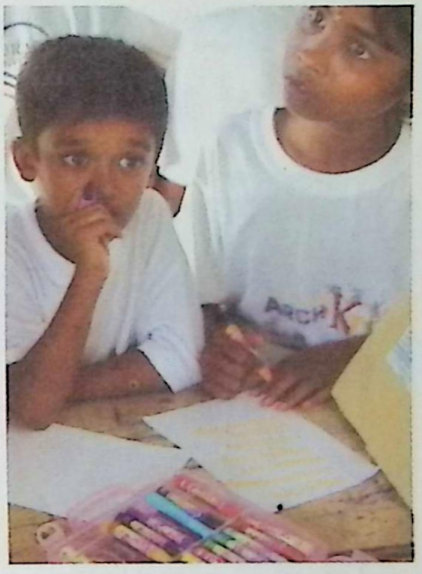




Group discussion for a suitable tree planting plan in the school premise

Kids of rural areas know better how to take care of plants. Teachers of the primary school were worried about protecting newly planted plants from goats and cows. Hearing their teachers' concern the kids said that they would bring bamboo from their homes to make fences.

Tree planting and giving ownership to maintain by children

The facilitating team from BRAC University went there with an intention to sow seed of environment awareness in the hearts of kids but in the end the team found them very fortunate that the kids could implant the seed of 'commitment for our kids' in the hearts of adults. Founder and coordinator of Arch.KIDS Dr. Q M Mahtab-uz-Zaman has similar hopes that through this series of workshops we would be able to touch upon the minds of many children who desperately needs to engage themselves and to learn how to manage their own environment with the support from adults.

After the workshop, a kid of class two softly hold a university student's hand and took her to a newly planted tree and said, "Apu, see .... this is my plant." This is the beginning of a school garden owned by the school kids themselves.

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