

Site Visit Report - Society for the Educational and Economic Development

Location: Primary School, Sriperumbudur

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Visit to Mahatma Gandhi Primary School

First Part of Site visit was conducted to Mahatma Gandhi Primary School. At the school, the main trustee/project partner Mr Palanisamy, school teachers were also present with the residential kids at the school. The teachers and students were very motivated and the kids also sang Tamil folk songs and performed dance (Photo 1). Many of the teachers have continued on since the 2025 site visit that was performed.

Asha St Louis provides funding for the basic education teachers at Primary school and high school, and Asha Houston provides funding for vocational training at high school and part-salary at Irungattukottai Industrial Training Center. The remaining part of the Irungattukottai staff salary is funded by Canara Bank trust.

Discussions regarding 2026-27 proposal with Mr Palanisami were regarding the funding level, teacher recruitment, teacher retention and primary school vocational training related to music and computer education and progress at high school and industrial training center. Proposal has been submitted for 2026-27 and Mr Palanisamy explained the need and basis for the numbers in the proposal.

Overall, the project is making good progress and continued funding is recommended.

Photo 1

