

Ponkodihi visit (19-21 January 2021)

Objectives of visiting communities.

- Solar lamp monitoring and its impacts in Ponkodihi in connection with education
- Health and sanitation especially latrine building in Kusumdihi: 5 families + 2 school
- Education & covid-19: how goes the school, village (Mohla) class
- Girl's hostel which is under construction for brighter future of less privileged children
- Agriculture: review on farmers agenda
- To Systematize the programme/ documents
- To make aware of keeping records and its importance based on activities of the mission
- To Energise, Empower Sisters to render best service towards mission by following the Sevika model of Mother Baptista.

1. POKKODIHI Mission (19th Jan 2021)

- **Activities – 1 At Tamda on education, food and nutrition and agriculture for business purpose**



At first visited Tamda Tolly with whom previous visit interacted we had discussion and facilitation on education related to Nutrition needed for children. Given by Sr. Susana. On Agriculture use of vermin compost and its importance for human life by Sr. Sushma Toppo. facilitate on following tips;

- Do you remember anything of our previous visit?
 - out of 30 members five of them said they do remember of our talks in the children's hall, then I revised them little bit especially we had discussed with them about agriculture and vegetable growing, the importance of latrine. Then they requested me speak for the same.
- How are children doing in education
 - They replied very positively sisters are taking care of our children by taking tuitions and organizing camps.
 - how are they taking benefits of given solar lamps, they said its multi-purpose used for children, parents and harvesting and many other ways after the sunset
 - I summarized with them that if children are improving how they have to support them by everyday taking review of their studies and improvements

- why food and nutrition is important for growth and especially in career building
 - o Some parents complained in few children less improvements and interests could be seen, then I reminded them of the importance of food and nutrition from 0-3years of brain developments.
While explaining to them all of them responded like people of Tirlacocha market people felt. They said they would keep in mind and for their children as well as daughters and daughters-in-law.
- How are they contributing and preparing their children for their higher studies in order to achieve their dreams?
 - o They replied they have been saving money for their dreams to be accomplished.
- How are they feeling for the upcoming boarding, what is their expectation?
 - o They are very happy about it, they said this would support us parents and as well as children to see their dreams to come true. They would keep their children under the guidance of sisters for their overall growth in the supervision of sisters.
- What are the resources of income in the family and how they could transfer their module of only for consummation to business to get income for the family?
 - o They said from the paddy and collecting Mahua (Madhuca) flowers and sells.
- How are they doing agriculture, what all types of manure they apply to get good yield, and are they satisfied with it.
 - o Sr. Sushma Toppo explained about how to generate income by doing organic farming. by making quality manure for themselves and also could be for commercial purpose when in bulk such as;
 - Vermin compost and its importance (cow dung and earth worms)
 - Compost (leaf, kitchen waste and cow dung)
 - Chicken manure (chicken waste, mud and charcoal)
 - Horticulture methods (fruit plants, turmeric, ginger, vegetables)
 - Benefits of husk and bamboo charcoal
 - How to prepare green manure (Jute leaves and Leucaena leaves)
 - Mulching methods for long time moisture (paddy and wheat straw)
 She focused on eat healthy, live healthy and make others feel healthy by being friendly with the nature.

- **Activity - 2 at Kusumdihi monitoring on latrine, agriculture and plantation**

After reaching in the village, we came to know that marriage function was going on and people were in party mood so we could not do or speak much with people but we did visit the spot of leading farmers and the latrine builders.

Met all 5 beneficiaries and took interview about their experience after receiving help from Srs and using them regularly.



We have taken interview about their feeling after completing and using the toilets.

In the video they expressed their feelings are;

- they are grateful to motivator's sisters and donors
 - they feel privileged and happy about the latrine they have their own
 - In health wise no need to worry for call of nature any time for its uses saves their time and have raise their social dignity
 - privacy in taking bath at any personal time also have given self-satisfaction
 - in case of sickness especially Chronic Diarrhea or vomiting and in the night its more benefitting than controlling oneself looking for hiding place
 - Now while using that they feel very good and standard in the family and in the society especially old parents, women and girl children safer and more comforted by this.
 - Every one shared that the toilet made by the government was not for use, just to show that they have toilet
 - The message they give to neighbors and others that if everyone built the latrine the whole village would feel the same and they would be away from some seasonal sicknesses and can make their village model for other villagers
 - They also shared that many wants to build if sisters would support
- According to Sr. Sushila another group of five families are ready to build the same and have started saving Rs.500/- per month.

The mode of repayment is still pending yet the beneficiaries have assured to repay as per the terms and agreement made between us and them.

Mr. Joseph is given fruit trees is also visited. Very sad to hear and see that during marriage celebrations goats were left free and at that when all were in party mood the goat finished their prey all the papaya plants were eaten the great loss and learning for the people.

