

Project Update: November 2009

After the second RSG project, we are visiting our project site regularly to monitor project impact and to examine the local community role to ensure the continuity of the implemented project. At the request of buffer zone people and students, we conducted the following activities.

1. **Radio Programme:** The radio programme entitled "Conservation Campaign" is still running. In October 2009, a programme highlighted the conservation issue of endangered species in Chitwan National Park. The programme broadcast the objectives and mission of the tiger conservation conference held from 27th-30th October 2009 in Kathmandu Nepal. We are planning to raise the issue of climate change and biodiversity in November 2009. We also give priority to hot conservation news.
2. **Livelihood Programme:** Farmers who had implemented RSG-funded conservation-based income generation activities, started to sell their pigs. Some farmers had already generated money from the fishery programme. We have shown that we are getting success in livelihood programmes.
3. **Wall paint:** To create awareness and provide the information on legal punishment for poaching and the importance of rhino conservation, we organized the wall paint programme and wrote the conservation theme on the school wall. In past, these walls were painted for political messages.
4. **Regular Field Visit:** In October 2009, we visited the project site twice and collected people's views about local conservation issues. To launch the conservation project effectively, we use to collect information on loopholes and pocket areas.
5. **Institutional Strengthening Programme:** In our second project, we organized a proposal writing training scheme to empower the local community and strengthen the locally initiated programme. Now, the Chitwan National Park Lothar Buffer Zone User Committee has started to write a small-scale project proposal (i.e. women targeted conservation training).
6. **Education Material Distribution:** In October 2009, we supported 12 poor students with the rhino conservation message as regular project activities.



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