

KANHA
January 2016

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Highlights

- ⇒ *2 shramdhaans for community assistance – cleaning of area around well at Kutwahi; area next to hand pump cleaned at Chapri and soak pit dug*
- ⇒ *3 compost pits prepared in 2 villages*
- ⇒ *2 anti-plastic programmes in 2 villages*
- ⇒ *3 awareness programmes on seeds collection for plantation and vermi - compost*
- ⇒ *Environment education programme conducted in 10 schools - attended by 210 students*
- ⇒ *8 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation in 8 villages - attended by 371 people*
- ⇒ *3 unemployed youths placed in resorts*

Conservation work

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
Jan 13	Kutwahi	Shramdhaan programme to clear area next to well	8
Jan 25	Chapri	Shramdhaan programme to clear area next to hand pump and soak-pit dug	14
Jan 17	Chapri	Constructed compost pit at Jhamsingh Markam's residence	1
Jan 20	Dhamangaon	Constructed compost pit at Sonshah Baiga's residence	1
Jan 24	Bhagpur	Constructed compost pit at Gayadin Dhurwey's residence	1
Jan 9	Patpara	Anti-plastic programme	12
Jan 15	Dhamangaon	-----do-----	10
Jan 8	Batwar	Awareness programme on conservation activity, seeds collection for plantation and vermi-compost	13
Jan 9	Samaiya	-----do-----	12
Jan 11	Manegaon	-----do-----	11

On January 13, Amit and Sampath led a team of 8 people in a programme to clear wild growth around a well at Kutwahi. Due to heavy rains, wild growth had proliferated around the well and access to the well was affected. Our team, which comprised 5 youths and 3 women from the village, removed the wild growth and cleaned the area. A similar programme was organised on January 25 to clear the area next to a hand pump at Chapri.



Kutwahi- Site around well before (left) and after (right) our programme



Chapri- Site around well before (left) and after (right) our programme

Our team encourages organic farming as part of our strategy to reduce the impact of chemical fertilisers on fields adjoining prime wildlife areas. Part of our work includes assistance to villagers in setting up vermi-compost tanks and compost pits. During January, we helped villagers dig compost pits – Jhamsingh Markam of Chapri on January 17, Sonshah Baiga of Dhamangaon on January 20 and Gayadin Dhurwey of Bhagpur on January 24.



Bhagpur- compost pit built with our assistance at Gayadin Dhurwey's house

On January 9, our team organised an anti-plastic programme at Patpara. Amit and Sampath spoke to the villagers about the harmful impact of plastic/polythene on the environment and motivated them to remove such litter from the village. The team of villagers and students went around the village, collecting plastic and polythene litter/waste, which were then buried in a pit on the outskirts of the village. A similar anti-plastic programme was organised at Dhamangaon on January 15.



Patpara - Village children with plastic litter collected during our anti-plastic programme

Education

During the month our team organized environment education programmes in 10 schools in the villages in our area of operations.

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Jan 1	Government Primary School (GPS)	Batwar	23
2	Jan 7	Government Middle School (GMS)	Dhamangaon	39
3	Jan 11	GMS	Batwar	21
4	Jan 16	Education guarantee	Bhagpur	13

		scheme school (EGS)		
5	Jan 19	EGS	Samaiya	11
6	Jan 28	GPS	Manegaon	24
7	Jan 29	GPS	Chapri	26
8	Jan 29	EGS	Chapri	9
9	Jan 30	GPS	Kutwahi	27
10	Jan 30	GPS	Sautiya	17
			Total	210



Kutwahi - Students listen to Sampath's lecture on conservation

Education van programme

We conducted 8 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation in January.

S. Nn.	Date	Village	Film name	Participants
1	Jan 21	Chapri	Swarg Pehri	35
2		Kutwahi	----do-----	65
3	Jan 22	Dhamangaon	----do-----	45
4		Samaiya	----do-----	35
5		Bhagpur	----do-----	46
6	Jan 23	Batwar	----do-----	55
7		Manegaon	----do-----	54
8		Patpara	----do-----	36
			Total	371



Dhamangaon - Students watch film on nature and wildlife conservation

Livelihood programmes

As part of our programme to reduce pressure on forests, we have been encouraging villagers to take up alternative livelihood options. In Kanha, we have been encouraging villagers to take up vegetable farming as there are several resorts around Mocha and there is a steady flow of tourists who require fresh vegetables. Over the past 2 years, we have assisted around 30 villagers in taking up vegetable farming and they are earning around 500-1,000 rupees a week in additional income. The vegetable patches are typically of small size and located in the backyards of the residences. Some villagers have now got enough confidence to expand and are planning to use part of their farm land for this activity.



Kanha – Aaghan Uddey of Batwar (left) and Maya Bai of Chapri (right) tend to vegetable patches set up with our help

Employment Cell

We helped 3 youths get jobs during the month of January

S. No.	Date	Village	Name	Monthly Salary in rupees	Education	Age	Job
1.	Jan 10	Chapri	Sugriv Dhurwey	3000/- + meals	9 th standard	18	Waiter at Royal Sylvan Resort, Chapri
2	Jan 16	Chapri	Jagdish Uikey	3000/- + meals	8 th standard	19	Waiter at Kanha Resort, Mocha
3	Jan 28	Bhagpur	Rupsingh Dhurwey	3500/- + meals	8 th standard	25	Waiter at Tal Resort, Khatiya



*Jagdish Uikey (of Chapri) who got a job
as waiter with our help at Kanha Resort Mocha*