We had a virtual site visit through zoom call on August 12th at 9.00 pm CST (7.30 AM IST). It was attended by 7 staff members from Hope Trust and 4 of us from Asha for Education.

From Hope Trust side we had,
1. Mr. V Rakesh Sharma Administrator, Vocational trainer of care and protection centre Aminjikarai.
2. Mrs Niirmala incharge of Early intervention centre Ambattur
3. Mrs Maria sophia incharge of early intervention centre for autism kids Poonamalle
4. Mrs M.premavathi incharge of special school Ambattur
5. Ashitha monitoring and evaluation officer for women home with psycho socio needs and incharge of mothers of special children program (Mahla)
6. Dr.V.Nagarani Managing trustee of Hope organization overall coordinator for projects.
7. Mr. Anbazhagan incharge for the new upcoming project vocational training and a residential home at Pattabiram annambedu

From Asha for Education side, we had 1. Raghu Raman, 2. Sundari Radhakrishnan, 3. Lakshmi Reddy and 4. Padmaja Suresh

Mrs. Nagarani, the principal and founding member of Hope Trust school introduced her staff and each of them went around detailing on the day to day activities and the challenges faced during this covid times and how they cope up with these challenges.

Rakesh Sharma shared the working of the vocational training and detailed on the different products that are hand made by the children in Amjikarai school. They have about 19 different handmade products and are looking for support to sell them. We had a live video of this site with about 20 or so children ready in their classrooms.

Apart from the Amjikari centre, we also discussed about the new centre for destitute old women, which was started just a year ago. Ashitha explained on the challenges they face on every day basis and how they are able to provide them better living. They serve 50 such women in this home.

We also saw the newly constructed (yet to be finished) building that will hold upto 250 inmates, with all needed facilities. Nagarani asked me to convey her sincere thanks to Asha for Education team and mentioned that they will be naming two rooms on Asha for education as a gesture of thanks to our support.