Champawat District, Uttarakhand

Savidya works with Government schools to augment resources such as teachers, classrooms, library, science center and vocational training in order to make education more effective.

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Outline

• Objective and approach
• History with Asha
• Education activities
• Site visit – key messages
  – Messages from Principals
    • Useful
    • Funds used well
  – Summary of school visits (pictorial)
    • Classrooms
    • Conversations with teachers
    • Play time
    • Computers
    • Message from Principals

• Accomplishments – 6 months
  – Science day
  – MM Pant Visit
  – List of programs, sports activities

• Request for renewal
Objective: The long term goal is to establish a model educational structure that covers primary, middle and high schools to effectively educate children in this district.

Approach: Savidya works with government schools to augment resources – primarily teachers- to make education more effective.

- **Advantage**: Infrastructure and facilities provided by the government
- **Challenge**: Need to work effectively with government teachers and principal.
Asha SV - Savidya Upasmati: History

• Asha Savidya is located in Champawat district in Uttarakhand.

• The program was started by Dr. Hari Bist (retired faculty member at IIT Kanpur) who hails from this region.

• The original start was provided by Dr. Bist establishing a fund to provide scholarships to 5 students in schools.

• Collaboration since 2005 starting with adoption of primary school in Kulethi.

• A total of 8 schools (6 primary, 2 middle) supported currently with 19 Savidya appointed teachers, impacting ~650 students.

• Involvement of parents/guardians through Sid Jagran Seva (National Science Day, World Environment Day)
## Savidya Upsamiti Adopted Schools - Evolution

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Currently, 19 additional Savidya teachers impact approximately 650 students in primary and middle schools.
Key Activities

- Improve education by improving student/teacher ratio: goal is to have 1 teacher per class.
- Rotating library and science center in Kulethi school
- Annual health care checkups and distribution of multivitamins/deworming medicines
- Organization of Annual Science Day and Environment Day
- Annual teacher training program
- Provision for games and participation in local level sports competitions
- Training for entrance exam to Navodya schools
  - 2 students passed the entrance exam
- Cultural events on Independence Day, Republic Day, Children’s day etc.
- Involve local community in schools via monthly parent teacher meetings
Evolution of Kulethi School

Kulethi School – 2006
(2 rooms)

Kulethi School – 2009
(Science center added)

Kulethi School – 2009
(brick structure is new middle school)

Kulethi school has been upgraded to a middle school by the government
Science Center

- Established via funding from Capt. Satish Sharma
- Measurements of
  - weight (balance)
  - length (screw gauge, callipers and scales)
  - time (stopwatch)
  - temperature
  - use of microscope and telescope
  - Other physical phenomena

National Science Day - 2009

Aug 152008 Quiz contest <Kulethi
Mrs Nirmala Sharma
Site Visit (July 2010)

- Dates: July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>
- July 4<sup>th</sup>: Meeting to honor Mrs. Pandey
  - 1-2 students consistently make it to Navodaya Vidyalaya schools from Dungrasethi Primary

- July 5<sup>th</sup>: School visits (Khark Kharkee, Dungrasethi, Kulethi)
  - I was aiming to look at the students, teachers, how they interact, how much they participate
  - Rainy day: so could not evaluate much regarding sports, outdoors etc (except Kulethi)
  - Had brief conversations with children and teachers
Champawat – Natural Beauty

• Amazingly beautiful place – close to the Himalayas
The First School – Khark Kharkee

• Principal was very enthusiastic and involved
• Kids were quite curious, orderly and responsive
The Second School – Dungra Sethi

• School has consistently sent students to Navodaya Vidyalaya
• Rainy day – so class 2 and 4 in the same classroom (usually, class 2 sits outside)
• Kids very interactive
A Short Skit (Grade VII, Dungra Sethi)

• The children enacted a short skit illustrating the lesson being thought – done spontaneously and with good participation from class
• Computer room with 2 computers donated by Asha
• Students – playing on computer and learning