

Chapter Meeting Minutes from Wed 11/25/09

Attendees: Venki, Sangam, Teesta, Ashish, Amit, Meena, Esther, Anshu, Dilip, Sachin, Smitha

SShrishti, Half yearly update - Pankaj

<http://www.ashanet.org/projects/project-view.php?p=703>

- General background and Video presentation of the project
- Project has shifted to a rented premises in Kishangarh closer to the center, rent s 15K/month
- Added lights/fans from general donations for school
- The new rented premises costs 15K/month but they save 17K/month of transportation cost
- 80 new admissions; but they were taken to Ladli prior to SLC due to either age or learning level of children
- Ladli center has ~150 kids enrolled
- Center has UKG; 1 - 5
- Additionally, the org started a doorstep school for 40 kids, but, its in early stages and its not clear if they want to sustain it in long run
- Project vols are usually from Vasant Kunj/south delhi area
- Megha from TA visited the school; attendance was low; only 3 teachers were there
- The org mentions that the visit was around Dussehra and Navratre, and in general was holiday season
- We might want to followup with another surprise visit to verify the actual student/teacher presence
- Current strength - 86 (31 girls, 55 boys); 6 teachers (4 from asha, and 2 others)
- Computer Teacher has been hired now, from last approved budget
- Social worker added for community outreach
- Teachers workshop by trainer from Pratham
- 8 students from Class 5 are appearing for NIOS exam this year
- 12 kids joined Govt school after Class 4
- Some vols from US ran Delhi half marathon for Ssrishiti and were able to raise Rs. 1.5 lakh
- A German organization gets vols to visit the projects in India; vols on average spends 9 months at school/project
- School annual day is planned very soon
- Steward to follow-up to find out if funds from marathon can be used against our funds?
- Pankaj (steward) to visit in Dec '09
- explore RTE clause for migrant workers will be useful
- Question: Do the vols from US have a website? How to engage them further?