

# GLOVIS SANGAMAM PROJECT REPORT

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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 December 2015.

### School shutdown and damages due to rains

Heavy rains in the Thiruvallur district continued in December. All the schools remained shutdown till December 14<sup>th</sup>. They once again closed for Christmas and New year holidays starting from Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>. So the schools worked only for 7 days during the month.

Three of the schools we support have suffered damages during the rain. The schools at Placepalayam and Katchur were having leaks even before these rains. They have become much worse and almost unuseable due to these rains. At Katchur the school has shifted to the local library building. The biggest damages have been at Nemiliagaram which is not one of the 8 schools supported by Glovis. The school building and the two toilets are all damaged due to the sinking of the ground and will need to be rebuilt. They are also operating from the nearby library building.

Other than these, all the schools have reported damages to the mats. Many computers in these schools are not working. At Placepalayam one of the computers is damage due to water falling on it. The ABL cards are also damaged in many of the schools. These will be replaced by the government.

### Relief Work

Asha undertook relief work at Kaivandur (where Kuppammal Chathiram is located), Gandhigram, Katchur and Kottaikulam. At Kaivandur we did the relief at the Dalit locality which has poorer people. The other three were tribal villages. These villages had all suffered due to the rains and floods.

All the Asha teachers participated in these relief activities. This became their primary activity till December 13<sup>th</sup> when they had holidays. We thank the employees of Hyundai Glovis for their support for the relief activities at Katchur. They also participated and helped during the distribution of materials.

### Teacher Training

Since the schools were off, we continued our efforts in training. I met with the teachers on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of December. Four teachers also visited my house in Chennai on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Further the teachers met among themselves on the 30<sup>th</sup> December. I continued teaching the teacher Logo a computer language suitable for children.

### Upcoming Events

Due to the rains and floods in November and December, we couldn't make progress with many of our planned activities. We will assess the damages at the schools and bring them back to full operation as soon as possible.

Materials distributions for the students (health kit and bags or chappals) will be held in January. During this time we will also distribute mats for the schools. The teacher kits will also be distributed during this time.

We planned to start our term-wise assessments in term 2. But due to the changes in the school schedules we intend to hold them in late January and early February.

The computers repair effort will continue. We will continue enhancing the contents available for the teachers on their laptops.