India Sponsorship Committee, Pune Site Visit Report Dec 2014

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During our visit to ISC we visited their main office building, an education support class at a nearby slum location and gender sensitization class at a nearby municipal school. We had an opportunity to meet their key staff members at the office and field staff members working in nearby slum areas.

In their office building a couple of after school tuition classes were going on when we reached - we visited those and observed those briefly, too.

Mrs. Kranti Salve (Deputy Program Manager) and Mr. Sachin Kavitkar (Area coordinator) accompanied us to see various programs being conducted on that day in the nearby areas.

We were glad to see the efforts of the staff members and teachers at various programs that we had an opportunity to visit. The teachers teaching the afterschool educational support classes seemed really good at teaching - some of them were using various educational tools to explain the subject. The gender sensitization class at the municipal school was particularly impressive - the ladies conducting that class were very successful in connecting with and getting their point across to the boys who were taking that class.

We spoke to some of the children who were attending the programs as well as the field staff members who were conducting the programs and asked them a few questions like how do they like the teaching / is it beneficial for them , how do they like working for ISC/ do they get paid correctly and in timely manner - we got positive answers to all those questions.

Back in the office we met the office staff - Mrs. Audrey Ferreira (Project Consultant) and Mrs Rajeshree Phule (accountant). The accountant was ready to answer any questions that we had and was ready to show whatever we wanted to see in the accounts - we liked the transparency and openness.

We got to see some craft items made by children and some decorative lady’s bags crafted by women from the vocational training program.

Overall we had a very good impression about the projects being beneficial to children as well as the field staff who got an employment opportunity by working for these projects.

We would like to help the ISC staff to feature their work to a broader audience by helping them set up a blog page as well as a facebook page where they can publish the news and developments that happen at ISC more often. We will be working with them to accomplish this.
ISC office building -

After school tuition / education support classes at the ISC office building -
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After School Tuition programs in Pandu Laman Vasti - for 5th, 6th and 7th Standard children
Gender sensitization class at Netaji Subhashchandra Bose Vidyalaya
ISC office building / staff members / art work -
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