

## HAPPY DIWALI

*More than 25,000 children and community members directly and more than 1, 00,000 indirectly reached. Aspiring to expand our reach in coming years.*



*Glimpses from the GVT program area....*

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*"We are because of them (children)!"*



*Khyatiben giving birthday gift to Sufiyan, standard 1, on 5th September, 2015.*

*Vasava Khodabhai Jinabhai from Amadada gets food kit.*



### **Quality Education Project**

Khyatiben Solanki, a government Pragna Teacher, working in Bhensali village of Vagra block (Bharuch district in Gujarat) enjoys working with children and co-teacher, Sonalben. Khyatiben thinks that we all are (working in our roles) because of children. Down to earth, Khyatiben cleans and organizes her classroom sincerely. She has been regularly allocating 10 per cent from her own salary for social causes, and spends half of it for the children in her classroom. She buys gifts for the pupils and celebrates their birthdays. She offers snacks to children once in a while and on festivals. Khyatiben knows all her pupils' names, calls them by names, and motivates them to study sincerely as well as participate in co-curricular activities. GVT feels proud to be associated with Khyatiben, an inspiration for many.

### **Food, Nutrition and Health Program**

GVT provides food kits to malnourished children and destitute old age people. GVT's survey has revealed that 4 per cent children are suffering from severely acute malnourishment and 16 per cent from moderate malnourishment; both at risk of survival and illnesses.

During Sep-Oct 2015, a total of 60 food kits were distributed to old age people in the Narnavi, Suva, Sayakha and Nandida villages of Vagra as well as Amadada and Kesrol village of Bharuch blocks supported by Give India. GVT supports those old age people who are neglected by their families (or those who do not have families). GVT supports them to get adequate hygienic food for survival.

### Renovated school sanitation units at Vanthevad (Jhagadia block)



### School sanitation units for boys and girls

Renovation of safe sanitation units separate for boys and girls in primary schools of 2 villages, Kavitha and Bambusar, of Bharuch block has been completed, and the same in 3 other villages has been started. Thanks to Charities Aids Foundation and Herbal Life International India Pvt. Ltd. for the funding support. A total of 20 villages will be covered under this program (15 for new construction and 5 for renovation of existing units). While 5 renovation works have already been completed, new work has been ongoing in 2 villages and will start in the remaining villages soon. Safe sanitation in school contributes positively to school attendance and children's learning.

### Bal Panchayat election in Ochchan village of Vagra block



### School sanitation – Bal Panchayat

With the support of school teachers, GVT organized the election of Bal Panchayat in Ochchan school on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2015. A total of 95 students and 6 teachers participated in the election. (Supported by Charities Aids Foundation and Herbal Life International India Pvt. Ltd.).

Sonal Ataliya was elected as Sarpanch and Chirag Patel as Deputy Sarpanch, both from Standard 7<sup>th</sup>. Hygiene and Svachhata (Cleaning) activities have been started in the project schools so that the renovated or newly built sanitation units are well maintained with children's and teachers' participation.

### Quality Education Project

Baseline survey under the quality education project (funded by Reach to Teach UK) was undertaken during Aug-Sep 2015 covering 35 government primary schools in Jhagadia and Vagra blocks of Bharuch district. A total of 5,122 children in 35 primary schools have been covered under the survey. The data collected are under analysis process, and will provide reports of attendance scenario in these schools, quality of education being delivered, mid-day meal functioning, school infrastructure, safety and security situation, and roles and responsibilities performed by the School Management Committees. Establishing baseline will help to measure project impact after two years.

### Global Giving Feedback Fund

GVT started working on establishing Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and re-Designing (MELD) department to strengthen its program quality through research-based approach. Thanks to Global Giving for funding support worth \$2,000 to conduct Feedback Surveys to know about communities' views and feedbacks about the benefits received by them. The Feedback Surveys will also provide opportunities to the community members to share their suggestions, and GVT will have opportunities to learn and improve the program quality.

### Upcoming events in November-December 2015 – Be our partners, get involved, explored at [www.gvtbharuch.org](http://www.gvtbharuch.org).

- **Quality Education:** training and capacity building of the teachers and community facilitators' teams, and recruitment of para teachers in government schools.
- **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene promotion:** construction of new sanitation units for boys and girls in 5 more primary schools.
- **Food, nutrition and health:** distribution of food kits to malnourished children and destitute old age people.
- **Other projects:** internal evaluation of the projects, leading to formulation of Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

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