

Seva Mandir

**Progress Report
From November 2009 to March 2010
Submitted to: MakeMyTrip.com through GiveIndia**

The background:

With the support from GiveIndia, MakeMyTrip.com has been able to partner with Seva Mandir to plant thousands of saplings in Southern Rajasthan. Make My Trip has launched the campaign of planting saplings from November 2009 by encouraging its customers to donate money for planting saplings in Rajasthan to compensate the Carbon Dioxide emissions as a result of their flying through airplanes.

The partnership between Seva Mandir and Make My Trip is a result of GiveIndia's continuous support towards the pastureland program of Seva Mandir by connecting many individual donors with Seva Mandir.

Process of plantation:

The period for planting the saplings is from July to August every year. Before the plantation drive, a complete survey and site selection is carried out. A boundary wall is built around the site selected in order to protect the saplings from grazing and other hazards. The soil and water conservation activities including digging trenches, gully plugging and building check dams are carried out before planting the saplings. The pit digging and direct seeding also takes place before the monsoon comes. During the monsoon, the saplings will be planted.

After plantation the activities like weeding –hoeing, construction of Thanwla, re-digging, re-plantation, protection etc. are completed in order to promote the survival of the saplings planted. It takes a total of three years to complete all the aforementioned actions.

The status till March 2010:

As of March 2010 the selection of site and the survey has been completed. The construction of the boundary wall and soil-water conservation activities is on going at most of the sites.

We expect the construction of boundary wall, soil-water conservation, pit digging and direct seeding would be completed by June 2010 on the sites. The table below accounts the various sites being selected for the plantation this year.

The block-wise details are as-

SN	Name of Block	Number of sites	Plantation target
1	Badgaon	10	18,000
2	Jhadol	25	1,05,000

3	Kherwara	9	34,000
4	Girwa	13	45,000
5	Kotra	15	23,000
6	Kumbhal Garh	13	15,000
	Total	85	2,40,000

July to August this year:

For the plantation season 2010 we will be planting a total of 225,000 saplings with the support received from Make My Trips. The plantation will be done on private land, pastureland, joint forest management sites, watershed development site and fruit plantation sites.

We are expecting that a total of 240,000 saplings would be planted on a total of 85 sites located in a number of villages.

We would like to extend our gratitude to GiveIndia and Make My Trip for supporting plantation of thousands of saplings in Udaipur and Rajsamand Districts of Rajasthan.

Few pictures where the plantation will be done. In Lildi the boundary wall has been built whereas in Adkalia the work is in progress for boundary wall.



Adkalia III Pastureland



Degraded View of Adkalia III Pastureland where work is in process



Series of checkdams in Lildi JFM



View of newly erected boundary wall in Lildi JFM