

## Project Update: October 2017

The whole team collected summer fuelwood consumption data on the Rudranath and Tungnath routes through June and July 2017. Quantitative data were collected using the weighted survey methodology. However, some individuals were not comfortable participating in the quantitative assessment of firewood consumption, but were willing to answer the questionnaires. Data collection on the Rudranath route began in early June and continued till mid-July 2017, with 4-5 days being spent at each lodge. The Tungnath route took less time, as the lodges were packed at smaller distances and all of them had access to LPG cylinders, seconded by firewood. Surveys were conducted in three villages using qualitative questionnaires, including one remote high-altitude village of Dumak. The firewood stoves in Tungnath were noted to be of better design in comparison to the ones found in surrounding villages and the Rudranath route.



Prashant (left) and Bhavuk (right) weighing the leftover firewood at a lodge on the Rudranath route.

The extra travel in tough weather conditions was quite taxing on the team, but yielded unexpected and important data. Team members will be returning soon to collect winter consumption data for the same localities in the coming months.



Parul and Gaurav collecting qualitative data at the high-altitude village of Dumak.



The complete team rendezvoused at Laviti meadow with Kishan Singh Bisht towards the end of the summer data collection period.