Addressing Snakebite: The silent killer

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NUMBER OF HUMAN DEATHS OCCUR EVERY YEAR OWING TO SNAKE BITE IN SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES **BASED ON A 10- PERCENT** MORTALITY RATE FOR **REPORTED BITES** 11,000 INDIA 6.000 BANGLADESH 1,200 PAKISTAN 800 **SRILANKA** Rational Snakebite Initiative

About 25,000 to 40,000 people are dying of snakebite In India every year...

The burden of human suffering caused by snake bites has been greatly ignored for far too long in India it remains one of the most Neglected of all tropical 'Diseases', Snakebite (Envenoming) is a particularly cruel misery inflicted on many of the most impoverished,

It is common in rural areas of tropical developing countries that mostly affect children all agricultural workers of the down trodden who lack the financial backup's & basic awareness thousands of snakebite victims die, or are permanently maimed, particularly in the tropics, mostly rural, populations throughout the world each year,

Snakebite a Neglected Tropical Disease in 21st Century- Says: - World Health Organization...Early in 2009, snake-bite was finally included in the WHO's list of Neglected tropical diseases confirming the experience in many parts of this region that snake-bite is a common occupational hazard of farmers, plantation workers and others, resulting in tens of thousands of deaths each year and many cases of chronic physical handicap...

Certainly South Asia appears to be the world's hotspot for Envenomation (snakebite) deaths



Many face an agonizing death. But unfortunately, reliable statistics data on snake Envenomation (Snakebite) are impossible. The data's we have are based on assumptions of identification of snake, what is reported by the victims. According to snakebite management in Asia & Africa produced by international medical research council in 2010,

The following number of Human deaths occurs every year owing to snake bite in south Asian countries, based on a 10percent of mortality rate for reported bites:

India-11,000:

Pakistan-1,200:

Bangladesh-6,000:

Sri Lanka - 800:

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Documents however, say over 3 -4 times higher the data of above death rate and snake bite in India. As

> 25,000 To 40,000"







Yet there is no other organized effort similar to GREEN CROSS INDIA to cope with the emergencies arising out of **Snakes**, **Wildlife Attacks & Snakebite's**,

Treatment First aid especially in Developing INDIA.

NSI's initiatives are based on a Objective & vision to Prevent Human animal conflict & Alleviate the suffering caused by snakebite the approach we need to take to achieve these objectives involve.

Establishing

programs to directly impact the problems of snakebite envenoming in specific locations around the Country and that can do this through activities which are incorporated through two major unique services...

India's First Non Profit Initiative to Address the Neglected Tropical Disease

Nonprofit Life Saving Emergency Service

Human-Wildlife Conflict Resolution & Prevention Project is further followed by National Snakebite Initiative that goes hand in hand with addressing the neglected disease (snake bite) and alleviating the suffering caused by Envenomation as its prime motto

NSI-Project Resulting at:

- 1. Snake Attack Education Prevention and control
- 2. Myth, superstitions Awareness & Species information.
- 3. Snake bite First Aid awareness promotion
- 4. Primary Treatment & Public Health promotional activities
- 5. Venoms therapy. Training, Study & Research
- 6. Snakebite & Snake safety Training
- 7. Rehabilitation of snake bite victims
- 8. Envenomation Victims Study & Survey

9. Epidemiology Study & training for Medical Professionals & Government PHC-Centers

For more details please visit http://nationalsnakebiteinitiative.webs.com/



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