Site Visit: Pranabananda Boy's Hostel, Sahapur, Malda, West Bengal.

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This is the fourth year of ASHA-SV funding request for this partner. For the past three years, Sandip Pal of Mandra Lions club had visited the site. Sandip Pal is a busy person and he was often found busy to take up to three days off to go to Malda. It has been increasingly difficult to find somebody else to travel to Malda every year and this year I decided to perform a thorough site visit. It is possible that next year, I can ask Sandip Pal again.

In general, I have kept myself well connected with this project and completely satisfied with the progress of the students.

### The major highlights of the project are:

- (1) 100 boy students are provided complete room, board and education. Up to fourth grade, students go to on-site school; higher grade students then attend local public high schools. Beginning this school year: 1 student in VIII, 2 in class VII, 6 in class V, 7 in class IV, 26 in class III, 20 in class II, 31 in class I and 7 students in UKG.
- (2) Students get three major (vegetarian) meals plus small snack in the afternoon.
- (3) Students are provided with uniform for school, and also for prayer. Students also get sweater and shoes.
- (4) Minor illnesses are treated on-site (volunteer doctor), major medical cases are transported to Malda town hospital (I was told of one boy being in hospital on my visit day; injury due to fight between two children!).
- (5) Total six teachers are employed. Four teachers worked for the day school and two worked for morning tutoring. Teachers appeared very dedicated and seemed to like the environment. Almost all of them were young (one was a mother with kid) and appeared to have taken the job despite very low salary due to some dedication to the cause.
- (6) Another twelve staff including cook, superintendent and night guard.
- (7) Hostel and school buildings were done from donations (somewhat of a leverage of our contribution)

**Reason for on-site school:** Even though an elementary public school exists within walking distance, the need for on-site elementary school was argued by the school authorities about two years ago.

Their major argument at that time was:

- (1) The students staying at the hostel were lacking any educational background.
- (2) They needed special care as most of them didn't speak "formal" Bengali language.
- (3) The public school had neither any interest nor setup to teach these children.

- (4) Attending public school while getting private tutoring didn't work as most important hours of the day were "wasted".
- (5) The hostel authorities argued that without correct care, ASHA's basic purpose of providing education to deprived children will not work.
- (6) On-site elementary school has proved to be effective and students are learning. Their manners, speaking abilities and confidence have noticeably improved.

#### The major evaluation criteria for this project:

- (1) Improvement/Progress of lower grade students: Currently the school teachers are conducting regular examinations with West Bengal approved mark sheets. The mark sheets are sent to parents annually as a measure to keep them informed. Students are also ranked in the classes and awarded annual prizes. I have told the hostel/school authorities that this monitoring of students' learning are of paramount interest to ASHA-SV and must be continued.
- (2) Monitoring of high school students: This is the first year total nine students are attending local high school. This is the major test of the success of the on-site elementary school. The progress of the high school students must be reported to ASHA-SV.

#### Some of the issues discussed during these site visits:

- (1) Advisory Committee: A committee to advise and run the hostel to be formed. The committee will also bring more ownership to the community.
- (2) Long Term Sustainability: ASHA-SV's financial situation and its commitment to various new applications may limit future contributions. It was impressed that some plan must be in place for long term sustainability.
  - (a) Generate support from outside donations: Substantial progress has been made.
  - (b) Farming: The school/hostel has large unused land. Some vegetable can be grown. Students can be made to take part as an extracurricular activity. Once a week involvement was suggested to as a starting point.
  - (c) School open to outside (local community) students: This can generate school funding and also involve local community.
    - (d) ASHA funding to be smaller fraction of total expense in coming years.
- (3) Plan for School to be decoupled from hostel expenses: All of the points discussed in item (2) can be employed to make this happen.
- (4) New student intake while keeping total number at 100: Students unwilling to learn can be handed back to parents to make room for new students.

**Major Problems:** Teacher salaries are still very small and some of them expressed their concern to me. I have promised to help personally to some extent. The increase of food prices is a major concern.

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SI. No.	Name of Student	Name of Father/Gurdien	Caste	Class
1	Gour Das	Ashis Das	Sc	VIII
2	Binut Soren	Bhagat Soren	ST	VII
3	Jagadish Soren	Bhagat Soren	ST	VII
4	Manotosh Mardi	Hopna Mardi	ST	V
5	Rajesh Sarkar	Nalani Ranjan Sarkar	Sc	V
6	Manoj Mandal	Ajit Mandal	SC	V
7	Prodip Mardi	Prabin Mardi	ST	V
8	Manab Mandal	Matul Mandal	SC	V
9	Mihir Mardi	Bijoy Mardi	ST	V
10	Sunil Tudu	Late Patiram Tudu	ST	IV
11	Juel Hembram	Balu Hembram	ST	IV
12	Kamal Soren	Srinath Soren	ST	IV
13	Pradip Rajbanshi	Madan Rajbanshi	SC	· IV
14	Gobinda Soren	Jackob Soren	ST	IV
15	Tapash Mandal	Matul Mandal	SC	IV
16	France Mardi	Lakhindar Mardi	ST	IV
17	Subhandu BArman	Rajjadhar Barman	SC	III
18	Briten Mardi	Lakhindar Mardi	ST	111
19	Rabinath Murmu	Bajun Murmu	ST	III
20	INdrajit Murmu	Som Murmu	ST	111
21	Josef Hembram	Dobai Hembram	St	111
22	Srijan Murmu	Anil Murmu	ST	111
23	Bisno Rajbanshi	Bhoga Rajbanshi	SC	111
24	Ajit Hembram	Talamoi Hembram	ST	III
25	Dipak Kisku	Ratan Kisku	ST	111
26	Subhankar Sarkar	Udayn Sarkar	SC	111
27	Prasanta Murmu	Dhargu Murmu	ST	III
28	Bhabatosh Barman	Narattam Barman	SC	III
29	Ulish Mardi	Amin mardi	ST	III
30	Joydeb Murmu	Mangal Murmu	ST	111
31	Suklal Hansda	Kandan Hansda	ST	111
32	Pabitra Roy	Amal Roy	SC	111
33	Rajib Murmu	Satish Murmu	ST	III
34	Rajib Tudu	Fagu Tudu	ST	III
35	Susanta Mandal	Subal Mandal	SC	III
36	Krishna Rajbanshi	Jiban Rajbanshi	SC	111

