

SCHOOL ON WHEEL

1. Name of the Initiative:
School on Wheel
2. Objective (Need of the initiative or challenges faced before the implementation of the initiative)
<p>“School on wheels” - A unique project for children of Salt pan workers to provide elementary schooling in extreme weather conditions</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ To accommodate the schooling facility in extreme weather conditions of the desert ▶ To facilitate Children of Salt pan workers for elementary schooling with support of Digital Technology, who moves in the desert from September and stay till April the following year ▶ To provide facilities to students which is better than makeshift tents and structures ▶ To provide Basic requirements like electricity, through Solar Energy
3. Coverage of the initiatives (Details of coverage of the targeted population eg. State, District, block, cluster, school, student, teacher, parents etc.)
<p>Around 8,000 families of Salt pan workers move in the desert around from September and stay till April along the seacoasts of Kutch, Surendranagar, Banaskantha, Patan, Amreli, Bhavnagar and Bharuch districts. This project is expected to benefit 1200 children from class 1 to 8 and hence help in decreasing Dropout</p>
4. Description of the Initiative including innovative aspects of the solution
<p>30 Buses are developed as “School on Wheels” in collaboration with Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation. The corporation provided unused buses for this project.</p> <p>Facilities in SoW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Drinking water for the children ▶ <i>Solar System with Battery Backup</i> which provide required electricity for its all need ▶ <i>Green Writing Board</i> ▶ Soft Board ▶ LED TV with D2H set top box which provide <i>Vande Gujarat</i> Channel for study ▶ PVC Flooring, Lights & Fans ▶ Writing desks and other facilities ▶ Charts & Pictures containing Learning Materials
5. Date of Launch of the initiatives/ Start date of the initiative
11 th July 2018
6. Implementation details (Process followed for deployment/implementation)
<p>Samagra Shiksha, Gujarat in collaboration with Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation conceptualised a unique project to utilize unused buses for this project. GSRTC provides unused Buses for this project. Samagra Shiksha had selected an agency through RFP to</p>

develop these buses into proper Structure which can be used for Study purpose with multiple facilities.

The ready buses then sent to selected places near Salt Pan area and kept in nearby Schools/ Government Premises. It gets transferred to Salt Pan during season and “Bal Mitra” selected from locally provide regular classes to Children.

7. Challenges faced before the deployment/implementation

Gujarat accounts for about 70% of the total salt production of the country. Salt pan workers move in the desert around September and are stationed there till April of the following year. During their movement, children suffer from their regular studies & were left behind and hence they were dropping out from regular study. The provision of makeshift tents & structures was also planned, but due to extreme weather conditions it was not long lasting. Establishing a permanent school/ infrastructure was also not possible due to salty area & Extreme Weather.

8. Outcomes/Impact of the initiative

Pre-deployment

- No study of children of Salt Pan Workers during Season
- Issue of basic facilities
- Durability issue of Tent or temporary Structure
- Drop-out of Students due to gap in study or lack of proper learning system

Post-deployment

- Bus get moved to Government School or Premises during non-Season time, so it last for long time.
- Children of Salt Pan workers get proper learning structure during their season
- Children gets all basic facilities like drinking water, LED TV for Vande Gujarat Channel, Writing Desk, Learning Materials

9. Documents/media related to initiatives (Submit any of the below as a documentary proof with short description on the same)

a. Testimonials

b. Quotes from stakeholders

<https://twitter.com/vijayrupanibjp/status/1017042075353665537>

<https://twitter.com/CMOGuj/status/1016990959446511617>

c. Press release

<https://cmogujarat.gov.in/en/tag/school-on-wheels/>



<https://ahmedabadmirror.indiatimes.com/ahmedabad/cover-story/school-on-wheels-for-salt-of-the-earth/articleshow/70386440.cms>

d. Video/Audio

e. Photos





f. Others