

Nutritious Lunch and Tuition Programme, Pandan Jaya 2012

The Tuition and Nutrition Programme in Pandan Jaya has largely progressed according to plan. The Nutrition Programme provides lunch for 30 students during weekdays, with 2 community members taking over in managing the daily operation. The attendance rate is at an average of 93%.

The Tuition Programme is being conducted by 2 community teachers for the 30 students as well. The programme is progressing steadily, with each students being given 8 hours of small group session per week. The students' high attendance rate at 90% showed consistent interest in their learning.

The following annual report consists of 2 main sections. Section 1 discusses the progress of the Programme according to the objectives and indicators set. Section 2 is the annual summary of the financial report.

Section 1: Progress and Challenges

Objective 1: To provide nutrition support to 30 children identified under this programme.

Indicator 1: A total of 30 children being provided nutrition and balance meals through 20 meals per month per child for 12 months, with at least 80% of children showing increase in weight and height in accordance to their age.

There are a total of 30 children participating in the Nutrition Programme.

Food is being prepared and served at the Community Resource Center every week day. Children attending afternoon school took their meals between 11:30am to 12:30pm before going to school. For children attending morning school, they would have their lunch after coming back from school, between 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

The lunch was being served for 268 days throughout the year 2012

The average attendance of the participants is 93% throughout the year is an indicator of satisfaction and discipline in the participants. It is also the indication of the cook, who would visit the families if any child did not turn up for the programme on time. The cook has taken a lot of ownership of the programme, and a good sign of a community with members supporting each other.

The families of the participants were visited once in every quarter and the overall feedback gathered from the parents is positive. Parents were also invited to a group briefing and discussion at the beginning of the first quarter to continue ensuring the families' participation and commitment towards the programme.

All children maintained or increased in weight over the past year except for 2-3 due to family conditions, indicating the food intake was sufficient for majority of the children's growth.

Objective 2: To provide supplementary education support to 30 participants

Indicator 2: A total of 30 children attend supplementary education programme at least twice a week at 2 hours per session in tuition center or under personal tutorship for 12 months, with at least 80% of children showing improvement in their academic performance.

Tuition classes are being conducted for 30 children. The classes are being conducted 12 hours per week by 2 community teachers, Teacher Vasanthi and Teacher Logeswary. Please refer to Table 1 for details.

The students are now made up of 3 categories:

1. Exam preparation class (for Standard 5, Standard 6, Form 3 and Form 4 students)
2. Secondary supplementary class (for Remove, Form 1 and Form 2 students)
3. Primary supplementary class (for Standard 2, Standard 3 and Standard students)

The classes are being conducted at the Community Resource Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Classes are held between 5pm to 7pm and 7pm to 9pm. The students are taught in small groups according to age-specific categories. Each student can have at least 6 hours of small group session per week with their teacher.

The attendance to the tuition programme is at an average of 90%, with the highest at 100% and lowest attendance rate at 12% due to certain family conditions.

Teacher Vasanthi observed significant improvement in the students, according to her, *“Prestasi murid-murid yang menghadiri kelas tambahan amat memuaskan kerana semasa mereka mulakan pelajaran di kelas ini mereka tidak kenal huruf dan nombor. Selepas mereka menghadiri kelas mereka dapat menyiapkan kerja yang cikgu beri dengan usaha sendiri dan pandai mengenali suku kata kelakuan pelajar juga butukan. Mereka lebih disiplin semasa kelas berlangsung. Pelajar yang menghadiri kelas ini mendapat markah yang tinggi daripada dulu. Ibu bapa pelajar juga berpuas hati keadaan anak mereka. Mereka juga menunjukkan sikap tanggungjawab sendiri di bidang pelajaran.”*

Table 1: Tuition class days and hours

Teacher	Day	Time	Hours
Teacher Vasanthi	Tues, Wed, Thurs	5:00pm – 7:00pm	6 hours per week
Teacher Nancy	Tues, Thurs, Sat	7:00pm – 9:00pm	6 hours per week

Objective 3: To capacity build 2 community members in implementing the nutrition programme

Indicator 3: 2 community members being trained to manage and operate nutrition programme independently.

The main cook, Aunty Minah, has taken over the entire operation of the nutrition programme, under supervision. She found the learning experience enriching and has encouraged her to organise other events for the community.

The kitchen helper was only assisting occasionally with the nutrition programme. Therefore, Aunty Minah is now doing all the preparation and cleaning work as well.

Section 2: Financial Report

i. Nutrition Programme

The average expenditure of the nutrition programme has stabilised to RM 5,180.00 per month. Large purchases were done in supermarket or wet market on weekly basis, while the cook was provided with a float to purchase other smaller items. Please refer to the Table 2 for details of the year's expenditure.

Table 2 Programme expenditure record

Items	Monthly (RM)	Yearly (RM)
Children Lunch (RM 5.50 x 30 children x 22 days) -Large purchases from supermarket and wet market - Daily Purchasing	3630.00	43,560.00
Cook	500.00	6,000.00
Cook Assistant	200.00	2,400.00
Tuition fees & Materials (2 teachers)	850.00	10,200.00
Total 'RM	5,180.00	62, 160.00

ii. Tuition Programme

Teacher Logeswary is given a monthly allowance of RM450 per month as she is teaching the exam classes, while Teacher Vasanthi is being given RM350 per month for her work with children who need more coaching. RM50 is allocated for materials for the children to work on like past year's papers and et cetera.