

GSK – Girirajpura School : Virtual Site visit report

April 15, 2021

Time / Date

(US - CT) : April 15, THU, 10 pm

(India - IST) : April 16, FRI, 8:30 am

Attendees

From Asha Austin : Mohit Sood (Project Steward, Austin chapter coordinator), Rangakrishnan Srinivasan (Austin projects coordinator), Minal Ahuja (Austin fundraising coordinator), Shruti Motiwale (Social media coordinator), Subhangi Ghosh (Antyoday – Project Steward), Srinidhi Devale (Austin volunteer)

From GSK : Shubham Garg (Director), Vishnu Gopal Meena (Academic Coordinator), Ashok Sharma (Team Leader – Girirajpura), Punya Ram Gurjar (Community mobilizers)

Online video recording of the virtual site visit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wc8xTHD6FBQ>

Summary of call

The call started with brief introductions. Ashok was on the ground at Girirajpura school, while Shubham and Punya-Ram joined remotely from the office in Sawai Madhopur. After brief introductions, Ashok took us into a classroom at Girirajpura school, where children from grade 6-8 were getting a science lesson from Lokesh.

Then Ashok took us to one of the outdoor classrooms (Dhaani Kendras) where pre-primary children were being taught by Murari, who was substituting for another teacher. Right next to them were primary children (grades 2-3) playing a game. Both were being managed by Murari.

After that, Ashok took us to another outdoor classroom, where kids from grade 4-5 were being taught by Shailendra. We briefly talked about how such outdoor classrooms have helped kids to continue learning during COVID times.

Following that, Ashok took us back to the main campus area, showed the library, computer room, the outdoor kitchen/garden. Then we were introduced to Punya Ram who has been actively involved with the community and GSK. We chatted for some time with volunteers asking some questions and then wrapped up the call.