

# 25,000 Trees for Elephants with pond creation, East Singhbhum, Jharkhand

**Need of the Project:** The key objective of this project is to enhance the wildlife habitat around the elephant corridor in East Singhbhum district, Jharkhand and improve the livelihood tribal community in this region. The forests in Singhbhum district, Jharkhand show a strong need to improve habitat of elephants due to several deforestation activities, that endangers the tribal communities with man-animal conflict and the habitat for wildlife, especially elephants. To rejuvenate artificial water ponds for the rural communities to ensure the availability of water in the winter and summer months. These ponds will create additional livelihood opportunities such as additional employment, fisheries, duck farming, water for livestock, and agriculture.



## Project Activities:

- Training and Sensitization of rural communities
- Land Preparation
- Nursery Development
- Saplings transportation to plantation site
- Sapling Plantation
- Pond recreation



**Name:** Arti Singh

**Age:** 21 years

**Resident of** Patamda Village

“We have benefitted well from the plantation, as it employed both men and women alike. These trees upon maturing can be procured by us. The initiative allowed us workdays, which helped us earn money and feed our families. Trees like Mango and Lemon will be used by the families of the village. Trees like Teak can provide us with barks and twigs for fuel. We face lesser challenges now, as compared to earlier”

## Project Impacts:

- Create employment for the rural communities by involving them in the tree plantation process.
- Achieve carbon sequestration upon maturity of the trees.
- Plantation will enhance the soil nutrients.
- Improve the water retaining capacity of the soil.
- The constructed water pond has a capacity of approximately 375,000 litres of water. It supports nearly 1,143 beneficiaries.

- The plantation of 25,000 trees created more than ~ 2000 workdays for the labourers benefitting a total of ~434 individuals.