

Mallarpur Uthnau Project Update

Asha For Education - Sep 2022

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Summary

- Progress on resolving local conflicts
- The Government of West Bengal has closed down all the illegal stone mines and stone crusher units complying with the direction of the National Green Tribunal. Case filed by Uthnau
- CM met with local villagers association and promised to support.
- Hoping for completion of cases by end of September 2022
- Other –
 - Uthnau has FCRA till September 2022
 - Last site visit was in Aug 2020 by Jael Silliman. Asha contributed \$11,015.00 (Rs.821,200.00)

Questions

- What is the vision for Uthnau over the next 1-2 years?
 - We are putting a transformative learning program, address controversial issues, environment friendly
 - Shift these people to a place where we can develop a community based economy and leadership
 - Make them aware of their laws and resources
- When will they get the school back?
 - Start the school through the community
- Why is he not being proactive?
 - Asha is the only NGO supporting him, Global Green Fund (UK and USA based) supported them twice.
- Current year budget ask and next year's ask
- Status of site visit? We may need to set up a virtual site visit this month? Possible? 6th morning at 10 am. I will set up a Zoom call