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Activities Monthly Report November 2011

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We are happy to introduce ourselves with you again, and to tell you about all the activities that have been happening in November 2011.

The following is a discussion of the major works undertaken during the reporting period and the plan for the next month. In addition, you are going to enjoy reading Edoardo monthly exclusive experience report.

THE INTERN'S CORNER;

By Edoardo Trimarchi

Hello to everyone again. It is with a little bit of sadness that I wrote to you for the third and last time. It seems yesterday when I first arrived in the village of Jogahati and now it is already time to say goodbye.

For all the students, however, the beginning of December means just one thing: Final Exam! In the first two weeks of this month, in the 13 schools of our adopted students, the exam deciding next year class will be on. A failure in the Final Exam will mean repeating the same class, increasing the chances for students to drop out. In the Teacher Meeting of November all the staff of the project highlighted the importance of this event for the students and explained to the teachers that the expectations are high. During the numerous visits in the villages, the tension and the concentration of both students and teachers were easy to spot. In Jogahati for example, it happened many time that students were in the tuition school even an hour before the start of the programme. They told me that to pass the final exam they will do whatever is in their possibility, even if it means give up an hour of play or leisure.

I have to say that, although in a small amount of time, I have seen many changes in the student's preparation and knowledge. In the village of Moishathi for example, where the Tuiton Programme is on just from July, I noticed some major results achieved by students. One of them is Billal, a six years old student of class I. In October, when I first met him, he had difficulties even in writing his name in Bangla. After less than two months and a lot of attention from the Tuition Teacher and the Community Motivator the results are quite surprising. Now Billal is not only able to write without problems his name both in Bengali and in English, but he learned how to write and read all the 39 letters of the Bangla alphabet. This will be enough for pass this year's exam.

This month was also really important because two survey were implemented in the village of Jogahati: the first about the house condition and the second about the medical situation of the habitants. In that, way we will be able to deploy a medical camp in December and collect vital data for the "Prerona" project. Thanks, these surveys we were able to do a complete census about the population in Jogahati, discovering that there are 344 habitants, and half of them are children. That shows that this project, whose beneficiaries are the children, have the potentiality to change completely the economic and social condition of Jogahati. And we all hope that this will happen.

I hope you enjoyed reading my experiences here in Bangladesh. I want to thank very much both IDEA and Banchte Shekha for giving me this valuable opportunity, I am sure that I will never forget these five Bangladeshi villages.

a. THE NEW INITIATIVES/ACTIVITES

- 1. House Survey:** To collect the housing situation we conducted the survey at Jogahati. Total 72 houses door-to-door survey has been made. In brief, we found 10 houses need to build completely and 9 houses need to be partially repaired. Some houses living 2 families together so, we counted one families for new house proposal. Total population of the community is 344 people.
- 2. Medical Survey:** We collect individual family member's medical information and we found 91 patients who need the medical treatment. During December, we will conduct the medical camp for the patients.
- 3. Tuition Study Centre:** We are constructing a tuition study centre at Sorupdaho. At present, we are providing tuition class to the students at Binoy house veranda and some time at yard. However, the place is not convenient and the family require to using the veranda. Last October distribution we raised the problem to the community and community willingly provided us good space to construct the tuition study centre. To build the centre we ask for some contribution from the community, we are happy to say that willingly community members prepare the mud foundation and provided physical labour to building the centre. The centre is helpful for the student to put more concentration on the tuition study as well as community people can use this place as community centre. To building, study centre we thanks to Vennozza Della Seta and her family for the financial support and big thanks to the community for their joint effort.

