

## Project Update: January 2019

### Follow-up programmes and Save The Snakes visit to Nepal

Save The Snakes team members visited our study site Rupandehi on November 2018. Mr. Michael G. Starkey, the Co-Founder, Executive Director and President of the Board of Directors for Save The Snakes led the team to visit Nepal focusing on our study site, Rupandehi. Along with him, the Vice President of Save The Snakes Choti Singh and team members Dr. David Wojnowski and Maaike Starkey were also came to Nepal to observe our conservation work and to meet our team for future collaboration. Save The Snakes has also supported our recent project "Save Snakes Save Nature" campaign in five schools to minimise human-snake conflict in Rupandehi funded by The Rufford Foundation.

### Save The Snakes visit to Sagarhawa, Makrahar, Rupandehi

Shree Sangam Sahara Yuwa Club Rupandehi and Nepal Toxinology Association (NTA) has organised an interaction programme at Sagarhawa, Rupandehi which is one of our Snake Information Centres. More than 80 individuals were present at this programme including local leaders, youth club members, teachers, students, farmers etc. Team leader Mr. Kamal Devkota has given the presentation on snakes, snakebites and snake conservation. Mr. Michael G. Starkey, President of the Board of Directors for Save The Snakes and his team also shared their knowledge on snake conservation.



Team Leader Mr. Kamal Devkota introducing Save The Snakes team members



Conservation Biologist Mr. Kamal Devkota giving the presentation on snakes, snakebites and snake conservation.



Mr. Kamal Devkota demonstrating first-aid methods after snakebite



Shree Sangam Sahara Yuwa Club Rupandehi members distributing our educational materials



Mr. Kamal Devkota and Mr. Michael G. Starkey sharing their knowledge to the local people



Local youth leaders showing our "Save Snakes Save Nature" poster



Group photo after the completion of the Interaction Program

### Save The Snakes visit to Shankarnagar Banbihar and Research Centre

Save The Snakes team has also visited Shnakarnagar Banbihar and Research Centre which is also one of our Snake Information Centres in Rupandehi. We were able to rescue and release the deadly venomous Russell's viper during the visit. The secretary of Shnakarnagar Banbihar and Research Centre, Mr. Khimlal Pandey helped in this work.



Mr. Kamal Devkota, Mr. Michael G. Starkey and Mr. Khimlal Lal Pandey rescuing the deadly venomous Russell's viper and releasing to its natural habitat. The rescue and releasing process were done scientifically by applying scientific equipment and safety measures without any harm to snake and human.



Released Russell's viper going to its natural habitat



Team Leader Mr. Kamal Devkota interviewing Mr. Michael G. Starkey, President of the Board of Directors from Save The Snakes at Khasyauli F.M., Rupandehi.



Michael G. Starkey, the Co-Founder, Executive Director and President of the Board of Directors for Save The Snakes in front of our "Save Snakes Save Nature" hoarding board at Shankarnagar Banbihar and Research Centre.

### **Save The Snakes visit to Kawasoti, Nawalpur**

Nepal Red Cross Society Nawalparasi has organised "Snake, Snakebite and Snake Conservation Education and Awareness Campaign" in collaboration with Nepal Toxinology Association (NTA) and Kaligandaki Health Foundation at Kawasoti, Nawalpur. More than 50 individuals were present in this programme including local leaders, health personnel, teachers, students, farmers etc. Conservation biologist Mr. Kamal Devkota introduced The Rufford Foundation who have funded to run the project "Save Snakes Save Nature" in Rupandehi and also given the presentation on snake conservation. Mr. Michael G. Starkey, President of the Board of Directors for Save The Snakes and his team also presented their knowledge about snake conservation. We have distributed our educational materials to the participants.

