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A total of 72 field spots (Figure 2: B & D) were covered to collect data and determining the distribution of bees and wasps and habitat use based on the altitudinal ranges, forest structures, agro-ecological zone and topographical aspects across three administrative jurisdictions of Haa, Paro and Thimphu Districts.

We have made some presentations in the primary schools with the main objective of creating awareness on conservation of these insects to the children and teachers (Figure: 1). The village dwellers, local leaders and selected officials were also invited for the same. For that, we focused on key species of native bees and wasps and some well-known species to them (Example Figure 2: A & C).



Figure 1: Doing presentation to the students





Top left: Colonies of rock bees (a). Top right: Data collection point (b). Bottom left: Bee feeding on sunflower (c). Bottom right: View of part of the study area (d).