

The two quarters shouldered the expansion of the Orissa programme both in number of children networked and the number of quality people interested in working with the children. The figures turned from a mere 3500 to almost double at the end of the period. The results also showed an increasing trend showing around 50% at the end of the two months period.

During this period another activity boosted the confidence of the teachers and monitors around was ASER-2005. It was decided that 17 districts are to be covered by the team in Orissa keeping the rest 13 districts for Gram Vikas to collect the information. People here went to different districts as far as the southern border touching Andhra Pradesh to the west border touching Jharkhand and Chhatisgarh. Found out volunteers, trained them and collected the data and returned almost in a week's time. The activity took around two months from the preparation till the dispatch of the final information. The release of the result was done around the end of February in Orissa following the all India release in January, 2006. The Honorable Higher Education Minister, the Mayor of Cuttack City were the people released the report in Orissa which was the first big function observed in Orissa.