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The project made excellent progress during June-December 2010 with eight nature education camps (five in Spiti, three in Ladakh) in which 220 students and 15 teachers from 10 schools participated. Three activities in and around school campuses were conducted by field staff in 26 out of 33 schools (20 in Spiti, 13 in Ladakh) with Himalayan Nature Clubs (HNCs). These activities (mother earth; the earth is heating up and snow leopard on the prowl) chosen from the Teachers' Guide prepared and distributed by us targeted over 800 children and 40 teachers. One of these activities was entirely conducted by teachers in Spiti in their respective schools, while our field staff conducted one activity each at both locations. Seven schools could not be targeted due to inclement weather/ unforeseen reasons. Feedback of all activities showed positive results. A teacher meeting was conducted at Kaza (Spiti) in which 24 HNC teacher coordinators/representatives participated.

