

## Non Formal Education Center – Village Dulawaton Ka Guda



The Non Formal Education Center (NFE) of village Dulawaton Ka Guda is located in one of its most interior hamlets called Ranawada, which has 15 households of Gameti caste. The parents from this hamlet wanted to send their children to the school but since the Government School is very far (around 3 kms) it is difficult for little children to walk so far. In addition,

there is a stream that separates the Ranawada hamlet from the rest of the village and so it would become even more difficult for the children to go across during rains.

Several village meetings and discussions on the issue resulted into an NFE supported by Seva Mandir in mid November 2006. An open space was assigned to run the NFE. A local teacher Kishan Lal Gameti was appointed and was given trainings from Seva Mandir. In the beginning the children were not regular because they did not feel comfortable in the open space. Kishan requested for a room to run the NFE in the village meeting. He also kept motivating the parents to send their children to the NFE on regular basis. After a couple of months a small room was rented for NFE and 27 children got enrolled including 18 boys and 9 girls.

Kishan is very passionate about his work. He is amazed that in a very short time the children have learnt reading and writing skills. The children are very happy with Kishan and enjoy learning with him. He proudly says-"The children of his NFE are better students than those who go to the Government School."



The success of the NFE is also much more than the learning abilities of these 27 children. Kishan as a teacher understands now why children learn and enjoy more at his NFE and he shares this understanding within his community, with his neighbors and relatives. Consequently many more people in Dulawaton Ka Guda have now started talking about the limitation of the Government school teachers and have also started a dialogue with the teachers about this.

So, this tiny NFE has taken the experience of good education from 15 households of Ranawada to 215 households of entire Dulawaton Ka Guda village.

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