



Reducing Poverty in Communities Sharing a Habitat with Great Apes

Community outreach using integrated conservation and public health messaging and services

CTPH's Integrated Programs

- Human Public Health
- Wildlife Health Monitoring
- Information, Education, Communication & Technology

Public health is one of the greatest indicators of poverty. CTPH's goals are centered around an innovative integrated conservation and development approach focusing on improving public health to support wildlife conservation

Current Poverty Reduction Activities

- Community Public Health including Family Planning
- Information Communication Technology Training
- Livestock Health and Husbandry
- Advocacy including Uganda Population, Health and Environment Working Group

Local Community Volunteers

- 84 Community Conservation Health Volunteers
- 51 in Bwindi (29 Human health - CCHWS, 22 Animal health - CCAHWS)
- 33 in North Virunga, DRC (Mount Tshiabirimu)

Sustainability

- Half of the volunteers in Bwindi and all in Virunga are part of the Village Health Teams (VHTs) affiliated to Ministry of Health
- Community volunteers have formed Community Based Organisations (CBOs)



CTPH Community Conservation Health volunteers training at Kayonza Government Health Centre III



CTPH Community Volunteers livestock project helping to sustain their work in the community



CTPH Community Volunteer giving contraceptive injection



CTPH computer training in the local community

IMPACT

- More couples able to plan and manage their families - 6 fold increase in new family planning users within 3 years
- Measured Improvement of community health and hygiene to protect a sustainable source of income from gorilla ecotourism - significant increase in handwashing facilities and anal cleansing material, as well as clean water storage containers
- Over 200 people graduated with a certificate in basic computer applications from Makerere University – Internet led to over 10 scholarships and doubling of crafts sales online
- Replication of family planning model by Bwindi Community Hospital in other communities with no human/gorilla conflict
- Empowerment of women - training community volunteers, adopting family planning and computer training of youth and other community members where over 40% are women

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