



the Jane Goodall Institute

27 YEARS OF THE JANE GOODALL INSTITUTE IN UGANDA



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***"I'm determined my great grandchildren will be able to go to Africa and find wild great apes."* – Dr. Jane Goodall**

This statement briefly presents the *raison d'être* of the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) for wildlife and habitat conservation, research and education; we exist to reverse the decline in the population of Great Apes and to preserve their habitats. Grounded in the legacy of Dr. Jane Goodall's 56 years of chimpanzee research and advocacy, JGI is committed to addressing the complex issues that threaten chimpanzees in the wild, while meeting the needs of the surrounding affected communities.

History of JGI in Uganda

Our primary interest is the conservation of the endangered chimpanzee as well as the welfare of those recovered from captivity. We work with the Uganda Wildlife Authority; Chimpanzee Sanctuary and Wildlife Conservation Trust; Uganda Wildlife Education Centre; Wildlife Clubs of Uganda; National Forestry Authority; Ministry of Education and many others in our efforts to protect the diminishing chimpanzee populations of Uganda. JGI Uganda has been a registered foreign NGO since 1996.

JGI mission, values and objectives

The Jane Goodall Institute builds on Jane Goodall's scientific work and her humanitarian vision. Our mission is to preserve Great Apes and their habitats by combining conservation

with education and promotion of sustainable livelihoods in local communities. At JGI, we work to expand non-invasive research programmes on chimpanzees and other primates.

We also aim to improve global understanding and treatment of Great Apes through research, public education and advocacy, and create a worldwide network of young people who have learned to care deeply for humanity, all animals and the environment, and who will take responsible action.

We strive to respect, nourish and protect all living things. We believe that knowledge leads to understanding, and that understanding will encourage us to take action. Every individual has the ability to make a positive difference, with a flexible and open-minded attitude to a changing world. We require integrity and compassion in all that we do and say.

JGI's work in Uganda

JGI's focal landscapes in Uganda are the tropical rain forests (chimpanzee habitat forests) located in the Albertine Rift. Our rolling program areas include: Protecting Great Apes and Other Primates by supporting sanctuaries, law enforcement efforts to reduce illegal trafficking and public education to protect endangered species in the wild.

We work towards ensuring a Healthy Habitat and balance between the ecosystem's ability to support human needs whilst sustaining the other animals who share the landscape. We restore degraded and/or depleted forest landscapes as well as vital corridors that form a network of community/private forests and national protected areas that connect communities of chimpanzees, improving genetic viability of the species across its entire range.

Critical in achieving lasting conservation outcomes, is the need to balance conservation objectives and socio-economic needs. Accordingly, we promote Sustainable Livelihoods through improved agricultural practices; establishing community-managed enterprises and microcredit programs, and

sustainable production techniques that increase incomes while protecting forests. We are piloting innovative community-based mechanisms for incentivising conservation and mitigating conflict such as a quasi-insurance scheme that is anchored on a community-based and financed mechanism to compensate for losses and/or damage from wildlife.

Our work also focuses on protecting watersheds to improve ground water recharge that feed wells and streams that are a vital lifeline for household use and agriculture. Furthermore, to ensure healthy communities and ecosystems we install centrally located sources for potable water as well as promote the installation of safer, smoke-free and more efficient wood-burning stoves.

Our Conservation Education and Roots & Shoots Programs focus on nurturing young children to become tomorrow's conservation stewards. In order to enhance this goal, we work the Ministry of Education and the National Curriculum Development Centre to integrate environmental education into the National School Curriculum; we also work with schools to impart practical eco-social skills to students including tree planting, paper recycling, waste disposal, hygiene etc. Our Peer-to-Peer program aims to keep the girl child in school through counselling, scholastic material support, and menstrual sanitary kit support to the most disadvantaged girl students in selected schools in our target landscape.

In support of all the above, we leverage cutting-edge technology to track and monitor our impact through information crowdsourcing – electronic data gathering, storage and analysis platforms are installed on hand-held devices that are placed in the hands of our on-ground stakeholders (students, teachers, community members, government officials etc.) to help them generate near real time actionable information to ensure timely decision making.

As we build on these and numerous other achievements at the Jane Goodall Institute – Uganda, we would like to take a moment to celebrate the milestones.