Barahi Jungle Lodge, Chitwan, Nepal
Using a Percentage of its Turnover for Community Projects

Barahi Jungle Lodge utilises 1.5% of its annual turnover for corporate social responsibility projects to benefit its local communities. Projects have included support for its local school where the lodge has constructed a water tank, a second school building for classes and contributed sports items and stationery. Lodge staff also support the school through teaching lessons on health, sanitation and the importance of education, wildlife conservation and how to mitigate human wildlife conflict.

Support for health includes a blood donation camp organised every six months. More than 1,000 pints of blood have been collected to date with technical support from Nepal Red Cross Society. The lodge has donated five wheelchairs to physically challenged children. Most recently it has distributed 1,000 packs of face masks, hand sanitiser and hand soap for local people in surrounding villages to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The lodge has supplied 70 water pumps to nine villages falling under the Meghauli Village Development Committee. An office for the community’s forest has also been built with the lodge’s contribution of one million Nepalese rupees. Machans (watch towers) have been built in Madi village with the lodge’s support and blankets distributed to the local community. Guests are encouraged to support local projects and have helped to provide school bags, notebooks, uniform and dental kits. Sewing machines and 65 bicycles have also been provided with guest support.