

# GVS Sainagar Library Site Visit Report

## **Particulars about the organization and its environment**

The emphasis of the project is 40% on community development, 10% on education in Manadora and Gadaba, 10% on education in Kovilapalem and Gadabapalem and 40% on health. There are no other organizations working on the services being provided by GVS in these areas. The main challenges faced by the organization in this area are close to 100% illiteracy, poverty, and parents' lack of interest towards education.

## **The Beneficiaries and the Community**

Approximately 300 families live in the area. Most parents of the children who visit the library are engaged in agriculture or labour related jobs. These parents are not able to afford fees for school of their children because of their economic condition. At the time of admission to this library, the names of both parents are asked. The staff of the library visits homes and explain the importance of literacy to children and their parents. This personalized attention given by the staff, serves as a motivation to parents to educate their children. The parents of children volunteer their time and labor to help the organization's efforts. There are 2 other government schools in the area. These schools are about 4 kms away from the area. Parents in the area however prefer to send their children, to the library built by GVS because of its proximity to their homes, availability of books and the supportive staff.

## **Project Particulars**

At the time of the visit, there were 30 children present. 50 is the total strength. Ratio of girls to boys is 1:1. The children seem to enjoy coming to library. 20% of the children in the area visit the library. 80% of the children do not go to any library. After library hours, children assist their parents in work and labour. The library provides an interesting way of learning to the children. Children also get toys and gifts from the library. These are the main motivations for kids to visit the library. 40% of children every year drop out because of family problems or because they want to assist their parents in their work. Children are very happy to visit the library. The site is nearby to the village center and most of the children commute by walking. There is furniture present for the office. The building is a temporary structure, the library space is rented and the office space has been donated to the organization.

After utilizing the library, most of the children hope to grow up and assist their parents in labour. Some hope to migrate to metropolitan areas for work. There are about 10 volunteers for this project. About 7 are from the local community. 4 women are present in the volunteers. The education level of the volunteers is high school and intermediate. No volunteers of the organization have left in the past year. No new volunteers have joined this project as well. The organization

provides training to the volunteers. During this site visit, the visitor was able to look at the homework and classwork of the children. They are educating the students/faculty in Sainagar with computer literacy.

### **Financial Resources of the organization**

The main sources of funding for this project are by the donation of locals and help of GVS friends. Largest portion of the finances is spent in the infrastructure of the project.

## Appendix







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