

Project Update: May 2015

We have almost done the programme's awareness building activities. The progress report for April -May 2015 follows.

The objectives of this phase were to build relationship with local community and trained volunteers to conduct participatory learning and action exercise (PLA) for proposed programme. The activities that have taken place are: transect and message dissemination walks, focus group discussions, experience-sharing workshops with different sections of villagers including senior citizens, women, youth and students, volunteer's class room training on PLA, street show, reading material distribution and wall painting.

As indicators we have developed transect maps of all five villages. Twenty-two volunteers from five buffer zone villages trained in PLA and booklet on biodiversity conservation and PLA.

Challenge faced: development focused on economic development has changed people's attitude and behaviour towards volunteerism. It was very difficult for us to ensure people's active participation in the village meeting and mobilise them as volunteers. However, we have developed a team of 22 self-motivated (proposed 25) villagers who will volunteer with us for this programme.



Picture 1: Message dissemination walk by village women. Picture 2: Focus group discussion in the village. Picture 3: Volunteer's training on PLA.