

Site Visit Report: Jamghat – Aangan Day Care Center

We conducted a virtual site visit for Jamghat–Aangan Day Care Center on September 14th, 9:30 pm CST with the following Asha volunteers: Raghu Raman, Jayasree Raman, Selvam Dorairaj, Joe Gollapudi, Maya Araliamatti, and Padmaja Suresh.

Amit Sinha, founder of Jamghat introduced us to the staff. We met with Anita Mahto-Project Manager, Rakesh Sarkar-Coordinator, Sagar-Educator, Disha Sharma-Counsellor, Talib Khan Art and Craft teacher and Irfan Khan-Theater Coordinator.

Our primary interactions were with Amit, Sagar, and Disha.

Sagar teaches math, science, and history to all the children. He showed us the colorful learning environment, including a solar system project painted on the walls, flower paintings, and educational charts (e.g., one on birds)

Disha shared details of her one-on-one sessions with children to address personal or emotional challenges. She also showed us the private counseling area. Records of each child are maintained securely.

Amit Sinha showed us some specific spaces like the kitchen, the area with individual lockers for children, the shower area and the separate restrooms for boys and girls. He also let us know that 45–50 children attend daily and that children are provided breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack every day. Meals are freshly prepared in the kitchen, with efforts to maintain variety (examples include lentils, vegetables, rice, and roti).

Aangan provides a safe and nurturing environment for children. They have limited space in a very congested, chaotic area of Delhi with its narrow streets, open drains, and garbage everywhere. It is difficult to live and work in that environment and it is admirable that Amit Sinha and his staff do this everyday.