Present: Meghana, Devi, Harika, Jessica, Ava, Priyanka, Nina, Nithya, Prashanth, Shaon, Surbhi, Vishnu, Vishak, Neil, Disha, Akbar, Jeff, Sapan, Niyatha, Anjli, Abi

Mera Sahara

·      Site visit report + updates

·      $15,800 for 12 months

·      160 children

     -cutting/ tailoring and rug making

·      funding proposal from sept 2013 – august 2014

     -$15743

·      why academic teachers paid less than skills teacher?

* Following the pay scale of local and unaided private schools
* Skills teacher has higher degree = paid more
* Crafts teacher is from further away = paid more

·      Present daily

* Adult teacher
* Headmistress

·      Reasons for drop out?

* Migrant worker families
* Hard to track who have dropped out and who are in mainstream

·      Site visit

* Rohini- asha volunteer
* 8am-4pm
* adult ed in the afternoon
* school for kids + crèche in morning
* ashaà supports 5 teachers
* problem: children are part of migrant families
* hard to have such educational discontinuity in education
* child marriages
* mera sahara will have to move to a new location since the village is becoming noisy
* why only gave six months?
* Unclear/ dodgey answers to questions

**Questions**

* Why do they need someone with a post-bac degree to teach basic computer skills?

**Issues**

·      They lost their funder… we were trying to wean the project off in the past

·      Cant sustain this project for more than a couple years

·      Project is not sustainable for the long term

**Voting**

For sending full year budget – 19

Against –1

Abstaining – 1

Six month report in the spring

**Comments**

 --> project needs to diversify their funding sources

**Internal Project Liasons to Contact**

talk to vijay’s mom and arpita for long term funding sources