

## **Project Update: July 2020**

Project activities done so far:

1. Obtained permit from the Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation to conduct the project in Chitwan National Park (CNP).
2. Visited headquarters of CNP, and one of its four sector offices (Sauraha) to share an idea of the project among park officials and for a rapport building.
3. Visited the Buffer Zone Management Committee (BZMC) Office and shared the project idea. BZMC is a body of local people which mobilises local communities in conservation and conducts various conservation activities at local level.
4. Collected preliminary data on human and tiger/leopard conflict of the last 3 years from CNP and BZMC office.
5. Developed two separate sets of semi-structured questionnaire formats for perception study (for tiger and leopard) and did pre-testing at field level.
6. The questionnaire survey has begun in the four sectors of the CNP and Buffer Zone as a part of two objectives of the project namely, (i) To analyse the perception of local people towards tiger and leopard (ii) To evaluate the effectiveness of mitigation measures being adopted to address conflict between humans, tigers and leopards.