

## Project Update: December 2015

I have completed one-third of research work on “Geospatial Modeling of Walk Trails of Asian Elephant as tool for mitigating Human Elephant Conflicts in Central Nepal” funded by Rufford Small Grant Programme.

Earthquakes on April 25th and May 12, late monsoon water logged forest with highly poisonous snakes, and unauthenticated Indian blockade for Nepal are the main reasons for being late.

Despite of all problems and hindrances, we are now at schedule. The major works completed till now are:

- After preliminary field visit, human-elephant co-existence area was sorted out with the consultation of different stakeholders.
- The first field data collection (data of Rice Season) has been completely done. The field data is being analysed.
- The old route followed by an elephant, their night rest places i.e. hideouts; their probable area of presence has been located out.





Top Left: Crushed kitchen utensils by Ele. Top Right: Interaction with locals. Middle Left: Ele seen. Middle Right: Fresh dung at corridor. Bottom Left: Fresh urination. Bottom Right: Track in river bed.