

## Project Update: September 2016

I have conducted questionnaire surveys, workshops and conservation awareness programmes in Rupandehi district, Nepal. The study areas were divided into four different sites: Adarsha amawa, Dhakadhaj, Bhagawanpur and Makrahar. Community surveys with questionnaire were conducted using random sampling method and standard questionnaire form to 200 locals (50 from each site) including students, teachers and various people in community to find out the level of awareness among them. Inception workshop on snake, snakebite and snake conservation was conducted not only in the Rupandehi district, it is probably the first time in western Nepal. For the workshop programmes, I have coordinated with Shankarnagar Banbihar and Research Center, Kaligandaki Health Foundation, and Biodiversity Conservancy Nepal. Various members from different community forest, conservationists, different level of academicians' teachers and students, health personnel, media personnel from local and national newspapers, radios and televisions and different community people were invited in these workshops and awareness programmes.

### Upcoming Project Updates:

- Diversity, distribution and habitat of snakes recorded in Rupandehi district.
- Rescued snake species.
- Conservation awareness programmes in various schools, colleges and communities.
- Snake conservation-related news in different newspapers, FM radios and television.
- Photos of educational materials like banners, brochures, posters and calendars.



Dr. Chhabilal Thapa and researcher himself sharing their knowledge on importance of snake conservation



Snake conservation awareness programmes in different schools using multimedia and posters



Discussion sessions with teachers and community people after questionnaire survey



Students with brochures and posters in the classroom and reading snake information at notice board