

VFAES' Strategic Plan

- 1) Build broad public awareness through film, education, nature immersion, and multi-media campaigns, to foster thoughtful shifts in ethical and cultural attitudes
- 2) Provide basic necessities, starting with flashlights, to people living on the forest fringes in order to help mitigate human-elephant conflict
- 3) Install elephant friendly fencing in villages to prevent electrocution deaths of elephants
- 4) Install large road signage to prevent elephant deaths as they cross major highways to reach the adjacent forest patches
- 5) Purchase a one-acre plot of land to create a permanent nursery and grow elephant friendly saplings, which will then be transplanted in forests
- 6) Collaborate with Forest Departments to create corridors, and promote biodiversity, so elephants have enough land to sustain themselves
- 7) Gentle Giant Summit Project helps foster collaboration and communication between various governmental agencies to build consensus and work together in protecting wild elephants, while enhancing the living conditions of captive elephants
- 8) Conduct town-hall meetings with communities near the forest fringes to build awareness of the rescue program and engage them as partners in mitigating human/elephant conflict
- 9) Project Asian Elephants 101, a 7-day nature immersion program for the youth has been launched to help the younger generation reconnect with the natural world

In order to implement the aforementioned objectives, we have fostered strategic partnerships with grassroots organizations on the ground:

1. In West Bengal we've partnered with Nature Mates India
2. In Odisha we've partnered with Wildlife Protection Society of India
3. In Kerala we are working directly with the state government

VFAES also has fostered partnership with the local media to shed light on the pathetic plight of elephants in the three aforementioned states. We are currently working on developing corporate partnership and hire people on the ground to implement some of our projects