

## **Project Update: August 2002**

At the moment, much of India is reeling under severe drought conditions. The villages that have vacated the Kuno Wildlife Sanctuary have been particularly affected, as they have no fallback options in the event of crop failure, having moved recently from a resource rich forest to a resource poor area.

Our Rufford Small Grant has made it possible for Samrakshan to undertake a number of drought relief activities that will provide immediate livelihood to the villagers who have been displaced from the sanctuary as a consequence of the lion reintroduction project. In addition, these rainwater harvesting activities will also enhance future income earning possibilities for these communities, thereby reducing the negative impact of the project.