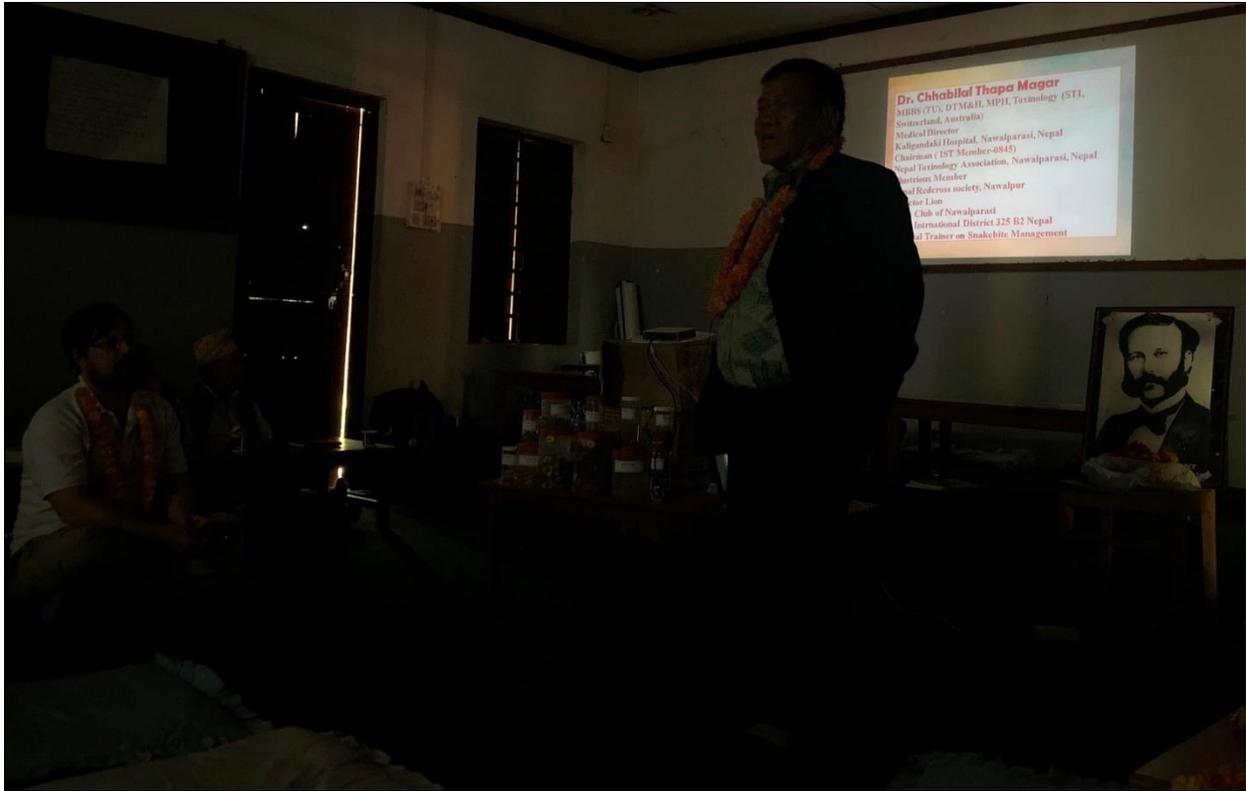


Mr. Kamal Devkota sharing his knowledge to the participants



Mr. Kamal Devkota presenting the identification process of venomous and non-venomous snakes to the participants





