

LIVELIHOOD STRATEGY

Critical Issues

- Desiltation of agricultural lands and restoration of top soil
- Restoration of damaged irrigation canals
- Ensuring food security based on a local food basket (Crop and vegetable loss)
- Compensation for livestock loss and timely immunization of livestock
- Ensuring availability of fodder for winter
- Alternative livelihood options such as handicrafts (raw materials and marketing support could be taken up by NGO's)

Recommendations to the Government

- Urgent need to reclaim land and repair irrigation canals using machineries, and tools
- Defence Institute of High Altitude Research and Skurach Regional Agriculture Research Institution could undertake top soil restoration during desilting work and other soil fertility improvement measures
- Appropriate compensation for crop loss and livestock loss
- Building of green houses for vegetable cultivation in collaboration with NGO's
- Ensuring fresh vegetables in winter in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence
- New land allotment for completely damaged fields could be considered after in-depth assessments
- Guarantee of food stocks and supply during winter according to local food basket (Ladakh Winter Food Basket as compiled by LEDEG may be considered)
- District Rural Development Agency could carry out damage assessments in the Watersheds
- Distribution of animal fodder by the Government (Availability in Chushot area)
- Vet Department should review the livestock weakening
- Handloom exhibition in 2011 for marketing the handicrafts

NGO's possible interventions and sites (intentions)

Sl.No	Name of the NGO	Sites / Villages covered	Proposed Interventions/ strategies	Other Issues / comments	Contact Details
1.	Centre for Environment Education (CEE-H imalayas)	Phyang, Taru, Umla, Shey, Sabu, Igu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supply of pumps for water lifting ▪ Livestock intervention ▪ Poly houses/ shops ▪ Desilting & support to standing crops, restoration of irrigation canals 	Long term intervention Alternative livelihoods	Abdresh Gangwal, 9415104125, abdreshgangwar@ceeindia.org
2.	Pragya	<i>To be decided</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building food storage facilities ▪ Restoration of irrigation canals 	Long term intervention into rejuvenation of agricultural lands	Nimisha research@pragya.org
3.	Snow Leopard Conservancy	Saspoche Sham Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Livestock protection and immunization ▪ Development of home stay tourism in remote villages 	Long term intervention into livestock immunization in Sham Valley	Radhika Kothari 9906977479 radhikarvk@gmail.com