

Project Update: November 2016

On the behalf of Community Initiatives for Biodiversity Conservation and on the behalf of the project, I am happy to report that the project has attracted over 190 people to reform from poaching and the list is still growing. Through the efforts of this project, the poachers handed over their poaching tools to Uganda Wildlife Authority. A new hope for the gorilla's future comes in our hearts and as conservationist; this is a step ahead towards achieving our goal. We are very happy to communicate that farmers are now keeping their pigs and in good conditions and they have been able to use the manure from faeces and urine in growing vegetables and selling to the tourism lodges around Bwindi conservation area. Though there are some limitations and a few challenges but at least our beneficiaries are eating health vegetables from their fields. It is important to note that over £10,000 is being raised by local farmers annually through sell of vegetables and piggery products into the local available market. We continue to provide to our beneficiaries nutrition, financial saving and send a child to school advice. In this quarter, period we had an amazing time receiving reformed poachers, the event that was held at the CIBIC centre where over 200 people from the local community participated.

The event was officiated by the Country Program Coordinator of Internal Gorilla Conservation Program in Uganda. Currently we have supported over nine households from the three parishes with pigs to help them have a new start after reforming from poaching and doing any illegal activity from Bwindi National Park, the home to the renowned mountain gorillas in Uganda. We have organised these farmers to always make cross visit to monitor the performance of their fellows and also provide the opportunity to learn from one another with the guidance of project field extension worker.



Left: Daniel my team member and programmes coordinator talking sustainable conservation practices to the audience. Right: Rufford Foundation makes Mountain Gorillas in Uganda safe from poachers and other sanctuary illegal activities.



Left: A special team of reformed poacher's inspecting fellow piggery farmers in the move to learn from one another. Right: Local groups benefiting from piggery project meeting with government and conservation partners and learn more from CIBIC vegetable garden fertilised by pigs.



Left: Examples of the piggery project owned by Community farmers. Right: Quality and on demand vegetables produced by farmers with use of manure from pigs.