

Water Harvesting and Conservation in Villages of Henva Valley - 2

Mid-Term Update
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The Corona Virus Pandemic put a pause in all our lives, sending a huge wave of migrant workers back to their villages. This created unforeseen levels of unemployment in rural communities such as the one we attempted to aid. The Wild Geese Foundation as well as Himalaya Resources helped UJS establish a 'water harvesting and conservation project' in the villages that surround the Henva River Valley. Such a project came at a crucial moment and we were able to help the mountain communities near us during this lockdown.

This project addressed the situation of unemployment in the nearby rural areas in a rather meaningful manner as it made the villagers themselves take up the subjects of water and ecology conservation. Village youth, students, migrant workers and women came together to discuss, plan and implement this project. All of this was achieved in a most successful manner, ultimately going beyond simply this project and creating hope and positive energy much needed in these difficult times.



During our discussions with the communities around, we found that they are very keen to continue this project as well as take up more initiatives along these lines.

Plantation for spring recharge in 4 Hectares:



Broad leaf species, known for its water conserving properties, was planted with the help of village communities of Than, Khankar, Adwani, Bhandargaon, Bidon, and Tipli.

Oak saplings, Reetha, bushes and shrubs like Kujju, Sinsyali sevanli etc. were planted. More than five thousand saplings were planted during the monsoon plantation season to revive the different water sheds in the six villages mentioned above. Most of the work was done by local women and the migrant workers who had returned home to their villages due to the recent pandemic.

Bhandargaon Village

Tipli Village





Bhandargaon Village





Thaan Village



Construction of 10 Small Ponds:

Ten ponds or percolation tanks were constructed in Than, Khankar, Adwani, Bhandargaon and Bidon villages of the Henva Valley catchment area. Here again women and unemployed youth were given an opportunity to work for the water and ecology conservation aims of this project.



Adwani Village





Khankar Village



10 Roof Water Harvesting Ferro Cement Tanks:

With the received help, we had intended to build 10 roof water harvesting tanks in the following villages: Chidiyali, Aampata, and Kafolgaon. The initial work behind the construction of these tanks is complete and we are working towards the creation of the roof water harvesting structures. By the end of December, we hope to be ready to welcome the rains into them. Attached below are the details of the beneficiaries:

Sl. No.	Name of Beneficiary	Name of Village
	Rakesh Singh	Chidiyali
	Jaypal Singh	Chidiyali
	Puran Singh	Chidiyali
	Dharm Singh	Chidiyalil
	Virendra Singh	Chidiyali
	Ramesh	Chidiyali
	Ramanand Kukreti	Kafol Goun
	Sushila Devi	Kafol Goun
	Seeta Devi	Aaampata
	Makan Singh	Chidiyali



Chiriyali
Village