b. THE ROUTINE ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED

- 1. Guardians' Meetings:** During this month, **11** guardian meeting was arranged at Jogahati, Churamankati, Lolitadaho, Mohishati and Sorupdaho village. In these meetings, we discuss on the role of the parents at home and student's attentiveness into the study at school & home. For the final exam, teachers make more than two meetings with the parents to focusing the exam importance. In the meetings, Guardians participated actively.
- 2. School Visits:** During the month, to check the attendance at school of the adopted students, Community Motivator visited **twelve schools**.
- 3. Community Visits:** To follow-up, the community progress activities, students study and to supervise the tuition programmes, Community Motivator visited **8 times** at Jogahati village, **4 times** at Churamankati village, **4 times** at Lolitadaho village, **4 times** at Mohishati and **2 times** at Sorupdaho village during this month.
- 4. Door-to-door Visits:** To follow-up the students study at home, Tuition Teachers and Community Motivator together and separately visited all the **130** student's houses during this month. The door-to-door visit ensures the family involvement with project & student study, progresses for domestic cattle's care, cleanliness of house & dresses, proper utilization of the distributed materials, kitchen gardening etc.
- 5. Tuition Programme:** To improve student's school attendance and scholastic development every working days tuition programmes is conducting at the Communities. Through this programme, we ensuring the study progress of the student. The monthly data as follows;

SL	Location	Number of Teachers	Number Student		
			Adopted	Non-adopted	Total
1	JOGAHATI Tuition Programme	3	55	2	57

SL	Location	Number of Teachers	Number Student		
			Adopted	Non-adopted	Total
2	CHURAMANKATI Tuition Programme	2	17	13	30
3	LOLITADAHO Tuition Programme	1	5	9	14
4	MOHISHATI Tuition Programme	1	19	0	19
5	SORUPDAHO Tuition Programme	1	10	14	24
6	JOGAHATI PRE-SCHOOL Programme	1	16	19	35
Total:		9	122	57	179

** also two tutor providing tuition support to the 3 individual adopted students.*

6. School Attendance: Now the **130** adopted students are studying at **13** different schools, the school attendance reports are given below;

Student ID	Name	Gender	Age	Class	Total Days	Total Attend.	Attend. %	Comments
BS0001	Sufal Mondol	Boy	11	vi	18	11	61	Playing & Working
BS0002	Maloti	Girl	12	iii	16	14	88	Relative House
BS0003	Dipok Kumar	Boy	11	iii	16	14	88	Relative House
BS0004	Dipali	Girl	10	ii	17	17	100	
BS0006	Uttam Kumar	Boy	10	iv	16	15	94	Fever
BS0008	Monika	Girl	13	v	21	17	81	Relative House
BS0009	Palash	Boy	13	iii	16	11	69	Relative House
BS0010	Jashuda	Girl	9	ii	17	17	100	
BS0011	Kena	Boy	12	iv	16	16	100	
BS0012	Binod	Boy	9	ii	17	17	100	
BS0013	Jatish	Boy	8	iii	16	12	75	Relative House
BS0015	Ajit	Boy	8	ii	17	16	94	Fever
BS0016	Kashiraj	Boy	9	iii	16	16	100	
BS0017	Kakoli	Girl	17	vi	18	12	67	Relative House
BS0018	Sunali	Girl	9	iii	16	16	100	
BS0019	Bisudeb	Boy	10	iii	16	15	94	Fever
BS0020	Uzzal	Boy	11	ii	17	17	100	
BS0021	Chonda Biswas	Girl	10	ii	17	16	94	Fever
BS0022	Shuvodra	Girl	10	iii	16	16	100	
BS0023	Alryma Sakar	Girl	10	viii	17	17	100	
BS0024	Konika	Girl	7	ii	17	17	100	
BS0025	Ripon	Boy	7	ii	17	17	100	
BS0026	Kakoli	Girl	7	ii	17	17	100	
BS0027	Netai	Boy	7	i	17	17	100	
BS0028	Shamoli	Girl	4	Pre-school	18	18	100	

