

Asha Knoxville Meeting Minutes
9/26/2010

- The committee members took a vote on extending GVS project to mid 2011.
- The committee unanimously voted "yes" for continuing funding to GVS project.

Site visit report (received via email from Asha Hyderabad):

- Asha Hyderabad performed GVS site visit on 3rd April 2010 at both Kovilapalem and Gadabapalem schools
- The school is functioning appropriately and site visit is extremely encouraging.
- Asha Hyderabad declined the proposal from GVS to build a wall around the school campus. It was considered not urgent and hence not a priority currently.
- Ms. Prabhavati, GVS school coordinator, is planning a follow on strategy after ASHA funding concludes.
- Video link of the site visit
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5xAGxscf-s>
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1Ez5TW61wM>

Notes from Ms. Prabhavati on the school plans/activities on 16th December 2010:

As a part of GVS advocacy activity we approached to concern Government officials in the Education Department for establishing schools under Right to Education Act in the place of our schools which Asha-Knoxville and Asha-NRV have been supporting from the last three years. Hope they will be accepting our request, if they accept the request, the Government Schools will start from the next academic year (June 2011) and the government will look after and support the material requirements for the school and students, and also the teacher salary. We assure the Government that the school building will be made available by GVS.

We thank Asha Knoxville and New River Valley chapters for helping these two tribal villages in the education part from last three years. Before we began our schools in these two villages (Kovilapalem and Gadabapalem) there was 100% illiteracy, now we can hopefully say that all the younger generations are enrolled in the schools. This is a great achievement in the education program of GVS and it was made possible only with your help. Our project period will be closed after December 2010. After the project period we would have to enroll those students in the Government Schools and close the presently running schools. But it is not possible to enroll the students into the government schools, as it is the end of the academic year. It would be great if you support the presently running schools until the Government schools start in place of our schools.

There are more than 1500 students in 15 villages in GVS operating area. We divided

them into five clusters for the students counseling for their career in the studies. These students need proper counseling and guidance for their bright future. We are doing this job in an unstructured way but it is in progress. And we believe that the libraries can fulfill the gap, and are a source to wither out loneliness and take a visit out into the world. There are no libraries in our respective area. If Asha support continues after the Government schools started in the place of our schools we would like to establish resource centers in 5 clusters along with libraries. Until now we all together helped only little number of students in two villages, if your support continues more than 1500 students will get help in 15 villages, it will be a the most helpful support for the villagers and the students. They will be pleased to have a library at their place.