

ACSYS ASHA Poorna Vidhya Bimonthly Project Update –Mar/Apr'21

The project commenced on 1st Mar' 21 after signing of the MOU between Acsys Investments and Asha. As per the project plan, the project was involved in conducting Mini Schools as the schools were closed during this period

Mini Schools are held with a maximum of 10-15 students per session, either in the school itself where possible or in open or large spaces in the same locality, following protocols like – hand sanitization, wearing masks and maintaining social distance. Students attending these schools mainly come from the schools supported by Asha but there are some students from other schools in the neighborhood as well. These mini schools are conducted, to ensure that the students, especially from the under privileged sections, are not deprived of education for an extended period of time.

These Mini Schools follow a curriculum developed by Asha, but aligned to the regular school curriculum. The main subjects taught are – Maths, Tamil & English. Teaching methods include - Chalk and Board, Asha developed worksheets and Hand made and store bought Teacher Learning Material (TLM) Kits. Each of our teachers have a laptop. In the mini-schools too, they have been using the laptop to teach subjects as well as continue teaching them digital literacy. In addition craft and structured physical activities are also conducted.

During this period 5 mini schools were functioning as part of this project, conducted by five teachers. Students mostly from 2nd to 5th standards attended these mini schools. A written assessment was conducted in all the schools in the 3rd week of April. The strength of some of these schools started decreasing in April.

Brief details with some photos of the functioning of these 5 mini schools is given below

1. Mini School at CPS, Shastri Nagar (Chennai Area)

This mini school was conducted in the school premises. An average of about 25 students from 2nd to 5th Std attended this school in two batches.



2. Mini School at CPS, St Mary's Road (Chennai Area)

This mini school was conducted in the school premises. On an average about 15 students attended this school.

As the teacher was unwell, this school was closed in April.



3. Mini School at Nandivaram (Guduvanchery Area)

This mini school was conducted in the Terrace of one of the local residents. About 10 to 12 students attended this school.



4. Mini School at Katankallathur (Guduvanchery Area)

This mini school was conducted in the Compound of the Teacher's house. An average of about 25 students from 2nd to 5th std attended the school in batches.



5. Mini school at Kayarembedu (Guduvanchery Area)

This mini school was conducted in the residence of the teacher. On an average about 10 to 12 students attended this school.



Other Updates

- The project currently has five teachers against the plan of six. We plan to onboard the sixth teacher, a computer teacher, only after the schools reopen.
- The mini schools were closed from the 4th week of April and will not function in May. We will be suspending the project for the month of May and not utilize the funding for that month, though the teachers will be on the rolls and paid their salaries.

In other ongoing Asha projects we normally continue utilizing the funding for the teacher salaries and other expenses during school vacation as well and this period is used for Teacher training etc. However considering that this project is a short duration none we felt we should not be doing so in this case.

- We are in discussion with Auxohub proposed by Acsys for monitoring and reporting of the project and hope to finalise that arrangement shortly.