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Activities Monthly Report October 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 October 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 again to everyone. This month was really intense and beautiful for me. It started with the *Durga Puja*, the most important religious festivity for Hindus. At the entrance of every Hindu village or area there was a big Mandap, a four-meter-high bamboo structure covered with colourful fabrics. On the night of 6th of October the streets in the Hindu areas were crowded of celebrating people and lighted by thousands of little colored light, reminding me of Christmas time at home. That day I visited Churamankati and all the students were really enthusiastic about the festivity. All of them wore their best dress, showing me the traditional dances and songs of the celebration.

After deciding to promote an Art Competition between the students, I visited the five villages to supervise and help the children during their drawing session. I must admit that during these days I had a lot of fun and also both students and teachers enjoyed this break-routine activity. It is important to remember that for most of them this was the first time drawing without a precise object or request to follow. Among the Pre School students, for example, many seem to have no clue about what to draw or how to do it. Others spent more than one hour accurately drawing quite-regular shapes of fruits or flowers with pencil but once they get the crayons, in five minutes, they turn the draw into a multilayer coloured paper! With a little bit of imagination you can see some Pollock, Basquiat or Kandinskij in these. Then I was really surprised by the art skills of Kharuna and Boishaky, two girls living in Jessore near the Banchte Shekha office. When me and Shouriful, the Community Motivator, arrived at their place explaining about the art competition, their expression turned brighter, with smile and shiny eyes. They told me that they love to draw, even though have not many chances or instruments to do it. They began to draw, each one with a personal style and using different techniques with the crayons. Therefore, I decide to give them one box of colored pencils and a notebook each to have fun and develop their creativity and art skills.

This month, during the distribution days, we asked to the parents a couple of questions about their opinion over the Tuition Programme and the value of their son's and daughter's education. In Shorupdaho the community was really proactive and there were also a lot of student's fathers, an unusual thing because normally mothers are more involved than fathers. One of these men told us that he think that education is important because it is the only thing that will make you a better person. Than they also told us that the actual place where Tuition Programme takes place in the village is not suitable, because is quite dark and there is no room for every student. Thus, they all offer a piece of community land and their labour to build a simple structure that can host the Tuition Programme. I was really happy hearing that from them, because I think that an active and involved community enhance the effects and the benefits of the project.

a. THE NEW INITIATIVES/ACTIVITIES

- 1. Art Competition:** To motivate and inspire the children in arts we conducted series of art competition among the Tuition Programmes and Pre-school students. Total 130 adopted students and 54 non-adopted students participated in the programme. For most of the students it was the first experience drawing something according to their own creativity. We can say as first time they did quite good at drawing.
The competition judges Ms. Angela and Mr. Edoardo select the BS0023 Alryma Sarkar art drawing as the best among the 130 drawings. The best drawing will be the front cover of the 2011 BS Christmas Greetings Card.
- 2. Social Welfare Visit:** The new Social Welfare Officer of Jessore, Mr. Masud Hossain has visited BS Office to get information about Education for All Project. He was amazed to know the project motto and its goals and objectives. He confirmed to provide his necessary support to the project. We invite him for next distribution programme and he immediately accept the invitation, so he visit Jogahati, Churamankati and distributed the materials to the Students.
- 3. House Visit:** On 18th October, BS Founder & Executive Director Miss. Angela Gomes and Edoardo visited the Jogahati village to check the housing condition. This visit helps us to get idea for the “Prerona” project planning.
- 4. Best Teacher Award:** Second Terminal exam result was not satisfactory. We evaluate each teacher’s performance. Among the 9 teachers Miss. Tohmina Khatun, Mohishati Tuition Programme Teacher, students pass average was high. To encourage and giving example to other teachers we awarded Tohmina. During the teacher’s meeting, to reduce the fail rate, each teacher set the target for the final exam: at least 80% of the students will pass.

b. THE ROUTINE ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED

- 1. Guardians’ Meetings:** During this month, **6** 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. 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 **eleven 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, **6 times** at Churamankati village, **3 times** at Lolitadaho village, **3 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	1	56
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	10	20
6	JOGAHATI PRE-SCHOOL Programme	1	16	19	35
Total:		9	122	52	174

6. School Attendance: Now the **130** adopted students are studying at **12** different schools, the school attendance reports are given below;

