

## Project Update: March 2017

We successfully conducted fieldwork to gather ecological impacts of *Cordyceps* harvesting. We gather data from pasture land which will give us the information on how the harvesting pattern is affecting the ecology of high altitude ecosystems. Also, we conducted the social survey to understand economic impacts of *Cordyceps* harvesting. 150 respondents are interviewed till now. We are in the process of surveying the primary business man to understand their perceptions and understanding of ecological impacts of *Cordyceps* harvesting.



Left: Garbage around pasture land. Right: People Searching for Cordyceps.



Team Member Conducting Survey

## Workshops/Conservation Awareness Program

We completed conservation awareness program in Dunai, Kaigaun VDC and Phoksundo VDC of Dolpa focusing on the importance of high altitude ecosystems and sustainability of *Cordyceps*. We aimed to aware local communities about the importance of conserving high altitude flora and fauna.