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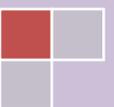


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A collaborative approach for involving the local people and the relevant authorities is always been sought during project implementation. Project activities are being implemented jointly with Nepal Paravet and Livestock Association in each districts and representative from District Livestock Service Office are invited in the project activities. Journalists, especially those working in the environment conservation sector are also invited in the programs. The project is going smoothly following the planned schedule. The following activities have been organized in Sarlahi, Mahottari, Dhanusha, Siraha, Saptari, Sunsari, Morang and Jhapa districts in order to achieve the project objectives.

Activity 1: Printing of T-shirts and production of posters

One hundred t-shirts putting the message of stopping use of diclofenac as well as other toxic drugs for conservation of vultures were printed during November 2017 and were distributed to the relevant stakeholders during project execution.



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Activity 2: Workshop on vulture conservation

A first workshop of the project with representatives of veterinary practitioners, veterinary pharmacy owners and District Livestock Service Office was organized at Inaruwa, Sunsari on 1 December 2016. This workshop was organized by Nepal Para

Veterinary and Livestock Association district chapter Sunsari. Office chief, Veterinary Officers and Technicians from District Livestock Service Office Sunsari, members from Nepal Para Veterinary and Livestock Association district chapter Sunsari, veterinary practitioners as well as veterinary pharmacy owners in Sunsari district and media persons from newspapers and radio were present in the workshop. Overall status of vultures in Nepal, their major threats and ways to overcome the threats especially on how to stop the illegal use of toxic NSAIDs including diclofenac in veterinary use in eastern Nepal was discussed in the workshop. Besides this the participants were divided into four groups to discuss in more detail on how this project could be implemented in more effective way in eastern Nepal and each groups presented the summary of their discussion in the workshop. In summary, the workshop



made aware to the participants on status of vultures in Nepal, their threats and urgent need to stop causal factors of their threats. In addition to this, the workshop provided suggestions to collaborate with veterinary practitioners and institutions they are associated and provide them trainings about the causes of vulture decline and role of veterinary practitioners in vulture conservation.

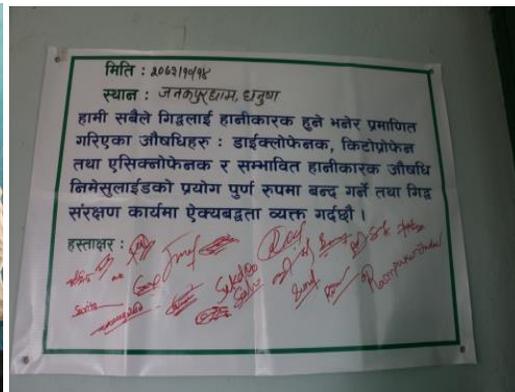
Activity 3: Trainings to veterinary practitioners

Trainings to veterinary practitioners were carried out in eight project districts namely: Sarlahi, Mahottari, Dhanusha, Siraha, Saptari, Sunsari, Morang and Jhapa during January and April 2017. The trainings were implemented in collaboration with Nepal Paravet and Livestock Association in each district. Representative from District Livestock Service Office and journalists were also invited in the training programs. The trainings were focused to provide the knowledge on history and cause of vulture decline, nephrotoxicity of diclofenac and other toxic drugs on vultures, urgent need of stopping use of toxic drugs and the important role of veterinary practitioners in stopping the use of vulture toxic drugs. In addition to these, pledges to stop using diclofenac and vulture toxic drugs were also collected from the participating veterinary practitioners. Questionnaire survey was done with the participants before the training as well as after the training to assess the change in their knowledge and perception brought by trainings. Posters were also distributed to the participants in these trainings. Altogether 165 participants participated in all these eight trainings. The list of dates, venue and number of participants in each of the training is provided in the following table:

