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TANZANIA

USAID HOPE THROUGH ACTION PROJECT

BACKGROUND

Protecting wildlife and empowering people is at the heart of the USAID Hope Through Action project. It does this by protecting endangered chimpanzee populations and their habitat, through locally led development, in the Gombe-Masito-Ugalla landscape of Western Tanzania. In collaboration with the Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania, USAID improves forest management and empowers local communities to achieve inclusive governance of natural resources and sustainable livelihoods. The project addresses threats to 2,200 chimpanzees, such as habitat loss, illegal forest encroachment activities, and human-wildlife conflict. The \$29.5 million project runs from August 2023 to August 2028 in the Kigoma and Katavi Regions. The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania, with The Jane Goodall Institute USA and Pathfinder International, implements the program.

CHALLENGE

Rapidly growing human populations in Western Tanzania are depleting natural resources and expanding unsustainable land use practices. Chimpanzees and other forest wildlife are threatened by habitat loss and fragmentation from shifting agriculture tied to expanding settlements, illegal grazing and logging.

GOALS

To protect chimpanzee forest habitat and ensure their connectivity, we empower local communities by enhancing the expertise of both district and village authorities and championing initiatives that reward conservation efforts. Our commitment includes a special focus on fostering gender equality in land ownership rights. Recognizing the dynamic nature of biodiversity challenges, the program fosters an environment of ongoing education, enabling us and the communities to continually refine and elevate stewardship of Tanzania's natural treasures.

USAID Hope Through Action focuses on climate-smart practices sensitive to gender dynamics, while bolstering the resilience of communities against climate change and other unforeseen challenges. By transforming villages into hubs of advanced, eco-friendly farming, livelihoods will improve. This holistic strategy ensures that progress in agriculture goes beyond yields - it's about nurturing a sustainable and equitable environment for all.

To raise awareness and improve access to reproductive health services and family planning resources, we enhance maternal and child health knowledge. We address gender-based violence with appropriate measures to create a healthier and supportive community for all individuals.

The program enhances youth activism and leadership by expanding the reach of JGI's Roots & Shoots clubs for primary and secondary students. It improves training in leadership, conservation, and climate change and supports a National Youth Council on climate and conservation.

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EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS (2023 - 2028)

- **2.5 million hectares** protected and under improved natural resource management, conservation, and climate risk reduction.
- Improved protection for **2** key Chimpanzee corridors.
- **450,000** people with increased family incomes via sustainable natural resource management or biodiversity conservation-related businesses.
- More than **330** community health workers in 75 Health Facilities trained on providing family planning information, referrals, and services.
- **800** Roots & Shoots clubs opened or sustained.
- **One** National Youth Council developed.



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