

Project Update: June 2019

Elephant research activity in Dhanusha District -

Forest fire started this year prior to its usual season which halted the work of dung sample collection. We went twice to collect samples but we couldn't due to devastating forest fires in the project location. The random movement of elephant during forest fire season made our job very difficult. Whenever we collected samples it was more 24 hours of defaecation so that samples were contaminated with foreign particles. So we are still trying to collect the sample till now. In this course, the damage elephant caused in their new habitat was very difficult to deal with. We had to make the community calm down because they were very aggressive towards the elephants in Dhanusha and Sindhuli District.



From Left to right (Maize trampled, House raided, wooden flakes removed by bull elephant, Kitchen Utensils trampled)

Elephant Response Team (ERT) –

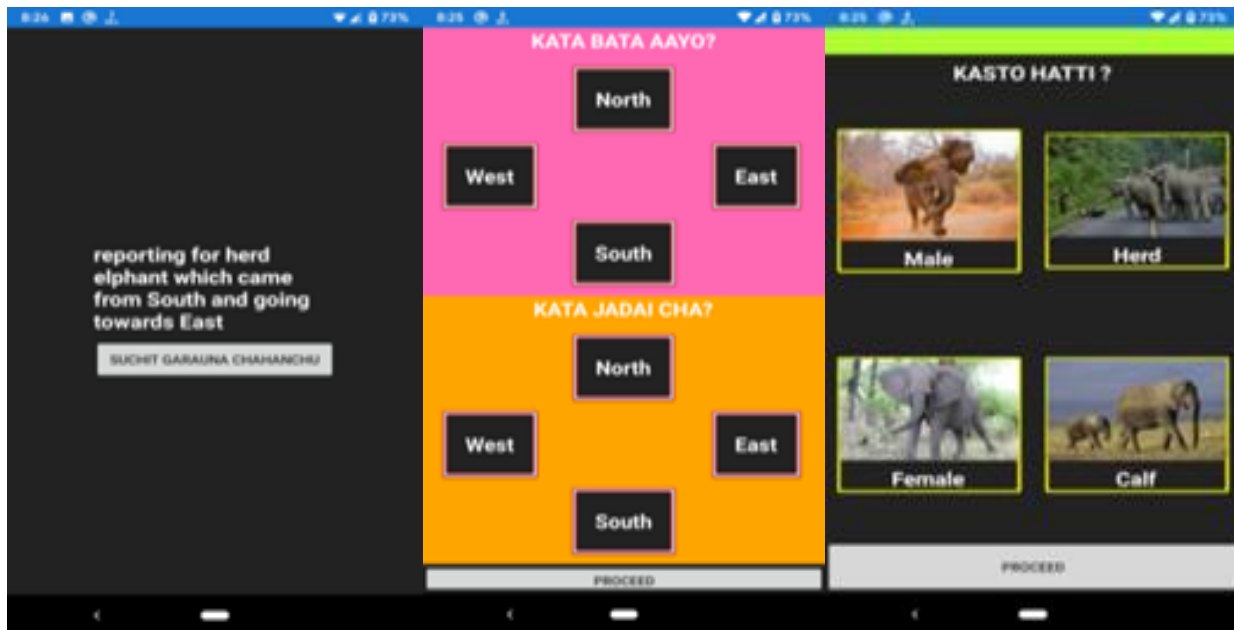
ERT are yet to be done in this project. The random movement during crop raid season over long distances has made this job yet to be done. We are working on this.

Gajraj Scholarship –

Altogether we got five families which we need to support for the education as planned. Other are from good family and we got consent from them that they are happy with the compensation from the government. They also expressed that scholarship must also go the needy ones. We have collected the essential documents which are being verified by our project assistant with compensation department of ministry of forest and soil conservation. Once the match is done, we will open a bank account of the children and deposit the amount in their account. Hence Gajraj Scholarship is not completely done yet.

Elephant Information android app –

The app has been made ready and is waiting to go to Google play store. We are having some issues which the developer is trying to work out. All together we have six screens in total which make our data collection work very easy.



From Left to right (First Screen, Second Screen, Third Screen)

Livelihood opportunities -

The first training livelihood training was done in Ratanpur, Nijgadh Municipality- 11. Following topics were taught to farmers –

- To make vegetable nursery bed in polybag.
- To make vegetable nursery bed in plastic tray.
- To make vegetable nursery bed in land.
- To treat different diseases in horticulture with bio-pesticides- symptoms and dose.
- To make bio-pesticides using locally available plants and its benefits on human health.
- To make compost manure and benefits of compost manure.
- Distribution of seeds of some hybrid vegetables.



First row- Left -right (Making seedling bed on mud; Making seedling bed in polybag)
 Second row- Left to right (Making seedling bag in tray; distribution of hybrid seeds)
 Third row- (Making of compost manure; Final photo of participant, project leaders and trainer)

Awareness Calendar toolkit –

The calendar is still in the press. Soon it will be printed and distributed to the stakeholders and community.