Student ID	Name	Gender	Age	Class	Total Days	Total Attend.	Attend. %	Particulars
BS0001	Sufal Mondol	Boy	11	vi	22	20	91	Fever
BS0002	Maloti	Girl	12	iii	18	15	83	Relative House
BS0003	Dipok Kumar	Boy	11	iii	18	11	61	Relative House
BS0004	Dipali	Girl	10	ii	18	18	100	
BS0006	Uttam Kumar	Boy	10	iv	19	18	95	Fever
BS0008	Monika	Girl	13	v	22	16	73	Relative House
BS0009	Palash	Boy	13	iii	18	14	78	Relative House
BS0010	Jashuda	Girl	9	ii	18	16	89	Fever
BS0011	Kena	Boy	12	iv	18	18	100	
BS0012	Binod	Boy	9	ii	19	19	100	
BS0013	Jatish	Boy	8	iii	18	15	83	Relative House
BS0015	Ajit	Boy	8	ii	18	15	83	Relative House
BS0016	Kashiraj	Boy	9	iii	18	16	89	Relative House
BS0017	Kakoli	Girl	17	vi	22	21	95	Fever
BS0018	Sunali	Girl	9	iii	18	18	100	
BS0019	Bisudeb	Boy	10	iii	18	17	94	Fever
BS0020	Uzzal	Boy	11	ii	18	18	100	
BS0021	Chonda Biswas	Girl	10	ii	18	17	94	Fever
BS0022	Shuvodra	Girl	10	iii	18	16	89	Relative House
BS0023	Alryma Sakar	Girl	10	viii	25	25	100	
BS0024	Konika	Girl	7	ii	18	18	100	
BS0025	Ripon	Boy	7	ii	18	18	100	
BS0026	Kakoli	Girl	7	ii	18	15	83	Relative House
BS0027	Netai	Boy	7	i	19	17	89	Fever
BS0028	Shamoli	Girl	4	Pre-school	20	20	100	

Student ID	Name	Gender	Age	Class	Total Days	Total Attend.	Attend. %	Particulars
BS0029	Chompa	Girl	6	i	19	14	74	Relative House
BS0030	Proshonjit	Boy	9	ii	18	10	56	Relative House
BS0032	Ashim	Boy	12	iv	19	18	95	Fever
BS0033	Fulchan	Boy	11	iv	19	16	84	Relative House
BS0034	Proshanto	Boy	11	ii	19	17	89	Relative House
BS0035	Prodip	Boy	8	i	19	19	100	
BS0036	Ashutosh	Boy	8	i	19	19	100	
BS0037	Ponchanon	Boy	9	ii	19	17	89	Fever
BS0038	Sriti	Girl	9	ii	19	19	100	
BS0039	Shumitra	Girl	6	i	19	19	100	
BS0040	Julekha	Girl	13	v	10	10	100	
BS0041	Moriom	Girl	12	v	10	9	90	Fever
BS0044	Aktarul	Boy	9	v	10	10	100	
BS0045	Sonia	Girl	9	v	10	9	90	Fever
BS0046	Kakoli Khatun	Girl	9	v	10	10	100	
BS0047	Parvez	Boy	7	iv	19	19	100	
BS0048	Rupali	Girl	10	iv	19	14	74	Fever
BS0049	Shamoli	Girl	8	iv	19	19	100	
BS0050	Bijoy	Boy	8	i	19	19	100	
BS0051	Noyon	Boy	6	i	19	19	100	
BS0052	Robin	Boy	6	Pre-school	20	20	100	
BS0053	Purnima	Girl	6	i	19	0	0	Migrated
BS0054	Shamim	Boy	11	vi	22	20	91	Relative House
BS0055	Laboni	Girl	10	v	10	10	100	
BS0056	Gopal	Boy	7	ii	19	17	89	Relative House
BS0057	Bonna	Girl	8	ii	19	18	95	Fever
BS0058	Hridoy	Boy	8	ii	19	19	100	
BS0059	Shathi	Girl	13	vi	22	19	86	Relative House
BS0060	Rekha	Girl	9	iv	19	18	95	Fever
BS0062	Purnima	Girl	8	i	19	17	89	Fever
BS0063	Nishikanto	Boy	6	Pre-school	20	19	95	Fever
BS0064	Madhobi	Girl	5	Pre-school	20	7	35	Relative House
BS0065	Bonomali	Boy	4	Pre-school	20	8	40	Relative House
BS0066	Pia	Girl	4	Pre-school	20	20	100	
BS0067	Sonnasi	Boy	7	Pre-school	20	19	95	Fever
BS0068	Mithun	Boy	4	Pre-school	20	20	100	
BS0069	Shukhdev	Boy	5	Pre-school	20	20	100	
BS0070	Deshpremik	Boy	4	Pre-school	20	19	95	Fever

