

Site Visit Report of Shamayita Marangburu Schools July 2018

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I visited all three Shamayita Marangburu Schools end of July 2018 as I promised them in 2017. Last year, the teachers at all three schools received training for teaching language and mathematics given by Shikshamitra Institution (www.shikshamitra-education.org) from Kolkata. The art teacher has made the phonics chart learned in the training in each schools as visible in the picture below. Students love working with abacus (second picture), fishing numbers for addition and subtraction, and many other strategies for math as taught by the group.

Some teachers told me that they went to some compulsory government training program for teaching strategies. They were taught less effective strategies because when Shamayita teachers explained how to teach mathematics more effectively, every teacher present there was excited to learn that.

This year the school in Siulibona needs two more rooms to accommodate everyone indoor during rainy season. Some class I classrooms received small desks (third picture). May be all classrooms will have them in future.

Phonics Chart in the background at Marangburu School, Siulibona





Students using abacus in math class



A few classroom now have desks