Glovis Sangamam Project Report – Oct 2015

Glovis Sangamam project is continuing to support the 8 schools in Thiruvallur Dist. Here is a report of the various activities that took place during the month of October 2015.

School/Teacher Monitoring trips

Over the months of September and October Rajaram visited all the schools supported by Project Sangamam. The time was spent primarily interacting with the children in the class taught by the Asha teachers in all these school. Majority of the students in all the schools were in line with the performance level expected for the children in their class. There were slow learners in all the schools. In some schools the number of slow learners were disturbingly high. This is something we have to deal with. While most of the teachers were doing a good job, there were some standard mistakes like not teaching rhymes with actions so that the children also learn the meaning, using the manipulatives supplies by Ramanujan Centre properly etc. In the teacher training sessions these things were discussed and we expect the teachers to implement these ideas over the coming months.

Teacher Training

On October 10th , 23rd and 31st Rajaram visited Sangamam office and interacted with the teachers there. The focus on both these days was using the computers. The new Sangamam Kanini software was given to the teachers and they were taught how to use the software. They were also shown how to use Tuxpaint which is a better paint software for children than MS paint. They were also shown how to use computers. On October 31st since there was time remaining after this, we also did some work on their English.

Other than these the teachers also met on their own on the 8th. The teachers practiced with the computers and learnt all the contents available on their laptops during these meetings.

Laptops for teachers and Sangamam Kanini

On October 23rd, during the teacher meeting, laptops were given to 3 teachers including 2 teachers of Glovis Sangamam. Currently 7 of the teachers at Glovis Sangamam have been given laptops.

The first version of the software developed as part of Sangamam Kanini was ready. This was given to all the teachers on October 10th. A good bit of content was made available to the teachers on their laptops. The teachers have started using the software as well. A second version of the software with some bug fixes along with some new contents was also given to them on 23rd.

As part of the Sangamam Kanini project the computers in the Katchur, Allikuzhi and Placepalayam schools were also fixed.

Upcoming Events

Materials distributions for the students (health kit and bags or chappals) will be distributed in November. During this time we will also distribute mats for the schools.

The computers repair effort will continue. We will be giving laptops to remaining 3 teachers in November. We will continue enhancing the contents available for the teachers on their laptops.