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Bonghir Site Visit report

Date of the site visit: 31st August 2008

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Construction of the school:

My wife and I were given a warm welcome to the coordinator's place, Dr. Rangiah, a well educated doctor with 30 years work experience and 20+years of philanthropy experience. We visited the site which is 7 km away from his house and 6 km away from the bus stand.

In two lines: *the work done till now is good but not according to the 8 month activity.*

Ceiling is recently done and its plastering has to be done in the next 10-15 days. Facility is made to have two rooms with a front corridor of 6 ft width and each room of 10*20 ft with pillars very 10 ft. Stairs are arranged for future capacity. The old construction has one shed adjoining this plot, two rooms facing the plot with an office room. One more room far from the plot and next to the main entrance which is used for mid day meal program and there are two restrooms with some open space and a big papaya tree next to it. The basement of the plot is 5 feet (it seems) deep and is 1.5 feet above the present ground level in the premises. *The construction quality looks good.* All of the work looks according to the need.

There is a very good small creek passing the school.

Fluoride problem:

About the Fluoride quantity in ground water used for drinking: Whole community buys (@50-80 liters per dollar) water, that is extracted from reverse osmosis process, located at the center of the community(donated) near the overhead tank and available at some regular intervals(6-9 am, 5-8 pm).

Recommendation of the site visitor:

We (Asha for Education) should arrange or add some contribution to the village that can allow water supply to the school @ $250 \times 0.75 \text{ litre} = \sim 200 \text{ liter}$ would be helpful for the school and few containers to carry it to the school would be helpful for the 250 children in the school. Check the present water tank (photo) inside the school inside the school which needs clear attention. It rarely handles sanitary needs of the children.

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There are many hamlets in this village's vicinity that needs clean water and good education. The present available facility interiors could not be checked as the school was closed. I can update more on the school whenever I visit next time.

More about Dr Rangiah:

He is currently handling 2 more school construction initiatives similar to ours. He has constructed a 2 storied school building that is used as a girls high school(upgraded from primary school). This school is next door to his house. He has donated 4 lakhs (8000USD) to another school on the main road (Bhongir). He is a rotary club member and well reespected member of the town.

Some questions of Asha Uflorida addressed by the site visitor:

1. What is the status of the classrooms? How far is it from completion?

Please refer to the above sections.

2. The construction began in December 07, is it where it is supposed to be after 8 months? If not, why ?

No, Work is good but not timely as government input is involved etc.

3. How bad is the fluoride situation in the district? What is being done?

Flouride content is above sanitary levels but this village found a sponsor for purifying water.

4. What is the major occupation of the villagers?

Agricuiltre. As the town is 7km away few work there too. The village population could be around 2000 and the number of children in the school is around 250.