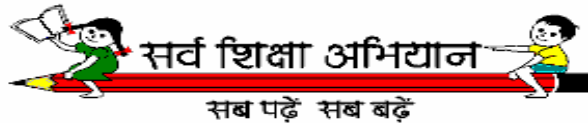


**SECOND HALF YEARLY  
MONITORING REPORT OF  
NORTH EASTERN HILLS UNIVERSITY,  
SHILLING ON SSA  
FOR MEGHALAYA STATE  
FOR THE PERIOD  
1<sup>st</sup> October 2007 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008**

**DISTRICTS COVERED**

South Garo Hills



# **2nd half yearly monitoring report for the period 1.10.2007 to 31.03.08 for the year 2007-08 regarding**



No.EDN/93/2007-

Dated 15th May 2008

To  
K. Girja Shankar  
Senior Consultant (Monitoring) SSA

Respected Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above subject I am to inform you that the report is being sent to the State Project Director for comments. However I am to inform you that I have just received your letter no TSG/SEN/1/2nd half yearly monitoring report/1/2008 dated 26th may 2008 requesting to submit the report immediately by email, otherwise our institution will loose the marks.

In this connection I am submitting herewith the draft report for favour of your necessary action. The modified report will be sent to you as soon as we receive from the office of the SPD.

Thanking you,  
Yours Faithfully,  
Dr. C. Nongbri,  
Monitoring Coodinator  
Dept of Education, NEHU, Shillong.

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, NEHU, Shillong**  
**(Monitoring Institution, SSA)**

**First Half – Yearly Monitoring Report 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2007 to**  
**31<sup>st</sup> March 2008**

During the quarter, the Department of Education, NEHU, Shillong, has only one last district to monitor. The team made visits to South Garo Hills district and met the District Mission Coordinator and the Block Resource Coordinators, to have a clear insight of the implementation of SSA Programme in the district. The team also covered more than 5% of the schools/EGS in the district.

The implementation of SSA in the District is done through the District Mission Co-ordinator (DMC) who is also the Deputy Inspector of School, Baghmara.

It may be noted here that the Half Yearly Report is meant for the quarter October 07 to March 08, the monitoring Institute is compiling the report with the data provided by the district, which was implementing the funds for 06-07.

The Physical achievement as per the record collected from the DMC office is as follow:

**Table-I showing Physical Achievement in South Garo Hills District:**

**Executive Summary**

**1. Opening of schools:**

No. of schools sanctioned	LPS	- 88
	UPS	-70
No. of schools opened	All	
No. of schools for which construction is completed-	all	

**2. No of teachers sanctioned:**

LPS -	80
Ups	176
No in position-	All

**3. Civil Works:**

No of school buildings	LPS	40
	UPS	30
No.of Addl.classrooms	LPS	- 67
No. of drinking water	63	
No.of toilets	20	

Classrooms with CAL	Ups	-03
No. of BRCs		4
No. of CRCs		8

#### 4. Textbooks :

No. of children for which free textbooks are distributed		
	LPs	16,705
	UPS	26630
Categories of students	All	
State government's funds		Rs 47,66,850

#### 5. School Grants:

No. of schools for which the grant is given- 543

#### 6. Teachers & Teachers Training:

No. of additional teachers under SSALPs- 140  
Ups-352

No. of teachers in position All

Mode of appointment - Selection Committees with Deputy Inspector of schools as the chairman.

Target no. of teachers to be given training-240 by DIET, Baghmara  
290 by BRCs

Actual no. of teachers given such training- yet to be given training  
Training Calendar- Money just received and training yet to start

#### 7. Teaching Learning Material (TLM)

Total no. of teachers eligible to receive TLM grants- 1392  
Grants was released in May 06

#### 8. EGS & AIE:

No of EGS centres - 201 (40 upgraded)  
Total number of children enrolled - 8637 children  
Number of EVs - 201

#### 9. Children With Special Needs (CWSN):

Total no. of of CWSN during the financial year - 524  
No. enrolled during the current year 243  
No of children provided with aid - nil as the appliances are yet to be received  
No of Resource teachers identified - 5  
List of NGOs associated NILC

No of Schools provided with ram 137  
No of parents given counseling Awareness camp were organized in all  
four blocks

**10. National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level (NPEGEL)/Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) -** There is no centre in South Garo Hills District.

