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After the completion of projects supported by RSG, I used to visit project sites regularly to monitor impact of project. Having interest on looking the impact of pesticide to environment, biodiversity and human, I also visited other prominent farmland bird areas and farming practices. Being an academican and interested on farmland issue, I regularly conduct research based study and scale up local issue through publication.

Article Publication: From the learning of the project supported by Rufford Small Grant, I have developed an article in local language which was published in a publication.

Paudel D. 2015; Integrated Pest Management: Basis of Birds, dependant on Agro-forestry Practiced Land, Conservation; The Bimba, Publication, Nepal Student Union, Institute of Forestry, Pokhara Campus, Pokhara, Nepal

The motive of this article is to create awareness among conservation-based students and motivate them for conducting study on addressing the issue of pesticide and farmland birds. The publication has highlighted the integrated pest management practices as potential solution.

Field Visit: I visited several farming sites which are also famous for bird habitat - Chitwan, Kaski, Makwanpur and Nawalparasi district with the aim of studying agroforestry practices. During this period, I also interacted with farmers and pesticide sellers about the existing using practices of pesticides. I observed some red coloured pesticides which are known as toxic to human health, environment and animals too. The interesting thing is; that pesticide is product of India and allowed to export in Nepal only. This indicates that some pesticides are specially produced for Nepal and some of them are highly toxic and maximum chance of polluting environment.