Dr. Chhabil Thapa presented his knowledge about Snakebite Management in Nepal



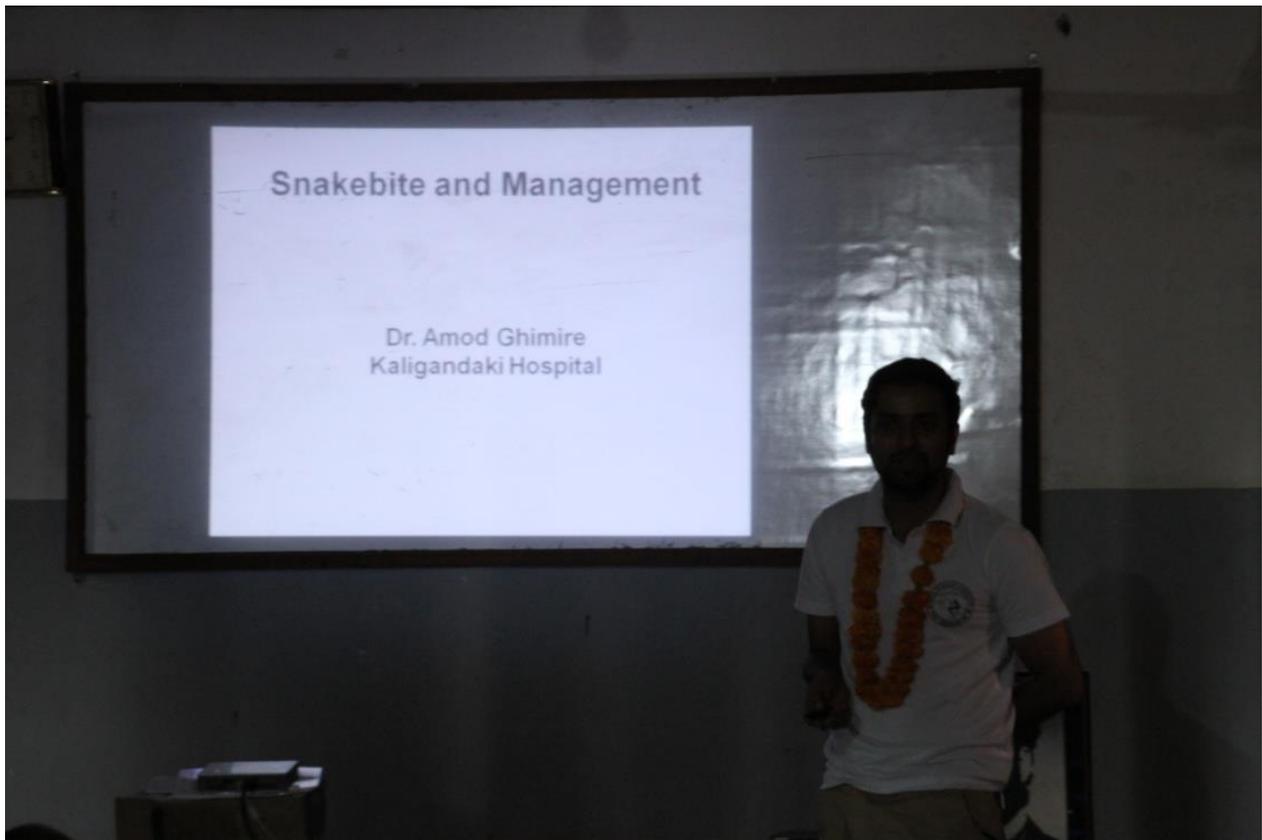
Mr. Michael G. Starkey, the Co-Founder, Executive Director and President of the Board of Directors for Save The Snakes giving his presentation to the local people in Kawasoti, Nawalpur.



Mrs. Choti Singh, the Vice President of the Board of Directors for Save The Snakes giving her presentation to the local people in Kawasoti, Nawalpur.



Dr. David Wojnowski from Save The Snakes giving his presentation to local people at Kawasoti, Nawalpur



Dr. Amod Ghimire from Kaligandaki Hospital giving presentation on Snakebite and Management.



Mr. Kamal Devkota showing and explaining about museum specimen of snakes



Group photo after the completion of the program



Team Leader Mr. Kamal Devkota and Team Save The Snakes interviewed by Devchuli Television, Kawasoti, Nawalpur

**Save The Snakes visit to Nepal Toxinology Association (NTA) and Kaligandaki Hospital**  
 Save The Snakes team members has also visited Nepal Toxinology Association (NTA) and met Dr. Chhabilal Thapa, President of NTA, Dr. Gopal Khanal and Dr. Amod Ghimire from Kaligandaki Hospital and shared their knowledge about snakebite and its

management. They have also visited the snakebite patients in the hospital and have direct communications with the snakebite patients and snakebite experts in the hospital.



Save The Snakes team members with the NTA team members at Kaligandaki Hospital, Kawasoti, Nawalpur