Jagriti Bal Vikas Samiti
Apna Skool

WAH 2014

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Jagriti - background


- 20 schools run 7-8 mos
- Largely cater to migrant worker kids
- AID supports 5 other similar schools run by them & Mala fnd provides mid-day meal
- Jagriti has ongoing challenge that migrant workers are in Kanpur for ~7-8 months and most don’t return back to same place next year disrupting/curtailing kid’s education
- EK Kadam is a partial remedy
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WClEgMqdsX0
Jagriti - background

• Large number of migrant seasonal workers: agricultural sectors and construction activities

• entire family lives in hutments/temporary sheds at the construction site and brick kilns

• children of school going age are deprived of normal schooling and just remain at worksites

• run errands for all and sundry and slowly get prematurely inducted into workforce

• girl child has to take care of the infants while parents are at work and assist the family in household chores

• workers associate schooling with upper classes feel that schooling is necessary only for those jobs that are in any case not available to them.

• Reaching the School to these unreachable is the aim of Jagriti.
Apna Skool

• a place for learning in an enjoyable mode
• inculcate individual and national pride and societal responsibility as integral part of their education
• effort is made and caution taken not to generate fear in children towards study
• children absorb the content of a normal school year curriculum in the truncated (on account of migration) average six to eight month period.
• Reading, Writing and Arithmetics (traditional 3 R's)
• many extra curricular mind-broadening activities, such as Songs and Dances, Artwork, Dramatics, Story telling and Poetry recitation, Sports and Games etc..
• nutritious mid day meals, basic health needs in the form usual immunizations, vitamin supplements and medical referrals
• School uniform and Shoes, Sweaters during winters and School supplies, such as Text books and Copies.
• insist on them being neat and keep their environment clean
Apna Skool: Challenges

• Village school does not accept students joining in the mid-year and there are administrative hurdles to be overcome.
  – RTE might help, legislation for Compulsory Education till 14 years
  – But in village schools children remain totally neglected as no teacher wants to attend them. The children find themselves out of sync with the school either in terms of the level, or in terms of the methods of instruction. School may appear either boring or fearsome. It results into the dropping out of these children from the schools.

• Continuity is lost as migrant workers do not necessarily return to the same worksite or same works contractor
  – having a network of Apna Skools at many locations, past two years with mixed results
  – supplementary instructor cum monitor to provide personal attention through some one familiar with the strategies for learning developed at Apna Skools

• temptation for the older children to enter the workforce and become wage-earners
  – Apna Skools try to introduce older children to various vocational options and work with organizations such as Jan Shikshan Sansthan
  – not the main objective of the concept of Apna Skool.
Big Picture on Funding

- Mid day meal prog. for about 600 children from Mala Foundation around 14 lakhs/year
- A I D Portland 2.5 lakhs (2013)
- VSEI Canada Rs10,000 (2013)
- S Y I Rs One lakh (2014)
- Local and Brick-kiln owners from Kanpur Rs 15,000 (2013)
## WAH Budget 2014

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WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2014

Vijaya didi and Apna Skool Team
Science Day
Cultural Festival
Educational Trip
Republic Day Celebration
Teachers Day Celebration