

The Rufford Small Grants Foundation

Final Report

Congratulations on the completion of your project that was supported by The Rufford Small Grants Foundation.

We ask all grant recipients to complete a Final Report Form that helps us to gauge the success of our grant giving. The Final Report must be sent in word format and not PDF format or any other format. We understand that projects often do not follow the predicted course but knowledge of your experiences is valuable to us and others who may be undertaking similar work. Please be as honest as you can in answering the questions – remember that negative experiences are just as valuable as positive ones if they help others to learn from them.

Please complete the form in English and be as clear and concise as you can. Please note that the information may be edited for clarity. We will ask for further information if required. If you have any other materials produced by the project, particularly a few relevant photographs, please send these to us separately.

Please submit your final report to jane@rufford.org.

Thank you for your help.

Josh Cole, Grants Director

Grant Recipient Details	
Your name	Janak Giri
Project title	Sustainable Elephant Habitat Management and Conflict Mitigation in Sunsari Region of Eastern Nepal.
RSG reference	9602-2
Reporting period	December, 2011-February 2013
Amount of grant	£5983
Your email address	prdcnepal@gmail.com
Date of this report	15 February, 2013

1. Please indicate the level of achievement of the project's original objectives and include any relevant comments on factors affecting this.

Objective	Not achieved	Partially achieved	Fully achieved	Comments
Implement Land-use planning Policies within Community Forestry Users' Group		Partially achieved		The project encouraged the farmer to use alternative land and creating buffer zones and control fragmentation of habitat that has helped to escalation of HEC
Ecological restoration of elephant corridors with natural habitat			Fully	The project try to establish protected elephant corridor that has been playing a crucial role in maintaining elephant habitats and their interconnections.
Elephant Friendly Products			Fully	Several kinds of elephant friendly products were planted around the elephant habitat
Compensation/insurance to HEC victim		Partially		Community-based compensation and insurance systems was applied
Reward for Habitat Conservation Services			Fully	After the project, the local people have started the financial and technical rewards system to the best one habitat conservation service
Field based solutions of habitat conservation and HEC		Partially		People have been encouraged to solve the HEC problem in case by case in the field.
Encouraging to Construct Protective Stone Wall around Agriculture Land		Partially		It has started by the people but not completed.
Developing awareness on Chilli Cultivation and Chilli Dung-brick Production			Fully	They have been applied this practice in the agriculture field that has controlled the elephant encounter in the agro filed and double the farers' income also.
Promotion of Village Manage Information Centre		Partially		It has been managed partially and trying to complete fully.
Establish the Networking with other Institution		Partially		It is being try to establish networking.

2. Please explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled (if relevant).

Several unforeseen difficulties arose during the project period as:

- As the First RSG project, the youth cadres of political parties tried to disturb the project. Because of their disturbance, the project was not completed on time.
- The cost of construction materials raised unexpectedly thus the project would not be completed on determined time.
- It was difficult to make participation of farmers in the farming season. Likewise women were less participate the project.

3. Briefly describe the three most important outcomes of your project

- Several kinds of elephant friendly products were planted around the elephant habitat
- Ecological restoration of elephant corridors with natural habitat
- Developing awareness on Chilli Cultivation and Chilli Dung-brick Production

4. Briefly describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefitted from the project (if relevant).

The local communities involved intensively that was appreciated their active participation. At the same time, it was less satisfactory participation of farmers in the farming season but women participation is more enthusiastic as compare to first RSG project. On the other hand the involvement of political parties was not bad. The local institutions, teachers, students, governments agencies involved and cooperated the project implementation directly and indirectly that's why we succeed to get more than 90 per cent achievement as our previous planning.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes. We are searching fund to continue it.

6. How do you plan to share the results of your work with others?

By email, updating website, publishing booklet, sharing result by seminar, workshop etc.

7. Timescale: Over what period was the RSG used? How does this compare to the anticipated or actual length of the project?

The projection plan of the project was to implement from September 2011 and ends to August 2012. But because of unforeseen difficulties, we were unable to implement the project as our timeline. Thus, the project was used the period from November 2011 to February 2013.

8. Budget: Please provide a breakdown of budgeted versus actual expenditure and the reasons for any differences. All figures should be in £ sterling, indicating the local exchange rate used.

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
Implement Land-use planning Policies within Community Forestry Users' Group	500	600	-100	
Ecological restoration of elephant corridors with natural habitat	300	350	-50	

Elephant Friendly Products	300	350	-50	
Compensation/insurance to HEC victim	300	340	-40	
Reward for Habitat Conservation Services	300	360	-60	
Field based solutions of habitat conservation and HEC	200	300	-100	
Encouraging to Construct Protective Stone Wall around Agriculture Land	700	700	0	
Developing awareness on Chilli Cultivation and Chilli Dung-brick Production	500	400	+100	
Promotion of Village Manage Information Centre	500	550	-50	
Establish the Networking with other Institution	400	400	0	
Electrical Fencing	400	500	-100	
Continuing Income generating activities	600	650	-50	
Monitoring, Evaluation, reporting and information dissemination	483	500	-17	
Administrative	500	550	-50	
Total	5983	6550	-567	

The over expense was beard by local people as their kind contribution.

9. Looking ahead, what do you feel are the important next steps?

The project must be more specific and limited to certain short term and long term objects. Thus, I feel the next project should be more specific and action oriented.

10. Did you use the RSGF logo in any materials produced in relation to this project? Did the RSGF receive any publicity during the course of your work?

Yes.