

Project Update: May 2022

My research assistant (RA) and I have been reviewing the data collected. We largely worked on translating official documents from Marathi (the local language) to English, transcribing key informant interviews, and building a narrative of the relocation timeline and support provided to Botezari (Bhagwanpur after relocation) and Palasgaon village, our two focus villages. We are also using primary and secondary data to outline the actual relocation process and key institutions/ sectors involved, and the changes in this process since 2007.

I also spoke at the Post Graduate Mid-term conference of the Royal Geographical Society, regarding my research. This was on 27 April 2022. I was joined by my RA in this.

On 28th April 2022, I travelled with my research assistant to Chandrapur (Administrative headquarter of Tadoba) and Tadoba to meet with forest officials and key informants and plug gaps in the reviewed data through additional interviews and collecting relevant official documents.

We were in the field for 11 days. During this time:

- We conducted some key informant interviews with relevant forest officials, Zilla Parishad (the administrative body responsible for development of rural areas).
- Met with people who are members of the local-level governance bodies from Botezari (Bhgwanpur) and Rantalodhi, a village currently inside Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, but the process of their relocation is ongoing.
- We also had one interview with a key informant present during the Bhagwanpur relocation.