

Karthi's fellowship plans have been updated for January-June 2014.

The initial proposal, approved in January 2014, was to work with students who are lagging behind their grade level at government schools. This has had the following challenges:

- Government school teachers control access to the students
- They typically invite him to come and teach just before the exams
- Karthi will need more regular contact with the students to effectively work with them

The modified fellowship proposal is to:

- Identify students lagging behind their class level in Karumbalai itself, and work with them as part of Seed Narpanigal project
- Train/mentor the college student volunteer teachers at the Seed Narpanigal centers to work with such students
- Design ways to measure advancement in reading levels for such students
- Design innovative ways to work with students **without** making them feel they are less intelligent or inferior to others. A sense of inferiority almost certainly leads to dropout. Group classes for all students across age groups are being designed to teach without making them feel inferior.
- **Formally capture the above innovations for replicating in other projects.**
- Working with children who are lagging behind at government schools. Karthi will think about how he can work with children who are lagging behind outside of Karumbalai, and propose some ideas.
- Karthi continues to work on coordination and administrative responsibilities at Seed Narpanigal.

The funds for this fellowship: Rs. 15,000/month.

Note: This proposal is for January-June 2014 (6 months) because we want to bring it to the same funding cycle as Seed Narpanigal. From July 2014 the proposal will be evaluated on a yearly basis.