

Report on Site Visit to Poorna Vidhya Schools on 13th Feb' 20

I am V S Sriram a volunteer of Asha Chennai. I made a site visit to a few schools in the Guduvanchery area along with Mrs. Kasturi Eswaran the steward of Project Poorna Vidhya. Here is a brief background on Project Poorna Vidhya. We have been supporting 10 schools in Chennai (5 schools) and Guduvanchery area (5 schools) under this project. The total strength of the schools supported is around 1100 students. The above schools are supported by eight Asha teachers (4 Computer teachers & 4 regular teachers).

We visited the following schools – ADWS Nandivaram, PUPS Nandivaram, PUMS Guduvanchery, PUPS Katankulathur. All these schools are in and around Guduvanachery. We support one more school in this area PUMS, Orathur which we did not visit.

ADWS (Adi Dravidar Welfare Middle School), Nandivaram

This is a middle school with classes from 1 to 8. the total number of students is around 105. The environment in the vicinity around the school is not very conducive for education. People don't value education and number of youth are school drop outs and fairly unruly. The HM, Ms. Pramila is very committed to the school, inspite of facing threats and disturbances from some elements of the local community.

We have one regular teacher Ms. Philomena who teaches Class 3 and one computer teacher Ms. Bhuvaneshwari who spends two days a week in this school teaching Computer science and also supporting concept learning through computer aided apps. She covers classes 1 to 5 on a fixed rota. The feedback from the HM on our teachers has been good.

We observed one of the classes being conducted by our teacher. We distributed stationery and donated one printer to the school. We also informed the school about the schedule and process of the written assessment to be conducted by Asha for the whole school in the first week of March and got their go ahead.



Students with the new printer

We also reviewed the progress on the construction of a toilet for the school, undertaken by Asha and sponsored by Trimble



Toilet Construction in progress

PUPS (Panchayat Union Primary School) , Nandivaram

This is a primary school with classes from 1 to 5. the total number of students is around 125. Good school environment with a lot of plants and colorfully painted walls. The HM, Ms. Infanta is very committed and also passionate about teaching a class personally.

We have one regular teacher Ms. Kalai Selvi who teaches Class 3 and one computer teacher Ms. Bhuvanewari who spends three days a week in this school teaching Computer science and also supporting concept learning through computer aided apps. She covers classes 1 to 5 on a fixed rota. The feedback from the HM on our teachers has been very good. We informed the school about the schedule and process of the written assessment to be conducted by Asha for the whole school in the first week of March and got their go ahead.



PUMS (Panchayat Union Middle School) , Guduvanchery

This is a middle school with classes from 1 to 8. the total number of students is around 315. While the primary classes are in English medium, classes 6 to 8 has both Tamil & English medium sections. The HM, Ms. Bhuma is a very dynamic and passionate lady. She is always looking at ways and means of improving her children's education.

We have one computer teacher Ms. Arputhadurairaj who spends four days in one week and three days the following week, in this school teaching Computer science and also supporting concept learning through computer aided apps. He covers all the classes in the school. The school has set aside a fairly spacious computer room for the Asha teacher to conduct the classes. The feedback from the HM on our teacher has been Outstanding. We observed one computer class being conducted by our teacher.

Asha donated 3 CPUs, 2 Monitors, 3 UPS's , 3 Keyboards and 3 Mouses to the school during the visit. We also distributed notebooks to the students.

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Handing over Computers



Computer Class in progress for middle school



Computer Class in progress for primary school



Distribution of Notebooks

PUPS (Panchayat Union Primary School) , Katankalathur

This is a primary school with classes from 1 to 5. the total number of students is around 200. It is a very spacious school with a lot of open space.

We have one regular teacher, Ms. Mary, who teaches class 2. The feedback on her from the school has been excellent.

The school has set up a separate computer room with three working computers. They requested Asha to provide a computer teacher as well, which we agreed to consider for the next academic year.

We informed the school about the schedule and process of the written assessment to be conducted by Asha for the whole school in the first week of March and got their go ahead. This will be the first year that this school will undergo the assessment.