Student ID	Name	Gender	Age	Class	Total Days	Total Attend.	Attend. %	Comments
BS0029	Chompa	Girl	6	i	17	17	100	
BS0030	Proshonjit	Boy	9	ii	17	5	29	Working
BS0032	Ashim	Boy	12	iv	16	16	100	
BS0033	Fulchan	Boy	11	iv	16	14	88	Fever
BS0034	Proshanto	Boy	11	ii	17	17	100	
BS0035	Prodip	Boy	8	i	17	17	100	
BS0036	Ashutosh	Boy	8	i	17	17	100	
BS0037	Ponchanon	Boy	9	ii	17	17	100	
BS0038	Sriti	Girl	9	ii	17	17	100	
BS0039	Shumitra	Girl	6	i	17	17	100	
BS0040	Julekha	Girl	13	v	11	10	91	Fever
BS0041	Moriom	Girl	12	v	11	11	100	
BS0044	Aktarul	Boy	9	v	11	10	91	Fever
BS0045	Sonia	Girl	9	v	11	11	100	
BS0046	Kakoli Khatun	Girl	9	v	11	11	100	
BS0047	Parvez	Boy	7	iv	11	0	0	Migrate
BS0048	Rupali	Girl	10	iv	16	13	81	Relative House
BS0049	Shamoli	Girl	8	iv	16	16	100	
BS0050	Bijoy	Boy	8	i	17	17	100	
BS0051	Noyon	Boy	6	i	17	17	100	
BS0052	Robin	Boy	6	Pre-school	18	16	89	Relative House
BS0053	Purnima	Girl	6	i	17	0	0	Migrate
BS0054	Shamim	Boy	11	vi	18	14	78	Working
BS0055	Laboni	Girl	10	v	11	11	100	
BS0056	Gopal	Boy	7	ii	17	16	94	Fever
BS0057	Bonna	Girl	8	ii	17	17	100	
BS0058	Hridoy	Boy	8	ii	17	17	100	
BS0059	Shathi	Girl	13	vi	18	18	100	
BS0060	Rekha	Girl	9	iv	16	16	100	
BS0062	Purnima	Girl	8	i	17	17	100	
BS0063	Nishikanto	Boy	6	Pre-school	18	18	100	
BS0064	Madhobi	Girl	5	Pre-school	18	18	100	
BS0065	Bonomali	Boy	4	Pre-school	18	18	100	
BS0066	Pia	Girl	4	Pre-school	18	18	100	
BS0067	Sonnasi	Boy	7	Pre-school	18	17	94	Fever
BS0068	Mithun	Boy	4	Pre-school	18	18	100	
BS0069	Shukhdev	Boy	5	Pre-school	18	18	100	
BS0070	Deshpremik	Boy	4	Pre-school	18	18	100	

