

Half yearly Report on Read J&K (October 08 to March 09)

Introduction

This report is based on the program of “Read Jammu and Kashmir”. The J& K state has three regions, Jammu, Kashmir, and Ladakh.

1. Jammu region has 10 districts
2. Kashmir region has 10 districts
3. Ladakh region has 2 districts

There are 22 districts in all the three regions of J&K state. We have started our program in 3 districts i.e. (Jammu, Samba & Kathua) of Jammu region and 3 districts of Kashmir region i.e. (Srinagar ,Budgam & Ganderbal). Jammu has summer closing schools but in some blocks there is winter closing schools. Kashmir and Ladakh both have winter closing schools. In Ladakh this program will start after some time.

Mobilization

Mobilization process has been carried out in almost all the zone of concerning districts of Jammu as well as Kashmir regions. All block coordinators were asked to make sure to mobilize and train Education Volunteers in place of those EV’s who have left during that period. Therefore mobilization process has been carried out through out the period from October 2008 to March 2009.

Training

Trainings of Block coordinators & mobilizers at block level of Jammu, Samba, Kathua districts (Jammu region) were organized. More than 150 Persons were trained in Mathematics & English in the month of October 08.

We organized a residential training of all block coordinators of Kashmir Region at office. We also organized training of EV’s of Samba district in Phases. There are more than 450 Schools in Samba district. We have trained all our EV’s (Education Volunteers) in mathematics. Training of EV’s in English could not be taken up due to non availability of SRM (Supplementary Reading Material) at cluster level. We had received the baseline test of Samba district at the end of October 2008. We started our “Read J&K” program in schools of Samba district in the month of November 08.

We organized training of EV’s of Jammu & Kathua district in different phases. There were more than 2681 EV’s in Jammu & Kathua district. We trained all our EV’s in Mathematics & English. We conducted the baseline test of Jammu & Kathua district in the month of November 2008. We started our “Read J&K” program in schools of Jammu & Kathua districts in the month of December 08.

We organized training of ZRP’s & CRP;s of Jammu Region (Jammu, Kathua and Samba districts) in different phases. There are more than 300 ZRP’s & CRP’s in Jammu, Kathua and Samba districts. We trained all the ZRP’s & CRP’s in Mathematics & English. We conducted the baseline of Jammu, Kathua & Samba districts and also we organized training of our mobilizers & EV’s of Kashmir Region (Srinagar, Budgam & Ganderbal districts) in different phases for winter Camp. There were more than 82 mobilizers & 2400 EV’s in Kashmir Region (Srinagar, Ganderbal & Budgam). We conducted the baseline test of our winter camp in Kashmir Region in the month of January 2009.

Training of ZRP's & CRP's of Samba district (Jammu Region) was organized. More than 20 persons were trained in Mathematics & English in the month of February 2009.

Training of ZRP's & CRP's of Srinagar, Budgam & Ganderbal (Kashmir Region) was organized. More than 235 persons were trained in Mathematics & English.

Evaluation

Pre test of Children in all primary school of Jammu, Kathua & Samba districts was conducted by Pratham volunteers in the month of January 09

Post test of Children in all primary school of Jammu, Kathua & Samba districts was conducted by Pratham volunteers in the month of February 09

All Block coordinator have collected data in 1st week of March 09 and then compile the data of there respective Blocks / Zones and submitted the same to state Pratham office where we compile the data of Jammu Region and submitted to government in the end of March 09

Winter Camps were organized in Kashmir Region from Mid January 09 to Mid February 09. Post test was conducted in all villages in three districts of Kashmir Region.

ASER 08

Along with other activities of Read J&K as mentioned above, our team has also helped in conducting ASER survey 2008 in month of October 08 and November 08.

Meeting

Lots of meetings were organized with government officials in all levels during the month of October 08 to March 09. We met with Secretary and SPD (regarding renewal of MOU) and also met with Director of School Education, CEO & State Coordinator SSA. All the block coordinators had meetings with their respective DRG's, ZEO's, ZRP's & CRP's to make them selves at ease with Govt. officials.

Partnership with SSA

Several meeting were held with officials of SSA and Directorates of School Education during the period from October 2008 to March 2009. We arranged a meeting with secretary and SPD, SSA, J&K. Meeting were also held with Director of School Education & State Coordinators of SSA. Work plan for the current year was also discussed with SPD and Secretary EE who have assured us to extend the scope of the MOU with greater financial participation to all 22 districts of the state in the current year.