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37	Sushen Soren	Hemanta Soren	ST	III
18	Sanjit Hembram	Shyam Hembram	ST	III
9	Nirmal Hembram	Kanta Hembram	ST	III
0	Sujit Kisku	Rina Soren	ST	III
11	Theuplus Tudu	Majhi Tudu	ST	111
12	Manuel tudu	SWapan Tudu	ST	111
13	Kalucharan Mardi	Bijou Mardi	ST	11
14	Bisal Tudu	Mangal Tudu	ST	II
15	Rajib Sarkar	Chhabilal Sarkar	SC	11
16	Biplob Murmu	Mandal Murmu	ST	11
17	Sushil Hembram	Dasmat Hembram	ST	H
18	Ramlal Hansda	Manager Hansda	ST	11
19	Bimal Tudu	Salku Tudu	ST	11
50	Andrias Baske	Rabi Baske	ST	11
51	Subrata Murmu	Nayki Murmu	ST	11
52	Abhijit Murmu	Som Murmu	ST	11
53	Rajesh Murmu	Bimal Murmu	ST	11
54	Kamal Kundu Soren	Sukalu Soren	ST	П
55	Mahilal Soren	Lakhiram Soren	ST	II
56	Manoj Kumar Hansda	Iswar Hansda	ST	11
57	Shiba Murmu	Jogen Murmu	ST	11
58	Thakur Hembram	Sitaram Hembram	ST	- 11
59	Tusher Kanti Roy	Chaitu Roy	SC	11
60	Shyamnath Murmu	Sufal Murmu	ST	11
61	Dipak Hansda	Badal Hansda	ST	11
62	Sanjit Hembram	Anil Hembram	ST	11
63	Subhash Tudu	Gobin Tudu	ST	1
64	Parminash Soren	Sakla Soren	ST	1
65	Soken Tudu	Surai Tudu	ST	1
66	Shyam kumar Hembram	Foga Hembram	ST	1
67	Parimal Hembram	Suniram Hembram	ST	1
68	Probir Roy	Sodhu Roy	SC	1
69	Priyanshu koar	Dibas Koar	SC	1
70	Saswata Kirtania	Subhasish Kirtania	Sc	1
71	Pabitra Tudu	Paresh Tudu	ST	1
72	Sachindra nath Soren	Mahanta Soren	ST	1
73	Patilal Hembram	Sufal Hembram	ST	1
74	Bipul Soren	Biswanath Soren	ST	1
75	Sanjoy Murmu	Rupta murmu	ST	1
76	Krishna Soren	Mashe Soren	ST	1
77	Jisoy Tudu	Anil Tudu	ST	1
78	Suroy Orow	Sanu Orow	ST	1
79	Agni Barman	Susanta Barman	SC	1
80	Subhash Murmu	Sarkar Murmu	ST	1
81	Abinash Murmu	Sunil Murmu	ST	UKG
82	Ram Tudu	Bablu Tudu	ST	UKG



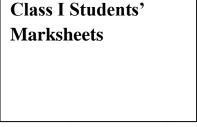
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84	Dip Haldar	Shasti Haldar	SC	UKG
85	Chaitanya Sundar Paul	K.C. Paul	SC	UKG
86	Koil Mitra	Subal Mitra	Gen	UKG
87	Chandranath Das	Tarak nath Das	SC	UKG
88	Subrata Murmu	Biren Murmu	ST	1
89	Stephen Tudu	Ganesh Tudu	ST	1
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91	Chandan Soren	Bikash Soren	ST	1
92	Sujit Hansda	ProBhakar Hansda	ST	1
93	Sushil Hembram	Subrata Hembram	ST	1
94	Rajesh Murmu	Parimal Murmu	ST	1
95	Kanon Tudu	Biplob Tudu	ST	1
96	Toton Das	Ramial Das	SC	1
97	Rajib Sarkar	Shankar Sarkar	SC	1
98	Abhilash Murmu	Kalishankar Murmu	ST	1
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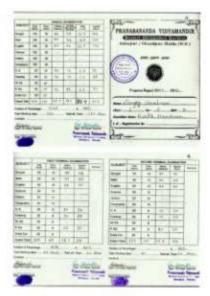
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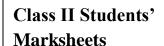
























# Class III Students' Mark sheets















# Class IV Students' Mark sheets



# Pranabananda Boy's Hostel Classes and Assembly











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