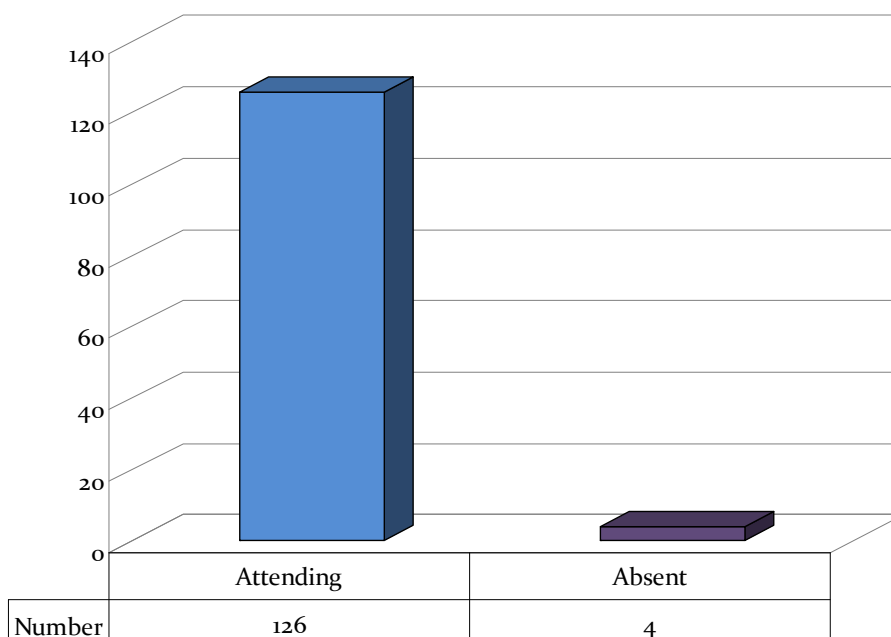
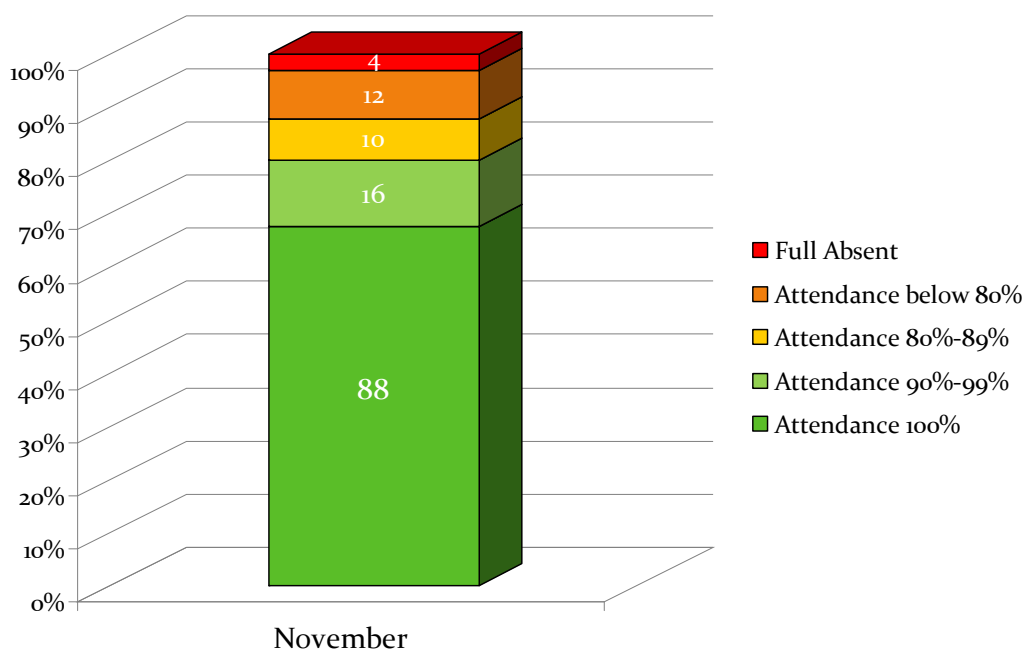
Student ID	Name	Gender	Age	Class	Total Days	Total Attend.	Attend. %	Comments
BS0071	Minoti	Girl	5	Pre-school	18	18	100	
BS0072	Nondo	Boy	5	Pre-school	18	18	100	
BS0073	Porimol	Boy	5	Pre-school	18	18	100	
BS0074	Nupur	Girl	8	i	17	16	94	Fever
BS0075	Shushmita	Girl	3	Pre-school	18	18	100	
BS0076	Akash	Boy	2	Pre-school	18	18	100	
BS0077	Al-amin	Boy	11	iii	15	15	100	
BS0078	Shohag	Boy	5	i	17	14	82	Relative House
BS0079	Fuli	Girl	8	ii	14	14	100	
BS0080	Nupur	Girl	8	i	14	11	79	Relative House
BS0081	Rupa	Girl	11	iv	14	14	100	
BS0082	Biplob	Boy	9	iii	14	14	100	
BS0083	Sraboni	Girl	5	i	14	13	93	Fever
BS0084	Debu	Boy	7	ii	14	14	100	
BS0085	Biswajit	Boy	8	iv	14	13	93	Fever
BS0086	Hiramon	Boy	6	ii	14	14	100	
BS0087	Joy/Nondini	Boy	5	i	14	14	100	
BS0088	Rotna	Girl	3	Pre-school	18	18	100	
BS0089	Anonto	Boy	8	i	14	14	100	
BS0090	Jibon	Boy	8	i	20	20	100	
BS0091	Rina	Girl	11	ii	17	17	100	
BS0092	Pinky	Girl	6	ii	17	17	100	
BS0093	Boishakhi	Girl	7	ii	17	17	100	
BS0094	Bristi	Girl	6	ii	15	15	100	
BS0096	Asma	Girl	8	iii	15	14	93	Fever
BS0097	Tohmina	Girl	7	iii	15	15	100	
BS0098	Karuna Rani	Girl	12	iv	20	18	90	Relative House
BS0099	Boishakhi Rani	Girl	13	iii	20	20	100	
BS0100	Khadiza Aktar	Girl	7	ii	15	15	100	
BS0101	Rupa Biswas	Girl	8	iii	15	9	60	Relative House
BS0102	Shimla	Girl	8	ii	15	15	100	
BS0103	Shajib Kumar	Boy	6	ii	18	18	100	
BS0104	Uttom Kumar	Boy	12	v	18	18	100	
BS0105	Billal Hossain	Boy	7	i	15	15	100	
BS0106	Shuvo Hossain	Boy	6	ii	15	15	100	
BS0107	Iqbal Hossain	Boy	6	ii	15	11	73	Relative House
BS0108	Dipu Das	Boy	10	iii	14	14	100	
BS0109	Al-amin	Boy	10	iii	15	15	100	