Since brother of Mr. Joseph was at home we had interview with him;

He apologised for the loss of papaya and he assured that now he has to more conscious about his plans and caring for the plants that he has planted.

We visited his vegetable garden where he has put for home and also for selling purpose, he earns everyday 100-200 hundred with seasonal vegetables.

- tomato
- potato
- garlic
- onion
- coriander
- chilly
- brinjal
- spinach etc.

He also shared that seed given by sisters were given to neighbouring farmers in order to influence for the same. Thus, five more farmers are growing same type of vegetables and selling in the village and during market days. to go to city, they have not enough vegetables to earn more profit.



Activity – 3 at Khijurmundi for solar lamp monitoring (evening)



Met with solar lamp users practically to see and to take interview with Ritesh's parents, class- 3rd about the benefits taken by them since last one year. They said solar lantern is very much useful in their family, they use for cooking, going one to another village in case of any emergency and very specially for paddy harvesting. We also met few villagers whom Sr. Susana gave importance of life and education. Benefits of solar lamp they spoke as below;

- has created interests in study
 - extra-study
 - home-work completion
 - paddy harvesting
 - supporting neighbour in any emergency
 - praying together
 - cooking and preparing for the next day
 - bathing, cleaning
 - mat making
 - mending works
 - chasing elephants
- **Activity – 4 at Convent monitoring on tuition children (pre-post-test, video recorded)**



On 20th Jan we had programme for tuition children for all those who are coming regularly. Sr. Susana gave them good lesson by story of Ant & Grasshopper. The moral of the story was to motivate children whether to be hard-working and consistent on dream that they want to achieve and become independent or simply wants to live leisure life having no aim and later they would be regretting to manage life and would depend on someone for life long.

Many of them understood the lesson given to them assured us to follow the lesson. There were 56 children attended came to know more about how achieve their goal.

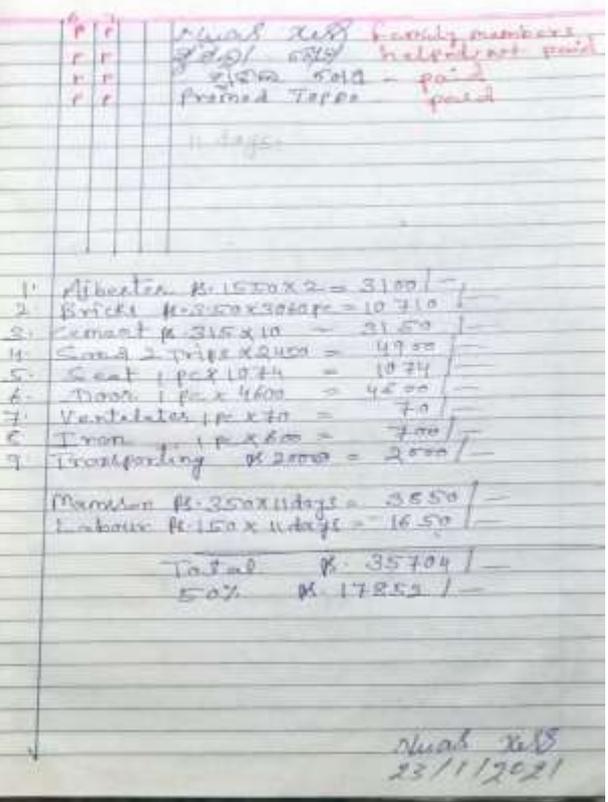
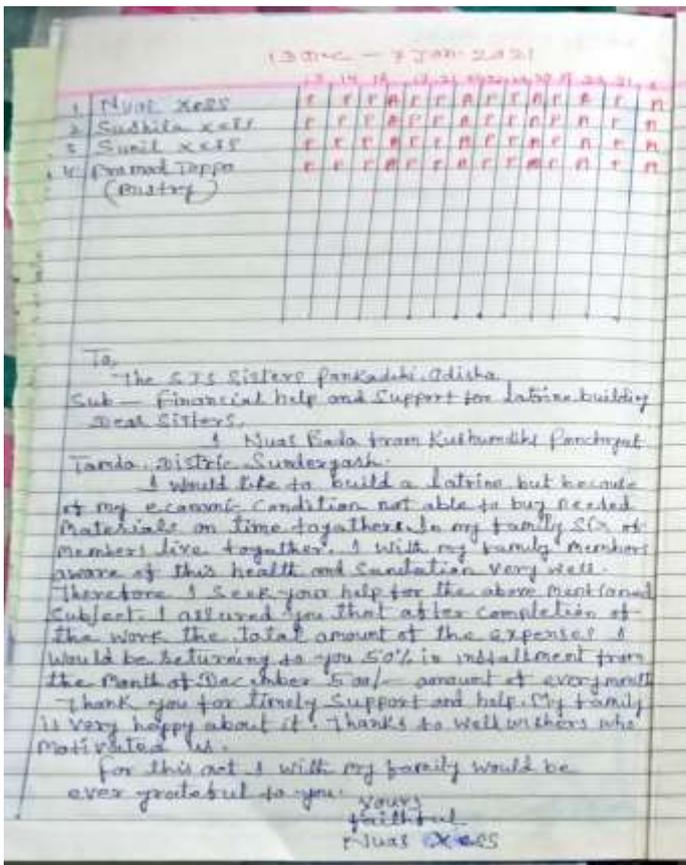
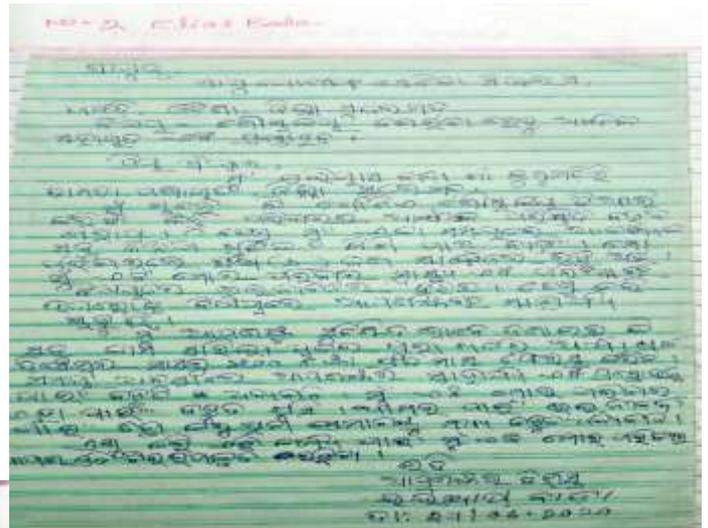
There are 15 children who has solar lantern among them 5 were present that day and faced interview taken by Sr. Susana. They said they happy and privileged to have lantern and they expect other to have the solar too. They can study more than other children and bring good marks than other students. Sr also had taken interview of children’s parents who are willing to give boarding to their children. Sister spoke

