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## **Rhino Rescue**

A crowd of people had gathered in a forest in India. They were watching a large rhino that was stuck in a mud pit. The rhino repeatedly tried to escape. She could not free her back legs. She was weak. She was getting tired.

Then doctors from a nearby rescue center arrived. They gave the rhino medicine. Other rescue workers dug a pathway out of the pit. Thanks to these efforts, the rhino pulled herself from the mud. She walked back into the forest.

About two thousand rhinos live in the part of India where the rescue center is located. Workers at the center help rhinos and other animals when they become trapped or hurt. Some animals live at the center for years. Others are given aid and released quickly.

The goal of the center is to help animals roam wild and free. Working toward this goal, workers do remarkable things for rhinos and other animals each and every day.