

## Project Update: August 2019

### *Education Awareness Raising Programme*

From June 17<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup> 2019, we have conducted educational and communities' awareness raising activities located around Nyungwe National Park (NNP) precisely at Gisovu site. In school awareness programmes, pictorial presentations containing basic information about the Eastern chimpanzees' conservation status, threats, their economical and ecological importance as well. Students were also taught how they can contribute in sustainably conserving the Eastern chimpanzees. Here, they realized that they have so many ways to be part of the Eastern chimpanzees advocates. During educational activities, students played different nature games under the assistance of the project assistants. These games had the intention of showing how every living organism despite its small size has an indisputable role to play for ecological equilibrium.

At the end of educational activities, we have distributed different educational materials like cartoon strips books, brochures, stickers, labels and distribute different materials to the winners including school materials, books and t-shirts.

Around five hundred and seventy five school children were directly communicated through the awareness program presentations and more than seven hundred school children were reached through the distribution of educational materials.

### *Communities Awareness Raising Programme*

During communities' awareness raising programme, we delivered different talks which were focusing on the conservation status of NNP and its biodiversity especially the Eastern chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes schwernfurthii*), the threats that chimpanzees are facing and how we can reduce or overcome them.



Left: Students during presentations. Right: Schools materials which were given to the winners.



Students during debates



Winners after receiving their award



Students and the project assistant during nature games