on importance of the education which adds every year 8% of income in his life. Also, she asked benefit of solar lamp. They told us, that they increased their study hours. Those who don't have are excited to get solar lamp. Altogether 100 children are coming for tuition.

We also reminded the importance of regular handwashing in the support of holistic development of self.

68 children have been saving regularly as per their economic status for solar light and also for higher education.

Activity – 5 meeting and record checking in the centre



After seeing the records and cooperation of parents and children we suggested to plan for the winter camp. Laid stress on activity and documentations should be up to dated according to the defined guidelines of the projects.

As per the guidance for education and winter camps sisters immediately they have action and planned to do the same. Sr. Ansumala SJS was present there to give them green signals to begin this beautiful concept come true.

Progress on the construction of boarding

- Foundation is laid
- Good progress it looks



Study Camp

Venue- St. Joseph Sevalaya Ponkodihi

Students: - Nursery to class 10th

Date:- 01.02 to 16.02.2021

Timing: - 08:00 – 11:00 am

Total Students: - 85

Time- Table

Class	08- 8:45	08:45-09:30	09:30-09:40	09:40-10:25	10:25-11:00
8 th – 10 th	English	Maths	Break	Hindi	M.S.
6 th – 7 th	Maths	English		M.S.	Hindi
4 th – 5 th	Moral S.	Hindi		Maths	English
2 nd – 3 rd	Hindi	M. S.		English	Maths
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Everyday there is assembly and physical exercise for 15 minutes. Children are divided into 5 groups according to class. As the group is small, we could know their capacity of learning and power to grasp. Children participate in this camp actively, interested to learn. They are learning to come forward on the stage and know the importance of study. 9th and 10th class students discontinued because their school opened. The purpose of this camp

is to help children be prepared for the annual exams and prime focus is given on their syllabus.

They are also taught games, songs, stories and action songs. Six sisters are teaching namely Sr. Esther Jojo, Sr. Sunita Bilung, Sr. Agnes Dungdung, Sr. Lily Kiro, Sr. Sarojini Kerketta and Sr. Sushila Tete.





Likewise, all the communities we visited and did the same. Everywhere we found changes in connection with the development in the lives of beneficiaries especially in the field of education.

All the mission station sisters are involved in village (Mohla) class where-ever children are some places in the community halls, some places in the open ground and under the tree.

In groups children are divided according the grade wise so that easy to guide and teach their syllabus.