Student ID	Name	Gender	Age	Class	Total Days	Total Attend.	Attend. %	Comments
BS0110	Sri Konok Das	Boy	9	ii	15	14	93	Fever
BS0111	Robiul Islam Robi	Boy	6	i	22	22	100	
BS0112	Akash Biswas	Boy	12	v	15	0	0	Working
BS0113	Pinky Rani	Girl	9	iii	15	15	100	
BS0114	Apurbo Biswas	Boy	9	iii	15	13	87	Fever
BS0115	Tapu Biswas	Boy	10	ii	14	14	100	
BS0116	Konika Rani	Girl	10	ii	15	15	100	
BS0117	Mukta Biswas	Girl	7	ii	15	15	100	
BS0118	Ripa Khatun	Girl	10	v	11	11	100	
BS0119	Jamena Khatun	Girl	12	i	15	0	0	Physically Challenged
BS0120	Marufa Khatun	Girl	13	iv	16	15	94	
BS0121	Moushumi Akhtar	Girl	8	iii	16	16	100	
BS0122	Amena Khatun	Girl	8	i	17	13	76	Relative House
BS0123	Nondini/Kamona	Girl	8	Pre-school	20	19	95	Fever
BS0124	Shonita Rani	Girl	11	iii	14	14	100	
BS0125	Bristy Rani	Girl	8	Pre-school	14	14	100	
BS0126	Rituporna Das	Girl	10	Pre-school	20	14	70	Relative House
BS0127	Shanta Rani/Nodi	Girl	6	Pre-school	20	17	85	Relative House
BS0128	Shompa Khatun	Girl	8	ii	15	15	100	
BS0129	Mim Khatun	Girl	5	i	17	17	100	
BS0131	Hazera Khatun	Girl	7	i	17	15	88	Relative House
BS0132	Usha Bala	Girl	8	ii	15	15	100	
BS0133	Bikash Kumar	Boy	8	ii	15	15	100	
BS0134	Joshudha	Girl	9	ii	15	15	100	
BS0135	Ahad Ali	Boy	8	i	17	17	100	
BS0136	Purnima Rani	Girl	8	i	15	11	73	Relative House
BS0137	Hemela Rani	Girl	10	iv	15	15	100	
BS0139	Khadiza Khatun	Girl	8	iv	17	17	100	
BS0140	Goutom Roy	Boy	7	i	15	15	100	

Notes:

- **Attendance Summary:** Total number of 130 adopted students, during this month 88 students attended 100% days at classes; 16 students attended above 90% days at classes; 10 students attended above 80% days at classes and 12 students attended below 80% days at classes. 4 students were totally absent at school.
- **Reason of Absents:** During this month less attendants at school, occur for Eid Festival (Muslim Religious Festival). In addition, this month Parvez (BS0047); Purnima (BS0053); Akash Biswas (BS0112) and Jamena Khatun (BS0119) are absent at the School. Please see the point-c in no. 1 for explanation.

- **School Attendance by Graph:**



**please check the .xls file extension for detailed individual student information report.*

7. Distribution Programme: We distributed the materials in 15th at Jogahati & Churamankati; 16th at Sorupdaho; and 17th at Lolitadaho & Mohishati. Due to absent among the 130 students, total 116 students receive the following support during this month;

- Nutrition Materials:** To ensure basic nutrition support to the Jogahati extreme poor families. We distributed 8kg Rice, 2kg Potato, 1kg Dhal (lentil), 1ltr Soybean Oil and 1kg Salt to the 57 adopted students and families.
- Education Materials:** To support for regular study we distributed 1piece Copy Books and 1piece Pen to 107 adopted students. Also, distributes 4 packets of chalk for the tuition and pre-school programme.