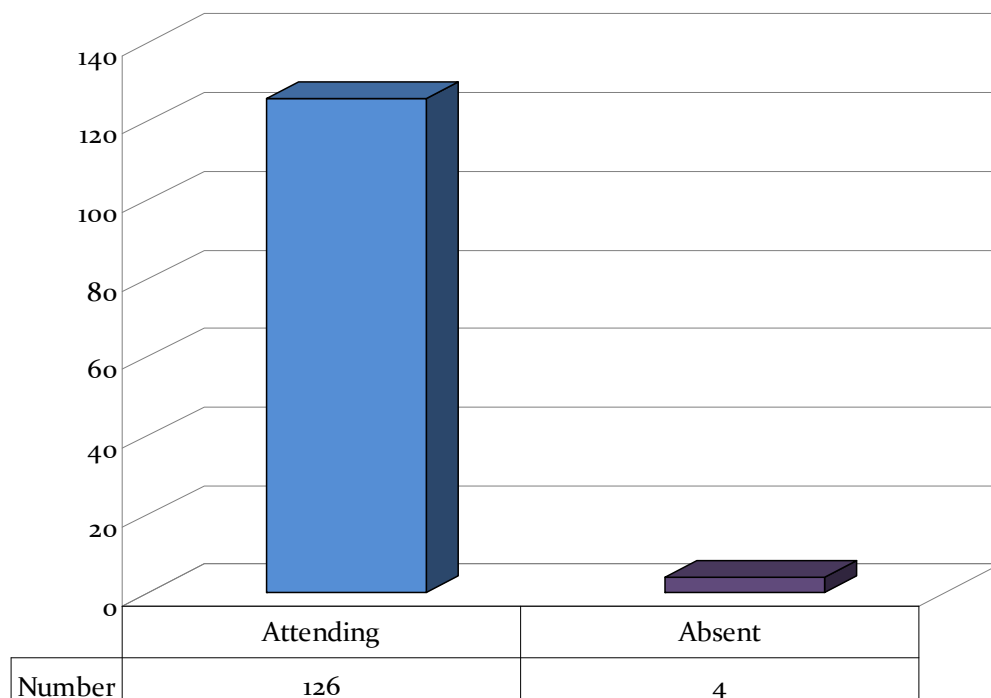
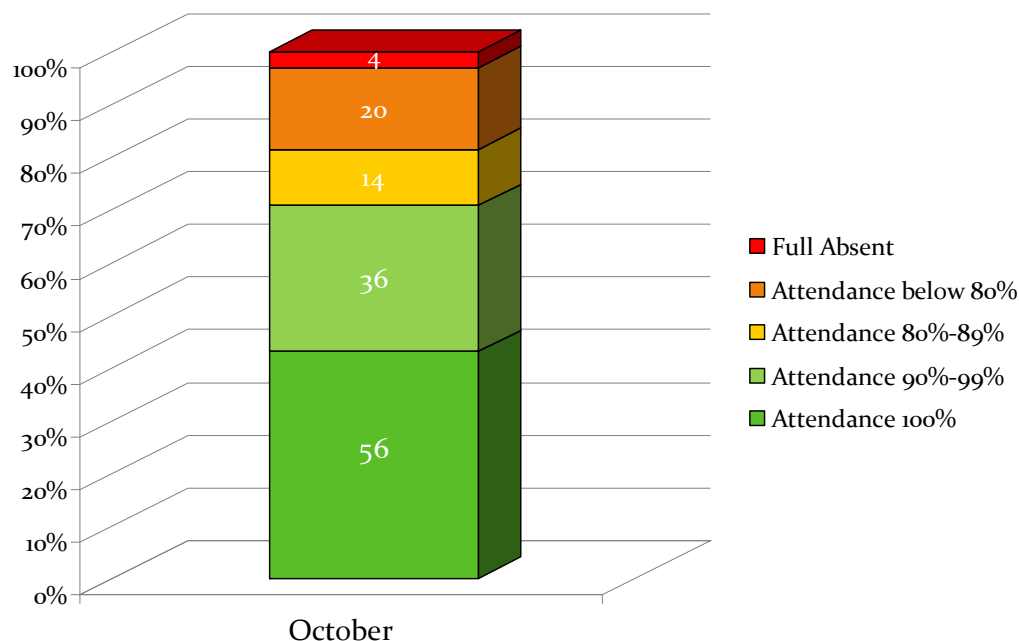
Student ID	Name	Gender	Age	Class	Total Days	Total Attend.	Attend. %	Particulars
BS0071	Minoti	Girl	5	Pre-school	20	9	45	Relative House
BS0072	Nondo	Boy	5	Pre-school	20	20	100	
BS0073	Porimol	Boy	5	Pre-school	20	11	55	Relative House
BS0074	Nupur	Girl	8	i	19	19	100	
BS0075	Shushmita	Girl	3	Pre-school	20	14	70	Relative House
BS0076	Akash	Boy	2	Pre-school	20	19	95	Fever
BS0077	Al-amin	Boy	11	iii	18	0	0	Working
BS0078	Shohag	Boy	5	i	20	20	100	
BS0079	Fuli	Girl	8	ii	20	20	100	
BS0080	Nupur	Girl	8	i	20	20	100	
BS0081	Rupa	Girl	11	iv	20	20	100	
BS0082	Biplob	Boy	9	iii	20	20	100	
BS0083	Sraboni	Girl	5	i	20	18	90	Fever
BS0084	Debu	Boy	7	ii	20	19	95	Fever
BS0085	Biswajit	Boy	8	iv	20	16	80	Relative House
BS0086	Hiramon	Boy	6	ii	20	20	100	
BS0087	Joy/Nondini	Boy	5	i	20	20	100	
BS0088	Rotna	Girl	3	Pre-school	20	20	100	
BS0089	Anonto	Boy	8	i	20	19	95	Fever
BS0090	Jibon	Boy	8	i	21	20	95	Fever
BS0091	Rina	Girl	11	ii	20	18	90	Relative House
BS0092	Pinky	Girl	6	ii	20	20	100	
BS0093	Boishakhi	Girl	7	ii	20	19	95	Fever
BS0094	Bristi	Girl	6	ii	19	16	84	Relative House
BS0096	Asma	Girl	8	iii	19	19	100	
BS0097	Tohmina	Girl	7	iii	19	15	79	Relative House
BS0098	Karuna Rani	Girl	12	iv	19	17	89	Relative House
BS0099	Boishakhi Rani	Girl	13	iii	19	19	100	
BS0100	Khadiza Aktar	Girl	7	ii	19	19	100	
BS0101	Rupa Biswas	Girl	8	iii	19	14	74	Relative House
BS0102	Shimla	Girl	8	ii	16	14	88	Relative House
BS0103	Shajib Kumar	Boy	6	ii	19	19	100	
BS0104	Uttom Kumar	Boy	12	v	19	19	100	
BS0105	Billal Hossain	Boy	7	i	19	18	95	Fever
BS0106	Shuvo Hossain	Boy	6	ii	19	14	74	Relative House
BS0107	Iqbal Hossain	Boy	6	ii	19	13	68	Relative House
BS0108	Dipu Das	Boy	10	iii	19	12	63	Relative House
BS0109	Al-amin	Boy	10	iii	19	17	89	Relative House

