

School in the Clouds



Tehri Garwhal, India



Education

Year 2 Budget \$14,200

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

DEC 21

NOV 24

Overview

Tehri Garwhal is situated in northern India, high up in the Himalayas. It is an extremely remote area, with poor infrastructure. School opportunities are limited. The local families are very poor which usually means that children do not receive an education. The closest government school is so far away, the youngest children cannot travel the distance by themselves. Our partners have established a school for a growing number of children who would otherwise not receive an education. The school started in 2014 with 4 students and currently has more than 60 students from pre-nursery to fifth class. Starting school at the right age and progressing through the years can potentially break the cycle of poverty for so many families.

Impact for December 2022 - May 2023



78 children attend English medium education

39 male and 39 female students have completed end-of-year exams and commenced a new year. Special cultural and festival days were celebrated including Harela (Uttarakhand State's agriculture festival), Mother's Day and Women's Day.

Family counselling and parent involvement

Parent meetings have been held (two per year) to go through administrative issues and to explain the current semester's curriculum. These meetings keep parents informed and reinforce to them the value of their child's education.



Regular staff trainings were held, focussing

on learning disabilities and identifying children with special needs. Some staff turnover has occurred with a few moving to other cities for personal reasons. Replacement teachers have been appointed and given orientation into systems and procedures as well as academic planning.

Retaining wall behind the new school building

is nearly completed. This will prevent monsoonal rains running from the road above into the school. The community has participated through labour and raw materials. Meetings with the community also gave staff the opportunity to share about the school and encourage new admissions.



- The school welcomed 15 new admissions to kindergarten and different classes. A new grade VII began this semester.
- Books and stationery were distributed to all students.



Vanshika's Story

I am in 3rd grade and have been studying at the academy since 2018, even though my family has very little. I live 2km away and walk to school everyday. It's a long walk but I really love to study and give my full attention in class so I can learn my lessons well. When I was in grade 1 and 2, school was interrupted because of the Covid pandemic and I fell behind in the syllabus. But this year I have been able to catch up in my subjects and my teachers have helped me a lot. As a result, I was ranked 2nd in my class for the first unit test. I really love how my teachers and the school are giving me hope for a better future.



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