

## Project Update: October 2017

According to the programmed schedule on proposal, we did different interaction with community groups, community forest user group, buffer zone communities, and concerned stakeholders like DFO, warden of Parsa National Park in August/September 2017. The interaction programme is going on and this will continue till the end of project.

Questionnaire surveys were started from October 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 and are running now in Bara and Parsa district. I hired two assistants in my field - Mr. Rajeev Acharya (B.Sc. student, from Makwanpur Multiple Collage) and Mr. Bhagwan Adhikari (Diploma Ag. student from Janapriye Technical Collage). Some other local assistants have hired on the basis of difficulty.

We did a total of 300 questionnaire surveys in Makwanpur district. Western part of Parsa National Park in Makwanpur district was found very prone to human-wildlife conflict. Many incidences of human casualty, livestock and crop depredation and property damage were recorded. In some area, retaliatory killings were also found however most people did not respond well while asking about animal killings. Some people were found rearing shikari dog for killing wildlife. According to Mr. Yadav Kumar Shahi, Game scout of Parsa National park, eight spotted deer were killed by dog in Dillipur village in May 2017. Elephant and wild boar are the most conflict creating wildlife. Local people are not well aware about policy provisions of wildlife damage relief support.



Left: Interviewing with local people on human-wildlife conflict. Right: Mr. Nar Bahadur Thing, 65 years old from Pratappur village, showing his house destroyed by elephant last year. He is living in tent now.



Left: Police observing the Spotted Deer killed by Shikari dog. (Photo provided by Yadav Kumar Shahi, Game scout). Right: Goat killed by Tiger in Lamitar Village. (Photo provided by Yadav Kumar Shahi, Game scout).



Left: Observing the maize farmland damaged by Wild Bore. Right: Community interaction about the Human-Wildlife conflict in Tharu village.