



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

2019-2020

Gurugram, Haryana

Implemented by



Supported by



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1.0. Project Background

LeasePlan India Private Limited has been providing support to the Prakriti Eco-School programme by Advit Foundation since 2010. The programme primarily involves setting up of trees in public spaces and government school and development of vegetable and herb patches inside school premises to educate the children about growing their own food and connecting it to resource efficiency.

In addition to the above activities, LeasePlan has been providing support to Advit Foundation to undertake skill development in renewable energy and other development initiatives in under-resourced schools.

In 2018-19, through LeasePlan India's CSR support, Advit Foundation had undertaken infrastructure improvement activities at Government Primary School, Sushant Lok A1 block. The interiors of the school building were in need of repair and painting. There were additional issues such as lack of benches, lack of clean drinking water and lack of toilet facilities for the children. On prioritizing the requirements, interior repair and set up of toilets was taken up.

Additionally, drinking water system was also set up using contribution from LeasePlan co-workers. For drinking water system, a second school was chosen. The Government Primary School, DLF Phase IV which was selected for the Green Plan project also was suffering from drinking water issues, therefore, the second system was decided to be installed in this school.

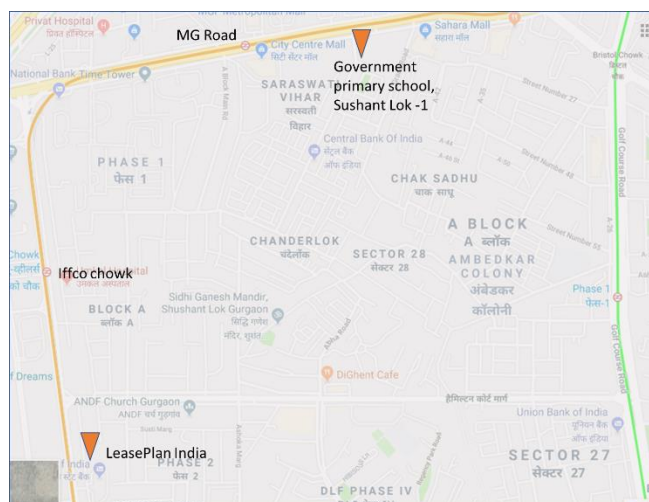
This year's project was initiated in July 2019. The primary objective of 2019-20 was to **undertake repair of the roof of the school building to prevent seepage during the monsoon so as to ensure sustainability of the efforts of the previous year.**

2.0. Project Location & reasons for intervention

The school identified for this project was the Government Primary School in Sushant Lok A-1 block. The school is located on the Mehrauli - Gurgaon road.

In spite of being located centrally, the school lacked basic infrastructure such as drinking water, clean toilets, tables and chairs etc. The building interiors were in a dilapidated condition and the absence of benches resulted in a poor learning environment.

All these issues resulted in lesser admissions and high dropout rates. Unlike most other Government schools in the area, this school had not received any support from corporates in the past many years until 2018-19 when LeasePlan India Private Limited decided to support development activities. There are around 80 children in this school mostly coming from migrant families where the parents work as daily wage workers in Gurugram.



3.0. Project Summary

The school infrastructure upgrade activity was:

S No.	School	Activities undertaken
1.	Government Primary School Sushant Lok I	- Repair of building roof

The school has benefitted from the infrastructure upgrades of the past year and this year. The teachers are confident of receiving higher admissions and reducing their drop-outs in the years to come.

Glimpses of Government Primary School Sushant Lok – Roof Repair

Before



The school building was old with an old-style brick roof. Lack of any infrastructure upgrades over the past many years had led to damage. This posed a threat to the interior repair that was done in the previous year as the roof would leak during monsoons and damage the interiors as well.

During repair



Repair work was undertaken in July 2019, before the monsoon. The work was completed in August 2019.

After



Annexure I

ADVIT FOUNDATION

Advit Foundation (www.advit.org) is a not for profit development organization, working for Conservation of Environment Resources and Livelihood Enhancement. Advit has sought to conserve environment and empower communities through viable options of sustainable development.

Advit is the managing partner for the Solar Information Centre at The National Institute of Solar Energy Gwal pahari under Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, GoI. Advit is a training partner with the Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI) for Solar Electronics. Advit runs a solar training centre with HARTRON. Advit was the state nodal partner managing the Rajiv Gandhi Renewable Energy Park in Gurgaon for Haryana Government from 2009 - 2015.

With a vision of promoting approaches to sustainability, Advit's work focuses on watershed development, renewable energy promotion, skill upgradation, and entrepreneurial trainings. This is achieved using information and communication systems tools and undertaking environment education and conservation initiatives. Forward linkages are sought through outreach programmes and market connects. Advit operates through the following project areas:

Awareness

Advit strives to generate awareness on the need to educate, provide a platform for learning to all and impart the importance of conserving environment and conserving resources in our everyday life. Activities focus on environment conservation, entrepreneurial trainings and economic empowerment.

