## **Project Update: November 2016**

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In September and October 2016 we carried out our risk management process that helped the farmers to identify the immediate risk to their livelihood, which is drought that has persisted for a long period of time. They realised that in these months it would be raining heavily but is not. Thus, together with them we resolved to replant trees and protect the remnant trees, in order to create a safe habitat for the biodiversity. We as well decided to work on the deeper practical of beekeeping, in order to protect the honey bees in January 2017. Nevertheless in August 2016 we did a vigorous monitoring, which was in preparation for the weekly monitoring of the planted trees. This was done in view of fostering environmental and biodiversity conservation. We realised that some of the trees that farmers planted dried and some got burnt by wild bush fires. However, our farmers are very enthusiastic, they are trying to take care of the remnant trees. Therefore, we decided to replace the trees, which we did in late October when the rains came though not much.

November 2016 when the rains came we also gave trees to the primary school children to plant. From August to November we have been continually doing monitoring of the planted trees.

I am once more very grateful to Rufford for enabling me do what I love most. I am attaching photos of what has been done. Taught them how to keep honey bees.

