Site Visit Report
Himalaya Water Service Tatha Vikas Avam Paryavaran Sanraksan Samiti (HIMVATS)

Site visit was conducted by Mr Harshit Upreti, Volunteer from NMIMS, Mumbai and Mr Nirmal Pandey, HIMWATS Haldwani Office dated on 16 February 2015.

Name of Organization : Himalaya Water Service Tatha Vikas Avam Paryavaran Sanraksan Samiti (HIMVATS)
Date of Registration : 10th Nov. 1997.
FCRA : Cultural, Educational and Social N.G.O.
File No. : II/21022/99(0029)/2007
FCRA Regd. No : 347890007, New Delhi01/23/2008
Area of Operation : Uttarakhand
Objects : Mobilization of the rural youth, advancement of backward sections of the population thereby eradicating local hardships.
Address : 14/35 G.B. Tikonia, Haldwani.

Objectives of the organisation

a) HIMWATS
- Environment Awareness
- Quality Education and healthcare of underprivileged children
- Social Awareness and Nasha Mukti Abhiyan
- Plantation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants through nature conservation
- Social Empowerment and corruption eradication.
- Social health awareness
- Domestic and social works.
- Knowledge club development

b) Savidya Upsamiti
- Adoption of School.
- Learning and Science Resource Centre.
- Siddha Jagran Seva including child, youth and old citizen.
- Vocational Training Programs.
- Teachers Training.

Management Committee :
- Dr. C. S. Mathela - President
- Mrs Kamlesh Sah - Vice President
- Dr. H. D. Bist - Secretary
- Dr. R. D. Joshi - Treasurer
- Dr. G. B. Bist - Auditor
- Mr. Kamlesh Rasyara - Member
- Dr B D Sutheri – Member
Adopted Schools:
- Kulethi – Primary School
- Dungra Sethi – Primary School
- Badola – Primary School
- Khark Karki – Primary School
- Kulethi – Junior School
- Dungra Sethi – Junior School
- Khark Karki – Junior School

Student’s Enrollment:
(In Adopted Schools)

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Observations during the site visit:

i) In all the schools students of primary school can read and write English. The understanding of the subjects is thorough and students were able to answer generic questions easily.

ii) Students were aware about the day-to-day happenings and general knowledge was found to be sound.

iii) All the students were wearing the government distributed school uniform.

iv) The records for distribution of free medicines (Liv 52) to students and distribution of notebooks were maintained properly.

v) The library book issue details were also properly documented.

vi) The volunteers regularly take classes in the science center and demonstrate the concepts of refraction (using prisms), lenses, lasers, centre of gravity etc. which are not part of the curriculum but students of the school have a clear understanding about them.

vii) All the schools regularly schedule demonstrations using CD/DVD for every class.

viii) Water filters donated by Banks, other organisation are installed in all the schools for providing clean drinking water.

ix) In Primary school Dungra Sethi, the volunteer of HIMWATS had left about a month back since then no new volunteer has been assigned as a result most of the activities in this school are not going as expected. The computers provided by the organisation to this school are not working and they were sent for repair, however, no update has been taken even after two months.

x) The enrolment in some of the schools is declining every year and the faculties have attributed this to
   a. less kids in the villages
   b. parents prefer sending their kids to private schools as they are perceived to be providing better education as compared to government schools.
xi) In the primary school Khark Karki, many guardians told that because of the quality of education in HIMWATS adopted schools they have admitted their kids to these schools from private schools.

xii) The absenteeism in school is handled by the volunteer quite nicely as they go to the homes of the children not present in the school and request parents to send their children to the school daily. On an average, the attendance of students is around 80-85%.

Achievements:

A brief of the achievements of the session 2014-15 is listed as:

- Six students from Primary school kulethi got admission in Navodya School
- Three students cleared the NTSE (National Talent Search Examination)
- Five students from Primary School Kulethi participated in state level sports competitions
- From Primary School Champawat, two students participated in Taekwondo competition at district level while two students were awarded first prize in folk dance competition at district level
- Six students from Primary School Khark Karki participated in state level sports competitions
- Four students from Junior School Khark Karki participated in state level sports competitions and three students were selected for National Level
- Many students from the schools won various cultural and sports competitions organised at the block level

Suggestions:

- The salary paid to the volunteers is quite low (maximum – Rs 5000) as compared to the amount paid to government teachers (Minimum Rs 25000). The volunteers are doing good work for the students hence they must be paid more in order to retain them for a longer period of time.

- The science center has a huge repository of equipment which can be used better if a more qualified person is recruited for demonstrating the experiments to the students on a daily basis.

- Regulation of Teachers
  
  It was observed that in some schools there were few or no volunteers (one volunteer had resigned and one was on maternity leave), so with the understanding amongst the volunteers and under the guidance of knowledge club members volunteers can rotate on a weekly or monthly basis so that the work of the organisation is not stopped.

- In the meeting a new idea came up, the idea was to set up an assessment level of every subject in every class and the volunteers will ensure that all the students must be able to clear the assessment level. The state government has provided the schools with a chart for every class which states the level of understanding a student must have in a subject with time. Students will be promoted to the next class as per the mandate by the government.