

Field visit Report - December

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ALAPPUZHA – 16/12/2017

Punnapra North in Alappuzha district was visited on 16th December 2017. Chatting with the CDS Chairperson, Mrs. Anitha Balan gave a bird's view on the issues and confusions at the CDS and Panchayat level. After clarifying the doubts of the Chairperson, 9th ward in Punnapra North was visited along with Ms. Saleena, Block Co-ordinator, an RP and an ADS member. All the seven families surveyed under the category new beneficiaries have been rejected based on 9-point criteria. All the seven families and an additional family had given appeal regarding the same and appeal verification was yet to be done. All eight families were visited. All the families visited were women headed. Two families satisfied six out of 9 criteria. However the major issue they faced was that they lived in a small shed. Getting a pucca house would solve their problem. Two elderly women who lived alone were abandoned by their kids. In one lady's case, her daughter was living near her. The BC was asked to hand over both the cases to the Community Counsellor. Other cases were of single women who were living alone. They either had money of their own or lived with their relatives who seemed to look after them very well. The visit proved fruitful as it was confirmed that none of them have the eligibility to become DFK beneficiary. This was conveyed to the authorities.

Later on, a meeting of CDS accountants on election training was attended. The meeting was attended by the DMC and ADMC. During the meeting, doubts of CDS accountants regarding the appeals on DFK beneficiary list and appeal verification were clarified.

On a visit to Alappuzha District Mission, more about DFK work being done in Alappuzha was known. Also chatting with the DPM (SD) gave an insight about their BUDS Fest preparation.

TRIVANDRUM – 17/12/2017

On 17th December 2017, BUDS Fest was conducted at Trivandrum at SMV High School, Thampanoor. The Fest was attended. It gave an overview of how the Fest was conducted and which factors should be taken care of while conducting the same at the state level. Some of the BUDS and BRC students were highly talented. It is expected that the competitive level of State BUDS Fest would be high. Various competitions like dance (single), dance (group), film songs etc were attended. Also visited the class rooms where painting competition was being conducted.

KOLLAM – 21/12/2017

BUDS and BRC schools in Kadackal Panchayat in Kollam district were visited on 21st December 2017. The visit was along with the Tajikistan teams. Christmas Day celebrations were going on the school and the BRC. The students' parents and teachers were met with. The teachers talked about how the school was established, the difficulties they faced while attending the students, the syllabus they followed, how the students were taught etc. They also had a therapist who talked about the necessity for physiotherapy and how she did it. The paintings done by students were put up in the walls of the school. Also chatted with the parents regarding the difficulties they faced and what they felt about the school. While visiting the BRC, the teachers explained the training given to the students and displayed various ornaments, toilet soaps, cloth bags, detergents etc made by the students.