 new teachers were appointed, resulting in 1 teacher per class. Earlier, 2 teachers were responsible for 5 classes.
3. The school has become the first primary school in the hill regions in the state to impart computer education to primary school students.
4. Under a grant from the Basic Shiksha Abhiyaan, funds have been allotted to build a computer room in the school.
5. The local community has become involved in managing the project. Local businessmen have offered to build a pucca wall around the school and have offered to maintain the school lawns and garden.
6. The Rajya Sabha MP, Capt. Satish Sharma, has promised to release Rs. 6 lakhs (Rs. 600,000) towards building a science resource center in the school.
7. The school now has a permanent electricity connection, and the state govt. has offered to pay for the electricity.
8. Local and state education officials have visited the school to see how the community and AshaSV have come together to improve the school's working.
9. The District Magistrate for Champawat District, Mr. BK Pathak, along with other officials visited the school on 23 April 2006. He presented the school with a second computer, and the school children with various sports items that were purchased with the AshaSV grant.
10. 2 medical camps were conducted in the school. One student was detected with cataract problems in his eyes, and his operation was performed free of cost.
11. 2 sets of uniforms were distributed to each student during the school year.

The project has met the short-term goals set by AshaSV for 2005-06. These were:
1. Improve the student-teacher ratio by hiring additional qualified teachers
2. Work with the school and the community to reduce drop-out rates and increase student strength
3. Involve the local community in monitoring the teaching in the schools and help to improve school infrastructure

The long term goals set by AshaSV were:
1. If the experiment in the primary school is successful, and a tangible improvement is demonstrated by (a) increase in student strength, (b) reduction in drop-out rates, and (c) improvement in teaching and school facilities, the project can be extended to include middle and high schools in the district.
2. If Asha were to adopt middle and high schools, the local vocational training institutes will be asked to train the students in various practical hobbies and skills.
3. Work with the Govt. of Uttaranchal to replicate this model in other schools in the district/state.

The project is on its way to meeting the long-term goals set by AshaSV.

The following pages contain some pictures taken during the health camps organized at the school as part of the project requirements.

Note: The date on the photographs is incorrect due to a mistake with the camera setting. The visit of the DM occurred on 23 April 2006.
Figure 1  Hepatitis Vaccination camp at the school on 19 Apr 2006

Figure 2  Visit by the District Magistrate, Mr. BK Pathak, on 23 Apr 2006
Figure 3  Gram Sabhapati, Shri RC Punetha, welcoming the DM

Figure 4  Function organised to welcome the DM on 23 Apr 2006
Figure 5  Parents of the school children and other villagers attending the function to welcome the DM

Figure 6  School children performing a dance at the function
Figure 7  The DM presents a second computer to the school as part of the AshaSV-supported project

Figure 8  The DM presents a first-aid box to the school
Figure 9  The DM presents some sports items to the school

Figure 10  A budding cricketer at the Prathamic Pathshala
Figure 11  Even the DM gets into the act

Figure 12  The District Education Officer presenting the 2nd set of school uniforms to the school children
Figure 13  The school on a typical day