Student ID	Name	Gender	Age	Class	Total Days	Total Attend.	Attend. %	Particulars
BS0110	Sri Konok Das	Boy	9	ii	19	11	58	Relative House
BS0111	Robiul Robi	Boy	6	i	22	22	100	
BS0112	Akash Biswas	Boy	12	v	19	0	0	Working
BS0113	Pinky Rani	Girl	9	iii	19	16	84	Relative House
BS0114	Apurbo Biswas	Boy	9	iii	19	19	100	
BS0115	Tapu Biswas	Boy	10	ii	19	19	100	
BS0116	Konika Rani	Girl	10	ii	19	15	79	Relative House
BS0117	Mukta Biswas	Girl	7	ii	19	18	95	Fever
BS0118	Ripa Khatun	Girl	10	v	10	10	100	
BS0119	Jamena Khatun	Girl	12	i	19	0	0	Physically Challenged
BS0120	Marufa Khatun	Girl	13	iv	19	19	100	
BS0121	Mousumi Aktar	Girl	8	iii	18	18	100	
BS0122	Amena Khatun	Girl	8	i	19	15	79	Relative House
BS0123	Nondini/Nodi	Girl	8	Pre-school	21	19	90	Fever
BS0124	Shonita Rani	Girl	11	iii	20	20	100	
BS0125	Bristy Rani	Girl	8	Pre-school	21	21	100	
BS0126	Rituporna Das	Girl	10	Pre-school	21	20	95	Fever
BS0127	Shanta/Kamona	Girl	6	Pre-school	21	21	100	
BS0128	Shompa Khatun	Girl	8	ii	19	19	100	
BS0129	Mim Khatun	Girl	5	i	20	14	70	Relative House
BS0131	Hazera Khatun	Girl	7	i	20	18	90	Relative House
BS0132	Usha Bala	Girl	8	ii	20	19	95	Fever
BS0133	Bikash Kumar	Boy	8	ii	20	17	85	Relative House
BS0134	Joshudha	Girl	9	ii	20	20	100	
BS0135	Ahad Ali	Boy	8	i	23	23	100	
BS0136	Purnima Rani	Girl	8	i	20	19	95	Fever
BS0137	Hemela Rani	Girl	10	iv	20	20	100	
BS0139	Khadiza Khatun	Girl	8	iv	23	23	100	
BS0140	Goutom Roy	Boy	7	i	20	18	90	Fever

