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SAVIDYA UPASAMITI

2013 – 14

PROJECT MID TERM REPORT



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Introduction

Project Overview

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- The Savidya Upasmiti project seeks to improve the quality of school education in the Champawat region of Uttarakhand by
 - providing additional resources in the public schools, and by
 - increasing awareness in the local community regarding the importance of education and the people's right to quality education.
- The project is Managed and Run by the Himalaya Water Service Tatha Vikas Avam Paryavaran Sanrakshan Samiti (HWSTVAPSS) and has been funded by the Si V chapter AFE (Asha-SV) since the project's inception in 2005.
- The following slides contain:
 - ▣ A report of the project activities during 2013-14, and
 - ▣ An output of the site visit conducted in February 2014

Mid Term Progress Overview

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- Achievements/events conducted post project renewal in 2013
- Site Visit Report conducted by Dr. Atul Joshi
- Overall status, challenges remaining
- Request for release of approved funds remaining for 2014

Achievements/events conducted to date after renewal (Aug 13)

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- 6 students from the adopted schools succeeded in Rajiv Navodaya Vidyalay:
 - ▣ Vidyalay a premier institution for education from 6th standard onwards
 - ▣ Admissions via an entrance test
 - ▣ Competitive environment for entrance
- Training of students continued by Volunteers even during winter vacations;
 - ▣ Results showed improvement with respect to last year.
- Community outreach: Savidya Smarika 7th edition, released on Feb 28 2014
- NSD during Feb 27 March 01 2014, Participation of Indian Research Institutions and Universities

Achievements/events cont...

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- Organized Independence day (Aug 15), Teachers Day (Sept 5th), Gandhi Jayanti (Oct 2nd) , Republic Day (January 26th)
- Community Recognitions :Sapno Ki Uddan got 1st ,2nd and 3rd prizes in several events (Nov 8th)
- National Talent Search examination participation by students (Nov 17th)
- SPIC MACAY- function in Champawat for the first time: arts/music showcase
- 5 scholarship distribution functions at Champawat(C) & Haldwani(H) (December – March 2014)
- Distribution of school bags to all the children in the 8 adopted schools on March 12 2014
- Regular Meetings of Guardians, Teachers and School Management and Development Committees.

Pics from the winter training program (December 25th to Jan 31st)

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Nation Science Day: Feb 28th 2014;

Science exhibition, Cultural program, Smarika-release, Inauguration, prizes, scholarships, certificates of excellence, workshop on Disaster Management



Releasing the 7th issue of Annual Saviday Smarika- 2014 Participants MLA Kharkwal, Participants Gujrat, KU, Nainital and Almora Campus, Defebce lab ,Site visitor from Nainital



NSD 2014; Annual Savidya Function, Certificates to High Achiever Himwats Volunteers with NSD Visitors



The School Bag distribution Kulethi school through our Champawat Team in presence of Guardians and Teachers in all the 8 adopted schools



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Site Visit Report

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- Site visit conducted by Prof. Atul Joshi, Coordinator N.S.S., Kumaon University, Nainital and Dr. Suresh Dalakoti, Ex Member of Executive Council, Kumaon University, Nainital, Uttarakhand
- Visit dates: 27-28th Feb. 2014
- Visit conducted during the National Science Day event undertaken by Asha Savidya
- Visit report uploaded at:

Site Visitor Dr Atul Joshi being honored by Chief Guest Dr Barakoti Director Higher Education and Dr B S Bisht



Site Visit Report

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- Key findings:
 - ▣ All the children were attending school in their uniforms provided by Savidya.
 - ▣ To ensure health and sanitation each child has been given tooth brush and tooth paste.
 - ▣ Sports materials and musical instruments have also been made available to the children. Computers have also been provided in the schools and the children have received introductory information to computers.
 - ▣ The schools also have a small library that has different types of books and Audio, Video C.D. and D.V.D. for the children and teachers. Most of the books, C.D. and D.V.D. were donated by the volunteers, ASHA Foundation and other N.G.Os.
 - ▣ Student's enrollment in most of the adopted schools is declining in subsequent years.

Site Visit Report: Gaps Seen

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- Children are not getting the required attention due to ratio between students and teachers are not well balanced.
- The biggest question posing Savidya is the future of the teachers, who are employed at a meager salary of Rs 3500 to 4,500, when compared to a government teacher in the same school who is paid a salary of Rs 25,000. Savidya does not have enough funds for increasing the base salary of the teachers or for offering them any additional incentive for delivering outstanding results.
- Stock register was not properly maintained in regard of price of accessories, issue, and damages at school level.
- Records of uniform, bags, medicine and other facilities provided to students are not properly maintained at school level.
- The books are not arranged with accordance to accession register in library.

Site Visit: Impact of Asha's project as observed by Dr. Atul Joshi

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- Community showing positive intention towards committee efforts for all round development of their child.
- Because of the better education and achieving good examination results by these schools, the local peoples are beginning to believe in government school again.
- 6 students from Govt. School Kulethi complex (getting educated during winter vacations also -5 from Kulethi and another from our village Darah) succeeded in interring R. N. Vidyalaya. (where they will receive free board and lodge and first class education till class 12th)
- The news was published in Champawat Edition of Amar –Ujala. (The total intake of R.N. Vidyalaya was 60 students; only other school to follow this feat was a Saraswati Shishu Mandir Pvt. School (5 students) No Govt school is near that record.)

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Status, Challenges and funding request

Project status, challenges

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- Asha's support has continued to sustain the efforts of the organization
- The program is achieving its objective of driving better education for school children and their overall success
- Community awareness efforts and scientific initiatives are driving home the importance of education to the local community
- Challenges remain primarily around retention of teachers, local government involvement in driving quality of education and impact of local disasters (floods in 2013)

Request for release of remaining funds

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- Rs. 18, 23, 300 approved for project in October of 2013
- Initial release of Rs. 9,15,000 in November, 2013
- Request of release of remaining funds: Rs. 9,08,300

