

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 November 2015.

School shutdown due to rains

Heavy rains in the Thiruvallur district started just before Deepavali. They continued throughout November. So the schools were shutdown starting from 7th of November. Some of the villages and schools were getting flooded in after the major rains on the 21st of November.

Teacher Training

Since the schools were off, we decided to focus on teacher training. I met with the teachers on the 18th, 21st and the 24th of November. On 27th November four of the teachers came to Chennai. The teachers also had several meetings with themselves during this time. The focus of the teacher training during these sessions was on computers. In particular I started teaching them Logo a computer language suitable for children which is taught in most of the CBSE schools.

Further on 28th November there was a more organized training in English by Mrs. Rekha Balakrishnan held at Olcott memorial school. Teachers from all Asha Chennai projects participated in this training. The focus was on spoken English, improving the grammar of the teachers etc.

Laptops for teachers and Sangamam Kanini

During the meeting on the 21st November, the remaining three teachers from Glovis Sangamam also received laptops as part of the Oracle sponsored Sangamam Kanini projects. All the laptops have contents loaded on to them to make them usable in the classrooms.

Upcoming Events

Due to the rains and floods most of the December, the schools remain closed. Our activities were also focused on relief and rehabilitation. 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 postponed to January. During this time we will also distribute mats for the schools.

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