





A visit was also paid to another Kamalabari LP School where a meeting was arranged with students, and a brief discussion was held about arsenic. 50 students participated in the meeting and many questions were answered about arsenic contamination and symptoms of arsenicosis. Headmistress Niru Bora, Assistant Teacher Lily Bora, Rita Devi, Pallabi Hazarika, Sangeeta Bora too were involved in the discussion. A similar water harvesting system was set up in this school too. The staff claimed that they use this water for all purposes other than drinking. This was because they were unsure if this water was safe to drink. The filter was cleaned in front of the staff, to give them further assurance of the quality of water. They were also told that the water was a cheap and safe source of drinking water.



In the evening the team also went to the river side, Batiyamari gaon, Khorahola, Sonaribari gaon and visited a few households there and checked the water.

The next day the team went to Vekulimari Gaon. On demand of the villagers of Vekulimari gaon they arranged an awareness meeting with the community. Khagen Saikia, Keshabram Saikia, Satyaranjan Hazarika, Liladhar Tamuli, Bhaben Kalita, Deben Kalita, Bup Kalita, Jitumoni Saikia, Rahul Saikia, Arun Bora and our team were present in the meeting. The villagers talked about the water related problems that they face and the various diseases the water is causing in them. The villagers were advised to use water from the river Tuni that flows nearby. It was suggested that a manual filter is set up near the river, which the community can use. The visit ended with trip to the cultivation field and checking the water sources there.