**11. District Information System for Education ( DISE):**

EMIS was partly set up, 4 computers and 2 operators are in place  
Capture Daya Format was sent to schools and Training have been given for one day in all the 4 blocks

**12. Research and Evaluation:**

Actual no. of studies undertaken and no. completed - 2(two)

**13. Functioning of the VEC:**

Total no. VEC constituted -140  
Actual No. of women representation -2-3 each  
% of members oriented 201  
Resource persons for the training BMC

**14. Staffing at the District Level ( Annexure- I )**

**15. Mid-Day Meal Scheme:**

The office of the D/I of schools is implementing the midday meal schemes in support and coordination with the office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), South Garo Hills District according to the guidelines given by the Government. The programme is covering all the Government and Government aided Primary schools ad EGS in the district for children from I-IV

The D/C made the allotment of the food grains to each primary school according to the enrolment figure made available to him through the office of the D/I.

As per the instruction of the Supreme Court, the Government has decided to provide cooked meal to the school children. For this purpose, the State government has sanctioned conversion cost for low recipe of food to be prepared and taken along with cooked rice but the children. The rate of conversion is Rs2/- (Rupees Two) per day per child.

**16. Additional items to check during school visit by MI: (As given below)**

**17. Any other issue relevant to SSA implementation: (As given below)**

**18. MI may give a maximum 2 page note, on any other issues, relevant to SSA implementation, not covered above.**

The Department of Education, NEHU, Shillong, made visits to the South Garo Hills District, on various dates and met the District Mission Coordinators and the Block Resource Coordinators to take stock of the progress of SSA Programme in the district. The visits were done by the team members of Prof P.K. Gupta, and Dr C. Nongbri.

**General Observation:**

1. All Block Resource Centre (five BRCs including one urban centre) in South Garo Hills District have been formed and Block Resource Coordinators and Block Resource Persons were appointed.
2. All Cluster Resource Centres (46) in South Garo Hills District have been constituted and Head teachers of schools have been appointed as coordinators. These coordinators were visiting the schools under their jurisdictions.
3. Village Education Committees have been constituted in most of the habitations but they seem not to function well as expected due to lack of training and guidance. Moreover, the VECs do not enjoy financial power as schools managing committees still exist in all the schools.

**Training of Personnel:**

Training of the teachers under SSA has been done in the district. The DIET in South Garo Hills has conducted various training programme and had completed the 20 Days training for teachers where 58 teachers attended the training from 27<sup>th</sup> August to 21<sup>st</sup> of September and 30 Days In service training programme was conducted from 5<sup>th</sup> March to 5<sup>th</sup> April 08.. Short Term Trainings of teachers were also being done at the BRC level also. But this component needs to be strengthened in the District. This is very important as about 60% of teachers under visit are untrained teachers.

It was observed that more community support is required. For this, Community training needs to be intensified to increase the awareness of the community members on SSA.

**Release of Funds:**

Regarding the release of funds, it was reported that the funds released by the State Project office took long and till date the release of fund for 07-08 is yet to take place due to late approval of the plan. It was found that the district was one year late in releasing the fund and the schools are yet to receive the funds for 07-08 in April 2008. It was reported that the fund have been released late from the State Project Office by the SPD and as such there is delay in releasing the fund to the schools.

**Teaching-Learning Materials:**

The grants under the teaching-learning materials (TLM) provided to the schools have been procured and it was reported that the teachers are more comfortable in their teaching by having the different teaching aids. The TLM includes Globes, Maps, Charts, the microscope and other instrument used in laboratory. This is done centrally at the district level.

**The Status of the Out of School Children and Drop-out:**

The status of Out of School children is still an area of concern. The District have taken action on enrolment of out of school children. Back to Schools Camps and bridge courses have been arranged by both the districts to enroll the out of school and drop-out children. But mainstreaming of students could not be ascertained. The districts must have a follow up action.

**Text-Book:**

Text Books in South Garo Hills for the academic year 2008 was found to be distributed late. The distribution was done only in the month of April and textbooks in some subjects are yet to be received by the schools. It was also reported that the schools did not get adequate number of textbooks even for all the needy students. They have to distribute in such a way that one subject is given to some students and the rest to others to cover mostly all of them. It is also marked that exercise books were also distributed and this was done centrally from the State Project Office.

