

# Mallarpur Uthnau Site Visit

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# Virtual Site visit 3/28/24

**Attendees:** Vish, Subhadeep, Anita, Sridhar, Sudhi, Vyom, Haritha

- Virtually visited all three locations - Garia, Habra Para and Mallarpur
- **Debjit (Subhadeep's friend in Kolkata) will actually conduct a physical site visit**
- Working out details now with Kunal Deb (project coordinator)

**Mallarpur** summary:

- Spoke to Mr. Alam (post graduate in Math) - recently joined, teaches the children Math. Biggest challenges - convincing the parents to send the children to school. What is going well - parents are motivated by children coming to school
  - 16 children from 5th grade to 10th grade - they introduced themselves
  - Checked out the books and notebooks. Books are government school books. Looked at note books. Instructions are in Santali with Bengali words for scientific terms.
- You tube content is being developed. Students follow through phone. Metrics to be tracked through school performance. We do need to develop more metrics to track You tube infrastructure deployment and usage. Network is poor which inhibits online education.

• **Garia** summary:

- 30 students in Garia, Sonamani is the teacher, pre school students and primary school students - a balvadi.
- She also teaches Santhali script. Attending for 2-3 hours then go to school for midday meal
- Three batches of students every days - primary education, evening classes for tutorials.

• **Habra Para** summary:

- Spoke to the teacher (Shaadi and Rocky) and met some of the students
- Quality of education is not high - some of the senior children know how to read in English, but it is not clear if they understand well enough. Questions had to be translated back in Bengali for them to respond (such as Math questions).
  - Difficult to get and retain good teachers in the villages.
  - Damaged school - mid day meal is being provided, but not much learning...they are planning to open it again

# Habra Para pictures



# Habra Para and Garia Pictures



# Mallarpur facility

