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We continue to work with communities on the periphery of Kuno wildlife sanctuary, making efforts towards environmental regeneration of the area through watershed development. The local villagers, through a participatory planning process decide on the location of water harvesting structures and the modalities of its construction in terms of wage rate etc. Samrakshan then provides technical and financial assistance for construction of the structure.

Such structures help in raising the productivity of the landscape, thereby ensuring livelihood security of the local community. These also protect the surrounding forests from overexploitation by a community that is unable to meet its sustenance needs as a consequence of severe environmental degradation. Samrakshan has undertaken a number of such activities in this area that focus on improving the water regime and agricultural productivity through organic means.