

Project Update: December 2016

- **Human-Elephant Coexistence Training**

Nine human-elephant coexistence training/awareness camps were organised in the forest fringe areas of Bara and Rautahat district. More than 500 people were trained directly on different techniques of human-elephant coexistence. The training was conducted in the sites where elephant had attacked or killed humans in previous 5 years. The team leader of the project (Rama Mishra) and Mr Babu Ram Lamichhae, Research Officer of National Trust for Nature Conservation, facilitated the training. Retired government forest officer and local resident Mr Subansa Chaudhary also helped in selection of sites, organisation of venue and informing local communities to participate in the training/awareness programme. The programme was conducted in October when conflict with elephants is at the peak.

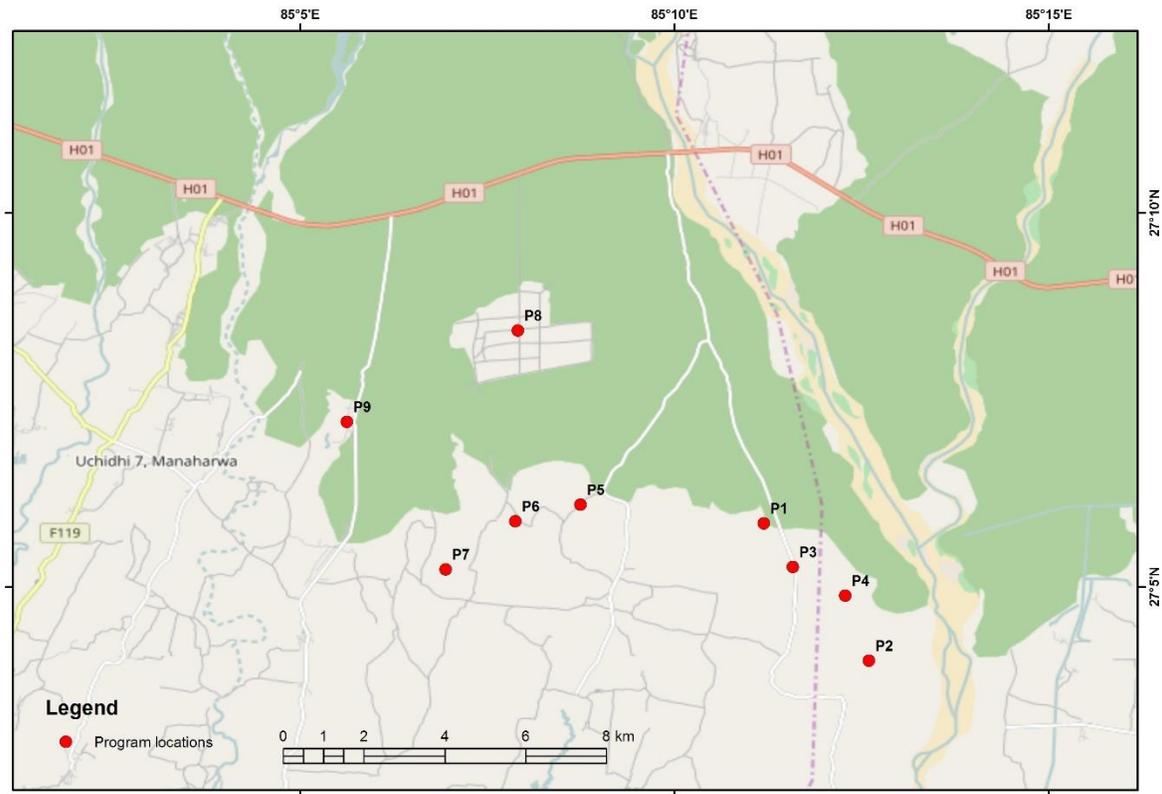


A training session on Human Elephant Co-existence at Hanumangunj in Kolvi, Bara.

The training covered different aspects of elephant conservation, elephant behaviour and ecology, causes of conflict, avoiding conflict with elephants and Nepal Government's relief mechanism. Following table gives details of the training events.

SN	Location	Number of Participants
1	Kolvi -4, Bhaluwaikhor, Bara	46
2	Laxmania -9. Batuwa Rangi, Rautahat	44
3	Kolvi - 4, Hanumangunj, Bara	58
4	Laxmania -9, Bhaisahi, Rautahat	46
5	Kolvi-5, Juguwa Nayabasti, Bara	64
6	Kolvi -7, Kakadi, Bara	81
7	Kolvi-8, Baluwa, Bara	51
8	Gadhimai -16, Tangya basti	70
9	Karahiya-8, Kanthghat	42
	Total	488

Following map shows the locations of nine events (P1 to P9).



Map showing the HECx training locations (P1 to P6).

- **Brochure, poster and radio programme**

Previously produced brochure about human-elephant coexistence in local Nepali language was reprinted (2000 copies) with some modifications. These brochures were widely distributed in the project area during and after the coexistence training events. Similarly a new poster was developed and printed (1500 copies) which was also used as a training material during the training sessions. These posters were also distributed widely in the conflict affected areas of Bara and Rautahat. The poster and brochures are also available from the blog of the team leader (<http://jungalihatti.blogspot.com/>) to all concerned.



Participants holding poster after the training sessions.

A local radio station 'Radio Samgam FM' in Kolvi, Bara has been contracted to start radio-based early warning and awareness on human-elephant coexistence. This FM has started broadcasting the radio message from early November. The radio message has been broadcasted three to five times a day. During the training sessions, locals were also requested to provide information about the elephant movement in their area to the selected FM. With such information, people can take precautions when elephant is around and human casualties can be greatly reduced.