

Education Helps to Save Wild Tigers



Children in Bandhavgarh with Tigers4Ever Education Packs

Tigers4Ever helps children living with wild tigers in India to go to school.

Why:

- 690,536 people live with wild tigers around Bandhavgarh. Of these 111,000 are aged under 7 years.
- Adult Literacy rates are at 65%
- Children without basic literacy skills have limited employment prospects.
- The cost of basic books/writing materials to send a child to school exceeds the cost of 3 days food for a family of 8!
- Poor rural communities have a high dependency on livestock/agriculture leading to tiger habitat destruction because of the need for more land/firewood. Tigers and other wildlife have nowhere else to go.
- Educated families have fewer children; resulting in reduced dependency on land/agriculture.
- Literacy skills are essential for the understanding of forest ecology; & to obtain Forest Department jobs protecting wildlife or administrative jobs.

On average it costs £4.50 (\$6.40) to provide basic books and writing materials to send 1 child to school.

If Tigers4Ever can reduce future dependency on the land by sending children living with wild tigers to school (1800 helped in 24 villages already), wild tigers will have improved future outcomes. Tigers4Ever funds 3 annual Scholarships at the Bandhavgarh School of Art.

Since 2017, Tigers4Ever has worked with Global Tiger Conservation Society (GTCS) in Bandhavgarh to provide education packs for use in “Pop-up” schools in the poorest rural communities where neither state-funded nor private schools are available. These “Pop-up” schools give children who would otherwise have little chance of gaining an education an opportunity to learn. Classes at the “Pop-up” schools ensure that the children are equipped with basic literacy and numeracy skills, but additionally ensure that the children learn about nature and the ecology of the forest where they live. Tigers4Ever is delighted to help this worthwhile project in partnership with GTCS and has pledged to donate 50% of the education packs it provides annually to ensuring that this essential learning stream can continue.



Children at a “Pop-up” school with Tigers4Ever Education Packs

Please help if you can:

<http://globalgiving.org/projects/education-saves-tigers>. Thank you.