

## Seasonal Hostels in Gujarat: SETU

SETU is the Centre For Social Knowledge and Action's intervention to provide elementary education to children in the 11-14 years age group in seasonal hostels. It began in 2004 and by 2008 was extended to five districts of Gujarat: Jamnagar, Rajkot, Junagadh, Surat and Dangs.

By 2010, a total of 5,478 children had been covered by SETU's seasonal hostels in 54 villages of seven blocks. These hostels enabled children to stay back in their villages and continue their education uninterrupted when their parents migrated for work. These hostels in the home villages were functional during the months the workers migrated. They were overseen by a Village Committee and the village *panchayat* (village level institution of local self-government), and supported by the SETU team.

The seasonal hostel model has since been adopted by *Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan* (SSA) at the state and central level as an effective model to prevent the migration of children, to educate them and to prepare them as full citizens. Every year more than 100 seasonal hostels are sanctioned by the state and managed by NGOs in Gujarat.

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Social Inclusion of Internal Migrants in India, UNESCO, 2013

