AshaSV has been working with Savidya Upasamiti, an NGO based in Champawat, Uttarakhand towards improving the education provided in the district. In 2005-06, AshaSV and Savidya Upasamiti “adopted” a public primary school, Prathamic Pathashala, in the village of Kulethi in Champawat district. Following the success of this endeavor, the scope of the project in 2006-07 was expanded to include 2 more schools in the district – the Subhash Nagar Govt. Primary School, Haldwani and the Girls Junior High School, Dungra Sethi. More details are provided on the project webpage. Here’s a report on the developments so far.

**Government Primary School, Kulethi village**
- The Samiti has appointed 3 regular teachers for Science, English and Computer Studies. Including the 2 teachers appointed by the State Govt., there are now 5 teachers in the school, and one teacher per class.
- 2 part-time teachers have been appointed for sports and library activities.
- Games kits have been provided for the students. The children can now play volleyball, football, cricket, badminton etc. Also, board games such as carrom, snakes & ladders etc. have also been made available to the children.
- Swings, sliding chute and a see-saw were installed in the school playground.
- In early Feb. 2007, a set of uniforms was distributed to the students.
- A health camp was organized on 16 Feb 2007. The children were given Hepatitis-B vaccines at this camp. Their height and weight were measured at this camp, and this is now being monitored by the school authorities on a regular basis.
- The children are given Liv-52 and calcium tablets everyday after their mid-day meals.
- Every classroom was equipped with benches and tables as per the 2006-07 project requirements.

In addition,
- A boundary wall around the school and an additional classroom were constructed with funds allocated under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.
- In Dec 2006, new toilets were built for the school with funds allocated under the Swajal Yojana by the Govt. of India.
- Capt. Satish Sharma, Rajya Sabha MP, had promised the school Rs. 6 lakh towards the construction of a science resource center. The District Magistrate of Champawat district has received the funds, and the construction is expected to begin soon.
- The students took part in a rally on 7 Jan 2007 to increase awareness about polio vaccination programmes in the area. Students from the Dungra Sethi school also participated.

**Girls Junior High School, Dungra Sethi**
- On 9 Feb 2007, school uniforms were distributed to all the students.
- 2 computers, with necessary accessories, were provided to the school in Dec 2006 and Jan 2007.
- Sports kits have been provided to the school. The students can now play volleyball, badminton, carrom etc.
- 2 part-time teachers – one for computer education and one for sports & games – have been appointed.
- A health camp was organized on 16 Feb 2007. The height and weight of the children were measured at the camp, and is now being monitored by the school authorities on a regular basis.
- The school provides calcium tablets to the students everyday after their mid-day meals.
Subhash Nagar Govt. Primary School, Haldwani

- 2 new teachers have also been appointed to the school as per the project’s requirements. One of them has been assigned to teach the students of Class-V.
- Various sports kits were provided to the school. The students can now play volleyball, badminton, carrom etc. The school has purchased a drum for their PT (Physical Training) classes.
- The school has purchased a harmonium and a dholak (drum) for use in various cultural events by the school students.
- A health camp was organized at the Subhash Nagar Primary School, Haldwani on 20 September 2006. Four doctors – an eye surgeon (Dr. GB Bisht), a dental surgeon (Dr. YP Singh), a pediatrician (Dr. H Jangpangi) and an ENT specialist (Dr. N Kandpal) – and two nurses from the Women’s Hospital in Haldwani attended the health camp.
- The students are being provided with Liv-52 and calcium tablets everyday after their mid-day meals.

Note

- The mid-day meals are provided in the schools as per the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan program.

The following pictures have been taken from various activities at the schools during 2006-07.
Figure 1 Health camp organized at the Subhash Nagar Primary School, Haldwani on 20 Sep 2006

Figure 2 Students gathered at the health camp at the Subhash Nagar Primary School, Haldwani
Figure 3  The inauguration of the health camp in Haldwani

Figure 4  One of the four doctors at the health camp in Haldwani.
Figure 5  Nurses from the Women’s Hospital inoculating the children

Figure 6  A volunteer distributing medicines to the children at the health camp
Figure 7  The new benches and chairs at the Primary School, Kulethi

Figure 8  The new benches and chairs, and the computers in the background, in the classroom at the Primary School, Kulethi
Figure 9  Shrama-daan at the Kulethi school to clean and spruce up the grounds around the school. Local residents joined the parents/guardians of the school children and the school staff in this voluntary effort.
Figure 10 Presentation and use of the new computers at the Dungra Sethi school
Figure 11  Rally organized by the students of the Kulethi and Dungra Sethi schools to promote the Pulse Polio campaign
Figure 12  Two articles in local Hindi newspapers covering the polio awareness rally in which the students of the Primary School, Kulethi, participated
Figure 13  An article in a local Hindi daily covering the eye camp organized by the HWSTVAPSS