Report on Monitoring and Support visit
Shree Siddha Beni Lower Secondary School, Belbas, Tanahu

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Objectives of the visit
- To observe teachers delivering ICT enabled teaching and provide feedback
- To support teachers on intricacies of ICT integrated teaching approach
- To update school server and XOs with new digital resources
- To review the effectiveness of the ICT intervention in teaching and learning

Overview of the visit
The teachers were found to be extremely positive about the introduction of the ICT in their regular teaching. All the five teachers who readily volunteered to be observed teaching their lessons had established themselves as experts who easily blended National Curriculum objectives with digital resources available in the XOs and the school server. The teachers were confident and alert in making the process of computer aided teaching meaningful and in-depth for their pupil.

Teacher	Class	Subject
Indrakala Naral	4	English
Arjun Laudari	3	English
Suk Bahadur Rana	5	Science
Nabin Parajuli	4	Mathematics
Sharada Bastola	2	Nepali

Table1: Observed lessons and teachers

Classroom Delivery
Classrooms had a functioning democracy at display. Teachers introduced the lessons and had their pupils experience the hands-on activities before they were driven to E-Paath having its correlation with the topic being dealt. All the teachers played proactive role as facilitators as children got occupied with the E-Paaths. This part of the lesson in which self-learning, understanding, and self-assessing happened didn't need teacher to be at the center. The teachers allowed children to be at their own learning pace for about 20 minutes in an average. The remaining time was used for post E-Paath activities which generally included asking children topic related questions.

All the lessons were full of fun. Children were interactive with each other and with teachers. The usual fear of the teachers in students that is seen elsewhere in Nepali classrooms was completely absent in the school. The children were at ease with teachers and comfortable with E-Paati. Children liked to study from the laptops. They enjoyed the pictures, audios and animations. They handled laptop and charger with a great care. They were found confident in reaching the E-Paath or opening the E-Pustakalaya.

Seating Arrangement
Children took turns to come from their classroom to use the XOs in the computer lab. The U-shaped seating arrangement in the lab made it possible for the children to interact with each other and also made it possible for teachers to move freely across the classroom and offer individual attention to every child.

Equipment Management
Shree Siddha Beni Lower Secondary School teachers and students seemed to have perfected the art of keeping devices safe. The batteries, routers and other devices needed for the ICT enabled teaching and learning were put safe. The electrical points are kept at a safe distance from the reach of children.

Feedback session
Feedback sessions were held for all observed teachers right after they ended their lesson. Teachers were confident in delivering the classroom. The best part of the class observation was that all the observed teachers had lesson plan in their hands. This enabled them to achieve the objective of the lesson. The suggestions in general for the teachers were:
- State and write the objective(s) of the lesson and let children know the objective at the beginning of the lesson
- Good to have one objective for a lesson
- Be polite but firm to those who like not to go by the instructions from the teacher
- Ask children to read the text carefully before they move on to the new page
- Don't wait till the end to ask questions. Ask pointed questions to students when they are busy with E-Paath
- Have practical homework – those with which children can relate with themselves

Technical Support
The school server was updated. It was updated with NEXC 2012-12-12. One of the fifty XOs had software removed which was later fixed. Arjun Laudari, an English teacher was given refresher training on updating XOs.

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