

Site Visit summary – Manipur

Wang Dampi and surrounding village kings and parents meeting SACSAS representatives



Village kings and parents presenting the case to keep SACSAS school open



Wangoo School Teachers with Shantikumar and Surjit



Impact of SACSAS Schools closing down

SACSAS School	Number of Children and cost per student	Number of Villages which this School supports	SSA Centers (in 1Km radius)	Latest Status of the School
W Dampi	Children = 145; Cost per student per year = INR 4600/-	6 villages	1 SSA center in the book but do not function	Still running since Martin supports (60%)
Angoo	Children = 205; Cost per Student per year = INR 4500/-	4 villages	2 SSA centers in the book but do not function	Still running since Sid Dev supports (60%)
Amkoti	Children = 70; Cost per student per year = INR 5000/-	5 villages	No SSA center	Still running since Anurupa supports (30%)
Bobam	Children = 60; Cost per student per year = INR 5000/-	4 villages	No SSA center	CLOSED
Shoi/Haotak	Children = 50; Cost per student per year = INR 5000/-	3 villages	No SSA center	CLOSED

Site Visit summary – Wangoo

Asha volunteer Accusations	My Observations	Evidence to support my observations
Arva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) center is near SACSAS Wangoo school	Yes SSA centers exist in the village but they are in the government books only	There is a couple of SSA centers in the Wangoo village but they do not function and they are in the books only. The question is whether SACSAS in partnership with ASHA should not help the kids in these villages just because there are SSA centers in the books.
Some Wangoo school teachers are government employee teachers	This is not true at all. We could not find any evidence.	We enquired several Wangoo villagers and the school teachers and we did not find any evidence. The teachers said why would anyone who has a government job be working for such a low paying teaching job? The average salary of a primary school government teacher is 25,000 to 30,000 rupees a month

Idhartha is continuing to support this school and is ready to put in INR 4 lakhs but contingent on Asha supporting. The cost per student for the whole year is INR 4500/- for 205 students. This funding is crucial for these students to continue their studies.

We can arrange for you to speak directly with the people in the villages to understand the difference SACSAS is making in Wangoo.

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Wangoo School 2nd Class 25 kids



SSA center Wangoo School



Wangoo School 1st and 2nd Class kids



SSA center Wangoo School

Site Visit to Wangoo - by Major Gen. TP Singh



Site Visit summary – New Dampi

ASHA volunteer Accusations	My Observations	Evidence to support my observations
New Dampi King is getting funds from the government	This is true based on the findings from both the meetings with neighboring kings and kids parents	We verified from multiple sources that New Dampi village king had been getting 8,000 rupees a month per teacher for 2 teachers for the past 12 months. SACSAS did not know.
Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) center exists in New Dampi village	Yes SSA center exists in the village but it is in the government books only	There is a SSA center in the village but it does not function and it is on books only. The question is whether SACSAS in partnership with ASHA should support the kids in these villages just because there is SSA center just in the book.
Son of New Dampi king works at a government office and his involvement in SACSAS school is on the side (like a part-time job).	This is not true. We could not find any evidence.	We enquired several villagers and neighboring friends and we did not find any evidence. Instead the feedback from neighboring kings is that if the son is a government teacher (drawing a salary of 25,000 rupees a month) why would he work daily to earn additional 5,500 rupees a month.
There is a government School about a couple of kms away from SACSAS School New Dampi	This is true but there is no details in Joykumar's report about the functioning of the government school	This government school is defunct. There are several other similar villages where there are government schools a couple of kms away and they do not function. We do not see government teachers and kids during the school hours

can arrange for you to speak directly with the people in the villages to understand the difference SACSAS is making in New Dampi.

Lessons Learnt:

- We are all volunteers trying to make a difference in our society. The basic infrastructure that we take for granted in US or Europe or even in UP or Gujarat is missing in Manipur.
- We all are aware that there are SSA centers all over India and we must at the same time should be aware that not all the SSA centers function.
- In future please gather/collect feedbacks and site visit reports from an Asha volunteer and multiple reports thereby the reports and feedbacks be un-biased, especially when a big decision of closing down is taken which adversely impacts the children.
- In future if Asha for Education has to stop funding any project we should try to make sure that the partners in India are informed in advance so that they will have time for a Plan B or to prepare for the worst.
- Asha for education could form a sub-committee focusing on an initiative to make sure that all the India government funded programmes like SSA, Anganwadi, etc are enforced.
- Rest assured the money from Asha was well spent to provide education to these kids. The donation did not go to anybody's pocket