- c) **Hygiene Materials:** To cleanliness and personal-hygiene, we distribute 1piece Body Soap and 1piece Washing Soap to 115 adopted students.
- d) **Tuition Fees:** To cover the education expenses, we provided tuition fees to the 4 adopted students (BS0023 Alryma & Amlina Sarkar and BS0098 Karuna Rani Das & BS0099 Boishakhi Rani Das).
- e) **Awareness & Motivation:** Before the distribution, BS Intern Guest and Officials follow-up the student study progress, cleanliness and motivate on importance and value of education among the students and parents.
- f) **Team:** In the distribution ceremonies Intern, Mr. Edoardo Trimarchi; BS Governing Body-Treasurer, Mr. Khondaker Moqsudul Haq; General Body- Member, Mohammad Shajahan was present at the programmes and distributed the materials. Community Motivator, Mr. Shoriful Islam; Tuition Teachers- Miss. Sufia Khatun, Mrs. Mina Das, Mrs. Shamimunnahar, Miss. Shila Khatun, Miss. Sonia Akter, Miss. Moushumi Jahan, Miss. Anjuara Begum, Miss. Tohmina Khatun, Miss. Sharmin Akhtar also actively participated in the distribution programmes.

c. PROBLEMS AND RECTIFICATIONS

1. **School Attendance:** After our frequent visit this month only 4 student was absent. However, we will keep communicating with parents and students, to motivate them to bring back their kids at school, as well as increase the attendance. Tuition teachers and community motivator will make regular home visit to ensure student attendance at school and tuition programme.

d. ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR MONTH OF December 2011

Beside the regular activities of the project, following initiative shall take in upcoming month:

1. **Medical Camp:** We will conduct medical camp 11th and 18th at Jogahati village during this month. The physician will visit adopted students and community people to check-up the health problems and provide medicine accordingly.
2. **Teachers Training:** To improve the teaching skills of tuition teachers we are going to arrange 7 days residential training for teachers. The training well be arrange from 21st to 28th December.
3. **Teachers Co-ordination Meeting:** Monthly teacher co-ordination meeting will be hold in 3rd December.
4. **Materials Distribution:** We are planning to arrange the next **distribution** programme in 12th, 13th and 14th December.

Shourove Ansari
Project Co-ordinator

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Asst. Executive Director

5 December 2011

*****PLEASE SEE BELOW ACTIVITIES ACTION PHOTOGRAPHS*****

ACTION PHOTOGRAPHS



Students doing homework in Sorupdaho



Tuition Programme in Mohishati



Learning the alphabet in Jogahati Pre School



The students of Lolitadaho



In nature...



“Study Group” in Jogahati Pre School



This month's Teachers Coordination Meeting



Community Motivator collecting attendance data



Edoardo and the students of Pre School doing English



Tuition Programme in Lolitadaho



Measuring Space for Sorupdaho Study Centre



Community prepare the base for Study Centre



Teacher Shila and her students in Jogahati



Waiting for the material distribution in Jogahati



Winter is coming...Preparing the Kantha...



Tuition Programme in Churamankati



Guardians and Students in Sorupdaho



Pinky receiving educational material from Edoardo



The first shift of Mohishati Tuition Programme



Distribution Programme at Jogahati



Students using the new blackboard in Sorupdaho



Teacher Mina and her students in Jogahati



Girls studying in the nature



A serious moment during Material Distribution in Churamankati



The always smiling Pia receiving food in Jogahati



Billal and his family receiving Educational Material in Mohishati



Sorupdaho Tuition Programme “Under Construction”



Shajib receiving Educational Material in Lolitadaho



Sun set at the village...



Guardians and student in Mohishati



Group study at Jogahati pre-school



Rina and Boishakhi talking with Community Motivator



Housing Survey...



Konika during the Material Distribution in Jogahati



Konok receiving Educational Material in Mohishati



Teacher Sufia with her students in Jogahati