

Date : 7th October 2011

Attendees : Kamlesh uncle, Indranil, Kirti, Megha, Shyam, Poonam, Nandan, Sujit, Tullika, Rahul and Divya.

SACSAS: Sujit tried to contact Mr. Shatikumar regarding the project report that we have been expecting from the SACSAS project. But there has been no response. Even the onsite coordinator is not reachable. Sujit/ Indranil will try to contact them again. The decision in this matter was the same, as before – we shall not send the funds for the next year unless we get a report from them.

VMS Site Visit: The long pending site visit to VMS was finally done this year. Thanks to our new volunteer in India – Mr. Sachin Mehta. He was very happy with the progress of the VMS project. He has also written a report about his site visit and sent it to Kirti. This report will be soon sent around to everyone. We were all very excited about this site visit – all the more now that we know the visit went well and that the project is running smoothly. Mr. Mehta took 100 sets of pencil boxes for the children. We appreciate his generous gesture.

ASHA Party: The Asha party this year was a lot of fun as usual, but the turn out was not as good as the year before. The bollywood workshop by Poonam was quite a hit. There were around 25-30 participants who came to attend the workshop. Shyam is yet to make all the payments, so the exact profit is not known as of now.

Weltmarkts: We shall participate in the weltmarkt in October, which is to take place this Friday (15th Oct). Please come to the stall, bring your friends and help us make the last asha weltmarkt stall a success. The menu will be sent in a separate mail.

Credit Suisse party: There is a CS party on 3rd Nov. Kirti managed to get us a publicity stall there. The organizers also promised to donate a part of their profits to Asha. Either Sujit or Nandan will join Kirti at the publicity stall.

Asha Gala dinner: The October weltmarkt will be the last one this year. So we discussed about other events that can be organized during the winter. In January there is a tentative plan to have an Asha cultural evening and dinner. This will be discussed further in the next meeting, meanwhile if anyone has any ideas for conducting such an event, please share them with us.