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The ASER training experience was really special and left us with so many great experiences to remember. Visiting different villages during these 3 weeks was particularly meaningful for me. We got to stay in the village during our three days of the survey. Our team learnt about how people in villages live, how they eat and how they are struggling to live their life.

One of my most memorable experiences was when we stayed in a house next to a cemetery with no electricity connection. We could not sleep that night out of fear and waited all night for the sun to rise. But I must say that was really helpful to overcome our fears! Even after our scary night, our team did not give up and managed to complete the survey.

I was also overjoyed to see the enthusiasm of all the children. Without their cooperation, we would not have been able to achieve anything. The photo below is of me and one of the children we had the chance to interact with. He was very eager to answer all our questions and we really enjoyed talking to him.

Overall, my ASER journey was a wonderful learning experience. I am really grateful to have been part of this survey.