

**March 2023**

**A.S. Karthik Bharati's Fellowship**

The [progress report](#) and virtual site visit with Karthi outline his activities. He continues to focus on giving every child in Karumbalai access to quality education.

The number of children from Karumbalai attending government schools (no fees) has risen sharply during the pandemic (parents began to ask why they should send their child to a school where they have to pay fees when it is shut down anyway?) This might reverse in the post-pandemic era. In our virtual visit and other conversations we have agreed on the goal of ensuring that this children stay in the government schools, getting a good education because of supplemental support from the SEED centers. Our hope is the supplemental support is enough to compensate for other deficiencies in the government schools, so that the parents continue to keep the children in the government schools and save the tuition they pay to poor quality private schools.

The proposal is to continue funding with a fellowship honorarium of **Rs. 25,000 per month**. The total for the year is **Rs. 300,000**.