

Balia Gram Unnayan Samiti

Virtual Site Visit Report

9th Sept. 2025

Attendees from UIUC Chapter:

Anika Deshpande

Shreyansh Agrawal

Dhriti Patel

Rishi Akula

Raj Thadani

Attendees from School:

Samhithi

Arvind Khan

Shadukhan (President of BGUS)

Suhas Chandrupal (secretary)

Virtual Site Visit started out with introductions from our chapter board members and introduction from Shadukhan (President of BGUS). Shadukhan appreciated Asha UIUC chapter efforts and contributions towards BGUS growth. Before showing us a sample activity from the children, he was able to brief us about areas for improvement as well as how the school is doing overall.

Notes from Introduction of Meeting:

- Project is in the sixth month of the 2025-26 budget
- 3 focused areas that have been benefited recently
 - Book Bank at school
 - Community-based coaching
 - Preschool/early childhood development (ages 0-5)
- 577 total beneficiaries, including 315 children in preschool programs
- Support has been provided through 20 preschool centers across 7 villages

Next, Shadukhan was able to go to the school nearby and show us an activity that the children were performing. This was a song that the students were reciting. Team also agreed to share more photos for reference of children learning and performing activities. Photos are also included in the report.

Notes from the School:

- Activities
 - Quality preschool education, songs, recitation, school readiness, health monitoring, and hot meals for children to reduce malnutrition
 - Focus on improving children learning outcomes through resource sharing and teacher training on new methodologies
 - Health of Children
 - Growth monitoring is done for children by tracking weight versus age
 - Education

- Teachers regularly hold meetings with parents to discuss children;s progress and school readiness
- Planning training for teachers - improving education quality
- Book bank
 - Provides children with reference books to support education
 - Reference books beyond standard textbooks to support students from class 11 through graduation
 - Currently 15 students from class 9 and above are receiving books from program
 - Library style system
 - Students borrow and return books as needed, allowing continuous access to reference materials
- Community based coaching center
 - Supports school curriculum and preparedness for children
 - Each center serves 10-12 children
 - Allowing focused attention on individual progress and challenges
 - A total of 62 children are currently covered by these centers
- Statistics
 - Book bank is benefitting more girls more than boys currently
 - 103 are girls and 61 are boys
 - Covering 15 needy children that are pursuing class 9, 10, 11

Activity Photos:







Virtual Visit Photos:

