

GLOVIS SANGAMAM PROJECT REPORT - MAY 2015

Glovis Sangamam project is continuing to support the 8 schools in Thiruvallur Dist. Here is a report of the various activities that took place during the month of May 2015.

Interviews

We conducted tests for filtering teacher candidates. We conducted one such test on 14th May. 25 teacher candidates attended the test. We selected 5 teachers for inviting them to the RightStart 2015 where we through we will conduct the next round of interview. Unfortunately only 2 of them expressed interest in coming for the training – Ms. Rajakumari and Ms. Seetha Ezhilarasi. We talked to them and found both of them to be suitable.

We had earlier conducted a round of tests/interviews in April and had selected one Ms .Jennifer Joshi. She used to work for Asha as a teacher couple of years earlier.

Asha Annual Assessments

We designed the database for entering and analyzing the results from the assessments. We also got the answer and grading keys from the people who prepared the tests. The grading exercise finally got underway on the 16th of May. This exercise was taking a lot longer than anticipated. After doing this work the whole of the week of the 18th, only 5 schools are complete (out of 11 Project Sangamam schools). A lot more work is still required. They will resume this activity once again in June after they return from RightStart.

RightStart 2015

Asha Chennai conducts an annual teacher training event in Chennai for all its teachers (from all projects) and also teachers from other partner organisations. This year it was held from May 25th to 29th. All the teachers from Project Sangamam and even the new hires attended the function. A total of 30 teachers attended the function. It was organized at the Vanavani school in then IIT campus. There were training sessions in English, Dyslexia awareness, Maths and Practical Science.

It needs to be specially appreciated that several of the teachers at Sangamam attended that function in spite of having very young children of their own. Their enthusiasm and drive needs to be appreciated.

Libraries

We have been purchasing books and bureaus for 5 small libraries at 5 of the supported schools. The money for this is coming from the money left over from the last year's budget. We have purchased some of the books and the placed the orders for the bureaus. We will be setting up the libraries at Gandhigram, Katchur, Allikuzhi, Placepalayam and a 5th school (either Nemiliagaram or Thomur).

Upcoming Events

All the schools will reopen on June 1st. Our teachers will also be resuming work in the various schools along with their government peers. Usually the focus in June is on new admissions. The classes will start in earnest only later in June.

The grading of the papers from the annual assessment will be completed in June. Once that is complete we will be doing the statistical analysis and reports.

We will be conducting some more interviews to hire teachers. We need some more teachers esp. if we take additional schools.

The computers repair effort will continue and the expectations will be for the initial set of 4 teachers to start using their computer effectively. We will giving laptops to 4 more teachers in June.

The purchased for the libraries will be completed and the 5 libraries will be inaugurated in June.

There will be an annual test for all the teachers. This will be conducted on the 20th of June. The pay raises for the teachers will be determined based on the performance of the teachers in the test as well as the feedback we have been receiving over the year on how the teacher has been performing.