S. No.	Date	Venue and district	Collaboration	No. of participants
1	26 January 2017	Service Centre of District Livestock Service Office, Ramgopalpur, Mahottari	Nepal Para- veterinary and Livestock Association, Mahottari district	21
2	27 January 2017	Pasture and Fodder Seed Multiplication Farm, Janakpurdham, Dhanusha	Nepal Para- veterinary and Livestock Association, Dhanusha district	26
3	29 January 2017	Charan Farm Lalbandhi, Sarlahi	Nepal Para- veterinary and Livestock Association, Sarlahi district	27
4	13 April 2017	District Livestock Service Office, Golbazaar, Siraha	Nepal Para- veterinary and Livestock Association,	18

			Siraha district	
5	16 April 2017	District Livestock Service Office, Rajbiraj, Saptari	Nepal Para- veterinary and Livestock Association, Saptari district	20
6	17 April 2017	Village Development Committee building Basantapur, Sunsari	Nepal Para- veterinary and Livestock Association, Sunsari district	19
7	18 April 2017	Regional Veterinary Laboratory (RVL), Biratnagar, Morang	Nepal Para- veterinary and Livestock Association, Morang district	16
8	23 April 2017	Shree Madan Aashrit Memorial Multiple Campus, Kerakha, Jhapa,	Nepal Para- veterinary and Livestock Association, Jhapa district	16
	Total no. participants			165





Activity 4: Awareness programme to school students and local youths

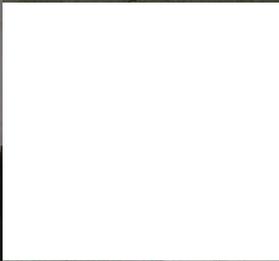
Awareness programs to school students and local youths were also conducted in project area during January and April 2017. The trainings were focused to provide the knowledge on history and cause of vulture decline, need of conserving vultures to keep our environment clean, need of stopping illegal use of the toxic drugs in veterinary practice and role of students and local youths in vulture conservation. The assumptions of these awareness program is that there is a need for education to school students and local youths so that they will spread the lessons they learn about vulture conservation in their localities which will help in the minimizing the use of vulture toxic drugs in project area. Posters were also distributed to the participants in these trainings. Altogether 417 participants participated in all these ten awareness campaigns. The list of dates, venue and number of participants in each of the awareness program is provided below.

S. No.	Date	Name of youth club	Venue	No .of participants
1	28 January 2017	Shree Jamkabhet Youth Club	lalgadh, Dhanusha	13
4	14 April 2017	Aadarsha Youth Club	Budhashanti, Budhabare, Jhapa	14
	Total no. participants			27

S. No.	Date	Name of School	Venue	No .of participants
1	26 January 2017	Shree Mahendra Higher Secondary School	Ramgopalpur, Mahottari	79
2	27 January 2017	Janaki Secondary English Boarding School	Janaki chawki-11, Janakpurdham, Dhanusha	54
3	20 April 2017	Bhanu Memorial English Boarding School	Biratnagar, Morang	36
4	24 April 2017	Himalayan Secondary School	Damak-2, Jhapa	42
5	24 April 2017	Siddhartha Boarding Higher Secondary School	Belauri, Damak, Jhapa	40
6	26 April 2017	Adharbhut Higher	Maleth, Rajbiraj,	38

		Secondary School	Saptari	
7	26 April 2017	Laligurans Secondary English Boarding School	Maleth, Rajbiraj, Saptari	36
8	28 April 2017	Inaruwa English Boarding School	Inaruwa, Sunsari	65
	Total no. participants			390





Activity 5: Radio Program

Radio programme is being aired in collaboration with a radio station named Popular FM 99.5 MHZ which is based in Inaruwa, Sunsari and has coverage in most of the project districts. One episode of about fifteen minutes every Saturday at 8:00 am is being run since January 2017 and it will run till June 2017. Key information on cause of vulture decline, stopping vulture toxic drugs and information on roles of stakeholders on vulture conservation conserving vultures in both the language Nepali and Maithali is being aired through this radio programme (Maithali is the local language here). In addition to this interviews with local key stakeholders for vulture conservation are also broadcasted through this programme.

Activity 6: Surveys of threats other than toxic NSAIDs to vultures

A questionnaire was developed to assess threats to small remaining populations of critically endangered vultures and administered with veterinary practitioners and local communities in the project area during April 2017. Altogether 168 people were interviewed and data on this is being analysed.