Annual Report – 2007

AAM Foundation is a non-governmental organization working for the underprivileged children to provide them adequate nutrition, medication and education. Started in 1999 with one center in Neb Sarai, AAMF now runs 20 non-formal education centers and one computer center in different slums of Delhi.

Field Trips:

Three field trips were organized on 20, 21 and 22 February 2007. The field trips covered Bal Bhawan, Humayun's Tomb, Duck Park, Deer Park, Lotus Temple, Doll museum, Red Fort and Raj Ghat. A total of 205 (13 from each center), who were above 8 years, regular at the centers and good at studies participated in the field trips.

Forty-eight students of the AAMF Computer Centre visited Nehru Planetarium, Nehru Museum and Gandhi Smriti on 13th October 07.

Cultural Programmes and Celebrations of National days/festivals:

Republic Day was celebrated on 25 January 2007 (before one day) in all the centers. Dance, song, skits and poem recitals were organized. Younger children drew national flag while elder children performed role-plays on freedom struggle and freedom fighters.

AAMF organized a cultural programme on 25 October 2007 at the Dispensary Hall, Kusumpur Pahari. Dance, song, and poem recitals were organized on the occasion. Around 100 children, Ms. Asima from Room to Read, Ms. Gilani & Ms. Nandi (Educational Advisors), Ms. Prativa (Project Manager), Ms. Sangeeta (Computer Teacher) and other staff of AAMF attended the programme. Ms. Asima gave away prizes to the students.

Five Children from Vasant Gaon and seven children from Hanuman Camp presented two performances – a dance and a role-play at the cultural programme organized by the Habitat Learning Centre on 18 February 2007 at the India Habitat Centre.

Volunteers' Programme: Twenty-five student volunteers from Lady Sriram College worked with the children of the Neb Sarai center on 23 November 2007. They arranged puppet show and story telling sessions. They also interacted with the parents.

Health Care Programme: Our health Advisor, Dr. Col. P.K. Manna visited our centers twice a week and conducted health check-up of the children. He alsop donated medicines to the children.

Workshops for Teachers: Throughout the year AAMF arranged workshops on environmental science, mathematics, English, Hindi, art & craft, etc. for the teachers to update their skill.

Computer Center: During the year, 162 children enrolled in the Computer Centre. Out of this, 96 were girls and 66 boys. The number of school going children who attended the computer programme was 68, while the number of non-school going children was 94. Fifty-two children dropped out of our programme, primarily due to change of residence (locality) and moving back to their villages.

Two teachers – Srikant is employed in the computer center. Room to Read had arranged a training programme for teacher.

In each month a debate, a drawing competition and a quiz competition on different topics were organized in the computer center. On an average 35-40 children participated in each of these programmes.

Maintaining a computer center in a slum in not easy due to lack of proper infrastructure and facilities. During the power cuts our teachers engage the children in other activities like story telling, model making etc. Due to power fluctuations the UPSs were damaged twice and AAMF had to install a stabilizer.

Donations:

- Ms. Sujata Kumra donated Rs. 7000/- to buy fruits for AAMF children. She had also donated old cloths and toys.
- Dr. Col. P.K. Manna donated Rs. 5000/- to purchase winter cloths for the AAMF children.
- Room to Read donated 734 story books, 341 leap pads and CDs meant for upper primary class.