

MID DAY MEAL SCHEME – WEST JAINTIA HILLS DISTRICT

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Purpose of inspection:- The intention of conducting physical inspection is mainly to get a correct information on the actual implementation of Mid Day Meal based on ground realities.

Date of Inspection : 6th June 2014

Team of inspection Officers : Km M. Nengnong, RO/ Shri N. R. Kharchandy, RO/
Km B. Nongtraw, RA

Name of School : Amlarem Upper Primary School.

Village : Amlarem Village.

Location : Amlarem C & RD Block, West Jaintia Hills District.

Enrollment : 124 students

Drop out : 2 students.

Meal items	No of days distributed in a week	Cooked meal	Uncooked Meal	Kitchen Shed	Cook	Salary of Cook
Rice and vegetables	Very irregular.	Cooked meal		Under construction. Amount: Rs. 2,00,000/- The school was given Rs. 5000/-	3 Cooks.	Rs.1,000/- per month.

OBSERVATION – MID DAY MEAL

The school headmistress expressed the difficulty of providing cooked mid day meal everyday as the kitchen shed is under construction. Moreover, she said that though the number of students enrolled in the school increases every year, the same quantity of rice is allotted to the school which adds to the problem created by irregular supply of rice.

SUGGESTION:

The Head Teacher was advised to inform the SDSEO Amlarem about the actual enrollment in the school so as to get the adequate quantity of rice.



Kitchen shed (ground floor) under construction

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Kitchen shed constructed for Mid Day Meal

Name of School: Laskein B Lower Primary School

Village: Laskein Village

Location: Laskein C&RD Block, West Jaintia Hills District.

Enrollment: 61 students

Drop out: Nil.

Meal items	No of days distributed in a week	Cooked meal	Uncooked Meal	Kitchen Shed	Cook	Salary of Cook
Rice and vegetables	2 days a week.	Cooked meal		Kitchen shed constructed.	1 Cook.	Rs.1,000/- per month.

OBSERVATION – MID DAY MEAL

During interaction with the Secretary cum head teacher of the school it was learnt that supply of rice and Conversion Cost was not provided at the same time. Very often only rice is available but money for purchase of vegetables was sanctioned very late. Moreover the cook has to bear the responsibility of carrying water for mid day meal which is being provided only two days a week.

SUGGESTIONS:

The school management has to apprise the problem of not getting Conversion Cost along with the supply of rice to the SDSEO Jowai for solution.



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Name of School: Manghairyum Upper Primary School.

Village: Amlarem Village.

Location: Amlarem C & RD Block, West Jaintia Hills District.

Enrollment: 66 students

Drop out: Nil.

Meal items	No of days distributed in a week	Cooked meal	Uncooked Meal	Kitchen Shed	Cook	Salary of Cook
Rice and vegetables	2 days a week.	Cooked meal		Under construction. Amount: Rs. 2,69,000/-	2 Cooks.	Rs.1,000/- per month.

OBSERVATION – MID DAY MEAL:

The school finds it difficult to provide regular mid day meal due to the irregular supply of rice and low amount of conversion cost. Moreover, collection of rice has to be managed by the head teacher from the dealer in the locality.

SUGGESTION:

The Head Teacher was advised to take up the matter of irregular supply of rice and low conversion cost with the SDSEO Amlarem.



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Name of School: Mupyutmihngi Lower Primary School.

Village: Mupyut Village

Location: Amlarem C & RD Block, West Jaintia Hills District.

Enrollment: 74 students

Drop out: Nil

Meal items	No of days distributed in a week	Cooked meal	Uncooked Meal	Kitchen Shed	Cook	Salary of Cook
Rice and vegetables	3 days a week.	Cooked meal	Nil	Kitchen shed constructed. Kitchen utensils	2 Cooks	Rs.1,000/- per month.

OBSERVATION – MID DAY MEAL

The Head Teacher has expressed the difficulty in providing mid day meal as the cook is reluctant to prepare meal everyday due to very low salary as he needs to get other alternative financial support by doing other works outside mid day meal to support him financially.

SUGGESTION:

The problem of low salary for cooks may be brought to the notice of SDSEO Amlarem for solution.



Kitchen shed constructed under Mid Day Meal



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Name of School: Ri War Jaintia Church of God L. P. and U. P. School.

Village: Ladjaplem Village.

Location: Amlarem C & RD Block, West Jaintia Hills District.

Enrollment: 107 students in **Lower Primary** School &
100 students in **Upper Primary** School

Drop out: Nil

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Rice and vegetables	3 days a week.	Cooked meal		Kitchen shed constructed. Kitchen utensils provided.	2 cooks for L. P. & 2 cooks	Rs.1,000/- per month.

OBSERVATION – MID DAY MEAL

The main problem in the implementation of Mid Day Meal is the irregular and inadequate supply of rice. For example, the headmaster informed that the allotment of rice for October, November and December 2013 was received only in March 2014. Moreover, it was informed that the quantity of rice received varies in different months.

SUGGESTION:

To inform the SDSEO Amlarem about the actual quantity required for mid day meal based on the current enrollment so as to get adequate quantity of rice.



Kitchen Shed cum store room



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Name of School: Shkenpyrsit Upper Primary School

Village: Shkenpyrsit Village

Location: Amlarem C & RD Block, West Jaintia Hills District.

Enrollment: 23 students

Drop out: Nil

Meal items	No of days distributed in a week	Cooked meal	Uncooked Meal	Kitchen Shed	Cook	Salary of Cook
Rice and vegetables	3 days a week.	Cooked meal	Nil	Kitchen shed constructed. Amount: Rs. 60,000/- Kitchen utensils	1 Cook	Rs.1,000/- per month.

OBSERVATION – MID DAY MEAL

In spite of scarcity of water the school managed to provide mid day meal for 3 days in a week. However, the school still requires additional financial assistance for construction of kitchen cum store room and an enhancement of cook's salary.

SUGGESTION:

The school may approach the SDSEO Amlarem to get additional financial assistance to meet the above requirements.



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Name of School: Shkentalang Upper Primary School

Village: Shkentalang Village

Location: Amlarem C & RD Block, West Jaintia Hills District.

Enrollment: 57 students

Drop out: 8 students in 2014

Meal items	No of days distributed in a week	Cooked meal	Uncooked Meal	Kitchen Shed	Cook	Salary of Cook
Rice and vegetables	2 days a week.	Cooked meal		Kitchen shed under construction. Amount: Rs. 2,67,400/- Kitchen utensils	3 Cooks	Rs.1,000/- per month.

OBSERVATION – MID DAY MEAL

The main problem for distribution of Mid Day Meal is due to the scarcity of water as the school is located a little away from the coal mine areas. Even though PHE has been approached yet there is no assurance of getting water supply due to the lack of water sources.

SUGGESTION: The school has to make all out effort to provide regular mid day meal whenever water is available.



Ongoing construction inside the Kitchen Shed

