

Governance and School Leadership

Partner: The Kusuma Foundation, India
Location: Sambalpur in Odisha, and Hardoi in Uttar Pradesh, India
Key Beneficiaries: 1,310 Head teachers and 19,700 School Management and Development Committees members
Grant Period: 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2017



The programme supports Head Teachers and School Management and Development Committees (SMDCs) to strengthen school governance, planning and management.

Our School Leadership programme supports Head Teachers with training to improve school annual planning, financial management, community engagement and student participation in school improvement. Head teachers receive practical support on how to manage their schools and teacher performance.

The Strengthening School Governance programme trains SMDC members to play a more active role in school governance. This includes workshops on accessing external funding, organising planning meetings in schools, and improving parental engagement and student attendance. Our work encourages SMDCs to advocate with the District and State government to ensure the provision of quality education in their community.

In 2015-2016, Kusuma collaborated with the State Government of Uttar Pradesh to strengthen school governance in 1,285 secondary schools in all 75 districts of Uttar Pradesh through the government's SUGAM (*meaning to ease or facilitate*) programme. The programme delivers training on school development planning and SMDC roles and responsibilities for 19,700 SMDC members.

