

Singinawa Conservation Foundation, Kanha Providing Multi-Faceted Support for Local Communities

Singinawa Conservation Foundation, established by Singinawa Jungle Lodge, is providing a raft of support for local people alongside its work raising awareness about the natural habitat and the cultural wealth of Kanha's indigenous communities.

Schools and Education



Multi-level support for local Bhoor Singh School from stationery to musical instrument and a school bus.

Items such as school bags, lunch boxes, uniforms, stationery, books and water bottles are supplied to the local Bhoor Singh School and other government schools.

Musical instruments, furniture, water purifiers, solar panels and funds for renovating Bhoor Singh School have also been supplied. A bus donated by the Foundation to the Bhoor Singh School has helped to boost attendance and ensure safe travel.



Schools visit hosted by lodge naturalists.

The lodge hosts visits by local students of the Kohka Village School. Naturalists engage with the children on biodiversity and conservation issues and take classes in local schools. The Foundation's coordinator, Ms Ashu Sharma, regularly interacts with children in government schools on health and hygiene issues.

The Foundation is supporting nature awareness camps held for differently abled children organised by the Forest Department covering the cost of travel and stay.



Support for school rainwater harvesting.

A self-sufficient rainwater harvesting system for the Prathamik Shala, Awarghani primary School in Pench has been set up with the Foundation's support in partnership with Earth Brigade Foundation and Nature Safari India. The system will recharge the borewell and help to secure the school's water supply.



Supporting nature awareness for differently abled children.

Clean Water, Renewable Energy and IT for Local Communities

Eighteen households in Baiga Tola village have been provided with water purifiers, the first in a series of initiatives planned to provide local people with access to clean water.



Provision of water purifiers to the local community.



Solar lamps donated to villagers.

Fifty solar lamps donated annually by the Foundation are helping to improve the living conditions of local village residents.

The Kohka village Panchayat office has benefitted from the gift of a computer, printer and a power inverter set-up.



IT support to village panchayat.

Health and Well-being

More than 500 people in Kanha and Bankiguna have benefitted from an eye care camp in partnership with the Johari Medical & Research Foundation with transport and additional funding provided for further treatment needed. Health check-up camps are held every two years and medicines provided to the government dispensary in Mukki.



Eye care camp.

Warm clothing has been donated to approximately 500 children.

The Foundation is providing continuing support for a Snakebite Awareness programme and supplies the Anjali Health Centre at Pithora district in Chattisgarh with anti-venom vials, support initiated in 2016.



Snake awareness campaign.

Women's Empowerment

A 'Ladies Personal Hygiene Awareness Camp' for female naturalist-guides and other forest staff was run in 2019 and free 100% reusable and biodegradable cotton sanitary pads distributed, part of the Foundation's support for women's empowerment.

The female team for a canteen set up by the Forest Department was trained by the lodge's kitchen staff. A pizza oven for the canteen was donated by the Foundation.



Ladies Personal Hygiene Awareness camp.



Cooking training for local women and donation of a pizza oven for a canteen.



Support for the Forest Department and Local Guides



Solar power for forest guards.

The anti-poaching camps at Bhaisan Ghat and Sukhadi have each been given a 1KW solar unit by the Foundation to improve living conditions. The Foundation has distributed 800 pairs of woollen socks and gloves to forest department personnel.



Giving warm clothing for forest guards.