

**Discussion Minutes (Mrs Zankhana Patel, Director, Vibha India and Padmanava Sen, Asha project partner coordinator)**

- Vibha India representatives visit Gram Vikas Trust every 6 months. Vibha has been associated with GVT since 2008.
- Vibha has funded their Balwadi project in the past (~3 yrs) that was supported by AfE Dallas chapter as well.
- Vibha supports Siksana project now (31 schools) and continuously tracks it.
- Vibha also provided 16 temporary teachers for the recent problem in the Jambusar block). Asha Atlanta chapter supported 10 teachers as well. More details here :  
<http://www.ashanet.org/projects-new/documents/697/ParaTeacherUrgentProposal2013.pdf>
- GVT has no plan to run any alternative schools , hence there is no RTE compliance issue
- GVT is also trying to get partial support for the students under SSA (Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan) programme <http://ssa.nic.in/>
- Mrs Patel has personally visited Gram Vikas Trust in Bharuch district multiple times and actively talked to the BDO, District representatives in that area to strengthen Govt ties in the line of sustainability.
- Siksana project can address the quality of education issues in that district and Vibha will monitor it every 3 months in their new phase of implementation
- Altogether, Siksana and other GVT projects are running well and their model of support to Govt infrastructure rather than creating alternate resources is exemplary.

More details about Asha for Education's involvement can be found here:

<http://www.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=697>