Education

The vision is to create and nurture a learning culture that believes in and breathes change through education. Advit Foundation's rural training centre, Aarohan, has been set up to mitigate the unemployment and underemployment problems among the rural youth in the country. The trainings and skill upgradation programmes are geared towards skill upgradation and entrepreneurship development.

Advit designs and implements environmental programmes pertinent to:

- Holistic village development and skill trainings that help in livelihood enhancement
- Environment awareness and resource conservation in schools and other educational institutions
- Facilitating environment compliance in industries - Trainings on occupational health and safety, safe chemical handling and disposal, water conservation, energy audits, industry production process efficiency and resource conservation in production processes.
- Information dissemination and implementation of programmes on energy efficiency, solar, biogas and waste management.

Conservation

The programme highlights and suggests alternatives that can help address the challenges of resource conservation. The need for intervention and the alternatives that would improve resource management and development activities are sought. These include implementation of projects in water conservation and energy efficiency.

- Overall development of the village and people living in the watershed
- Conservation, regeneration and judicious use of resources – natural and human

A few glimpses of organisation's work:

- Design and construction of micro watersheds. Have undertaken more than 18 water conservation structures in villages in Phagi, Mandore, Rothwara, Dudu blocks in Rajasthan; Amravati in Maharashtra; Kolar in Karnataka; Medak in Telangana. Supporting partners have been IKEA, Coca Cola, BHEL, Canara HSBC OBC Life Insurance, Pernod Ricard India
- Undertaking Solar Electrical Training with certification from NSDC and HARTRON. Trained more than 2000 candidates since 2013. Supporting partners have been Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, GoI, RECL, Applied Materials Pvt Ltd
- B.Voc Training partner with Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai (TISS) for undertaking Solar Electrical Training
- Set up Aarohan – rural self-employment training centre, at village Pachala in Phagi, Rajasthan.
- Electrified more than 2500 households in the rural parts of Rajasthan and Haryana using solar home lighting systems.
- Undertaking Safe Chemical Handling trainings for workers of apparel, metal, leather and accessories industries all over India. Supporting partners have been H and M
- Implemented Occupational health and safety trainings for 25 Carpet weaving industries in Panipat, Haryana. Supporting partner have been Good weave UK
- Runs an environment education and school upgradation programme - Prakriti Eco School programme. Supported by LeasePlan, IKEA
- Undertaken solar electrification of forest guard cabins at Pench and Bandhavgarh forest reserves in Madhya Pradesh. Supported by Pernod Ricard India
- Distribution of 100 energy efficient cooking stoves in Phagi.
- Facilitated set up of community toilets in 5 villages in Phagi.
- Facilitated set up of large scale drinking water systems in Behror.
- Facilitate industries to comply with environment standards - Undertake energy efficiency trainings, audits and other resource conservation methods for various industrial processes.
- Implemented roof top rain water harvesting for buildings. Designed and constructed 3 large models for institutions in Gurgaon. Supported by Coca Cola
- Prepared guide book on Energy efficiency and Carbon responsibility for apparel industries – Knowledge book. Supported by GIZ
- Implemented a Village Development Programme for NABARD at village Meoka, Haryana.

OUR PROGRAMME CENTRES

Water Centre

- Watershed management
- Village development
- Water monitoring laboratory
- Roof-top water harvesting



Eco Initiatives

- Environment education
- Tree plantation and green space
- Under-privileged school upgradation
- Community development in peri-urban area



Energy Centre

- Renewable energy promotion
- Resource efficiency in industries
- Solar electrical vocational training



Centre for Learning

- Occupational health and safety training
- Safe chemical handling training
- Project baseline and impact assessment studies



Aarohan: Advit's Rural Self-employment Training Centre

- Capacity building and entrepreneurship development
- Technology demonstration
- Rural tourism



CONSERVING ENVIRONMENT & EMPOWERING LIVES

**TOUCHING
LIVES**

13+
years

2,50,000+
lives transformed

25,000+
industrial
workers trained

2500 +
households
electrified on solar

2.5 lac+
cubic metre water
storage capacity created

100
wells recharged

Awards & Empanelment

- Advit Foundation is empaneled with TISS CSR Hub and PCRA.
- Advit Foundation is empaneled with the National CSR Hub of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, MCA.
- Awarded the first CII beyond the Fence Project award for an industry in Rajasthan in 2009.
- Awarded the Impact Award for Skill Development at the Impact Conclave by Sambodhi in partnership with Bill and Melinda gates Foundation, SIDBI, YES Bank in 2016.
- Managing Partner - Haryana Renewable Energy Development Agency (HAREDA) from 2009-2015.
- Managing Partner – Centre of Excellence on Solar Electronics at National Institute of Solar Energy, MNRE, Govt. of India.
- Training Partner - Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI) for Solar Electronics.
- Training Partner - HARTRON (Haryana State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.) for Solar Electronics.