Notes:

- **Attendance Summary:** Total number of 130 adopted students, during this month 56 students attended 100% days at classes; 36 students attended above 90% days at classes; 14 students attended above 80% days at classes and 20 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 Durgapuja & Kalipuja (Hindu Religious Festival). In addition, this month (BS0053) Purnima; (BS0077) Al-amin; (BS0112) Akash Biswas and (BS0119) Jamena Khatun are absent at the class. 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 23rd at Jogahati & Churamankati; 24th at Lolitadaho & Mohishati; and 26th at Sorupdaho. Due to absent among the 130 students, total 111 students receive the following support during this month;
 - a) **Nutrition Materials:** To ensure basic nutrition support to the Jogahati extreme poor families. We distributed 8kg Rice, 2kg Potato, 1kg Dal (lentil) to the 52 adopted students and families.
 - b) **Education Materials:** To support for regular study we distributed 1piece Copy Books and 1piece Pen to 110 adopted students. Also, distributes 6 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 110 adopted students.
- d) **Tuition Support:** 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 Social Welfare Officer, Mr. Masud Hossain; Intern, Mr. Edoardo Trimarchi; BS Governing Body-Treasurer, Mr. Khondaker Moqsudul Haq; BS Micro Credit Co-ordinator, Mrs. Saleha Khanum, BS Education for All Project Co-ordinator, Mr. Shourove Ansari 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 November 2011

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

- 1. **Housing Survey:** To collect the present housing condition of the Jogahati Community we shall conduct the door-to-door house survey during the month. The survey will be helpful for Prerona Project implementation plan at Jogahati.
- 2. **Greetings Card:** We will print the greetings card for the 2011 and collect adopted family photos for post. We hope to send the package via postal service before 25th of November.
- 3. **Teachers Co-ordination Meeting:** Monthly teacher co-ordination meeting will be hold in 13th November.
- 4. **Materials Distribution:** We are planning to arrange the next **distribution** programme in 15th, 16th and 17th November.

Shourove Ansari
Project Co-ordinator

Prodip Marcel Rozario
Asst. Executive Director

1 November 2011

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

ACTION PHOTOGRAPHS



Students drawing in Mohishati



Jogahati Pre School



Community Motivator and Edoardo visiting houses in Jogahati



Tuition Programme in Sorupdaho



Preparing rice for lunch

A moment of “praying” in Jogahati Pre School





The new Social Welfare Officer of Jessore, Mr. Masud Hossain visiting BS office



October Teacher's Meeting



“Education for All”: we mean it!



Distribution of the new blackboard in Sorupdaho



Jogahati Pre School student trying to teach Edoardo Bangla



Breathtaking Sunset on the road to Jogahati



Angela Gomes in Jogahati during the Art Competition



The Art Competition in Mohishati. Drawings are taking shapes..



Edoardo playing football with students of Mohishati Primary School



Jogahati Food Distribution



Mina drawing in Mohishati



Preparing for an unscheduled dive..



Community Motivator teaching Math in Jogahati Pre School



Miss. Tohmina Khatun receiving the Best Teacher Award



A young mom with her son in Sorupdaho



Edoardo visiting Banchte Shekha Rice field near Lolitadaho



Angela Gomes singing with the Jogahati Pre School students



Community Motivator collecting datas in Shamnogor Girls School



Waiting for the starting of Tuition Programme in Sorupdaho



Students in Lolitadaho after material distribution



Waiting for the distribution in Jogahati..



Fuli receiving educational material in Churamankati



Pinky receiving educational material in Mohishati



A project "debate" session at Shorupdao



Boishaki receiving educational material in Lolitadaho



Churamankati Tuition Programme



Prodip showing proudly his drawing



Edoardo playing with students in Lolitadaho



Future student meeting Edoardo in Sorupdaho



A moment of discussion in Lolitadaho



Hazera receiving materials in Sorupdaho



Fishing in the Jogahati water reserve



Rupa receiving educational material in Mohishati



Playing in the Sorupdaho river