**Appointment of Personnel:**

The Personnel were all in place in the district. With the appointment of personnel at the District level in all areas of intervention, it is expected that the scheme will take-off at a greater speed. However, it was reported that there was a frequent change of personnel as they are on contract basis which affect the work in the district.

**Midday Meal Scheme:**

The Midday Meal Scheme is being implemented in the district. It is observed from the records of the schools that the District Project Office provided the following components of Midday Meal.

1. Food Grains (Rice) to be lifted from the supplier
2. Conversion cost.
3. Provision of grants for purchasing of utensils.

As per the direction of the government, cooked food should be served in schools. All schools (100%) reported that cooked food is being served to children. But this was done only once or twice a week during dry seasons.

All schools (100%) served different food items and the students were happy with the quality and quantity served to them. In many school (60%) food were being cooked by the helpers who were paid at a nominal rate and in 40% of schools, food were being cooked by the teachers and community members/ parents.

It was also reported that the schools do not get the supply on time. When asked about the reason it was reported that the order for lifting the food grain for midday meal is done by the Deputy Commissioner which takes time and not always on time.

Attendance of children in school is reported to have improved with the implementation of midday meal in the schools.

### **K.G.B.V.: There is no K.G.B.V. in the district**

#### **The learner's evaluation:**

As mentioned earlier, the performance of students in schools is not very satisfactory though it has improved to some extent with the various interventions under SSA and the facilities available in the schools. It is reported that the school grants, teachers' grants and the teaching learning materials that were made available to schools have enabled the teachers to buy some teaching aids to meet the basic needs and make teaching-learning more interesting. This has undoubtedly raised the standard of teaching and learning in the classroom.

However, the quality is yet to be improved as it was found that most of the children were found to be detained in the same class and the pass percentage was found to be very low in class V as low as 60% in most schools visited by the Monitoring Institute.

It has also been observed that the visit of MI to the districts and to the schools has not only helped them getting an insight but also provide them the opportunities to share their experiences in the field relating to the implementation of SSA Programme.

#### **Conclusion and Suggestions:**

It is heartening to note that the both the districts are showing improvement. Most of the schools under visit show that various interventions are being implemented for realizing the goals of universalisation of Elementary Education in the State. However, more efforts need to be strengthened in both the districts in areas, like civil works which was rather slow.

On the basis of data so collected and general observations made, the following suggestions are made to improve the SSA implementation further:

- **Civil Works-** Civil works is still the weak area in the state though it has shown improvement with the appointment of the personnel both at the State and District levels. More sincere efforts have to be taken in this area by the Government.
- **School Grading-** With so much of intervention from the SSA funds in the form of civil works, free textbooks, school grant, midday meal etc., students performance in schools are expected to improve. There is therefore a need now to grade the schools on the basis of their performance. Schools may be graded as 0, A+, A, B+ and B(Five Point Scale)
- **Midday Meal-**Though the scheme is being implemented in the State yet it is not up to expectation and not satisfactory. It needs to be improved and the Government has to take necessary steps to correct the anomalies in the scheme and make the cooking shed facilities availability to the schools.

It is hoped that the scheme of SSA will bring qualitative improvement shortly in teaching-learning if these areas of concern are looked into seriously and sincere efforts are taken by all concerned.

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Department of Education, NEHU, Shillong.

**Annexure – I**

**South Garo Hills District**

Designation	Name of the BMC/Staff
DMC, South Garo Hills	Mr H.D.Marak.
BMC,Baghmara	Mr Dilip.
BMC, Chokpot	Ms Shilla.
BMC,Gasuapara	Mr A.Paul
BMC Rongrapara	
Sr.Accountant	Mr Dominic Q.M.Sangma
Jr. Accountant	Mr Balbir Prasad (Jt.DMC,Tura)
.DEO	Mr Winstone R.Sangma
.DEO	Mr Sukman M Sangma
Programmer	Mr Clement D.Sangma R. Marak -do-
Training Co-ordinator	Shri Benjamin M. Marak -do-
District Planning Co-ordinator	Smt Rikrak G. Momin -do-
IED Co-ordinator	Smt Basabti G. Momin -do-
Com-Mobilization Co-ordinator	Shri Ambrose T. Sangma -do-
Civil Work Co-ordinator/Junior Engineer	Shri John B.N. Areng -do-