

## **Project Update: December 2021**

Since the end of May 2021, the project activities were on hold, the reasons were due to abrupt COVID-19 upsurge cases that emerged from July to October 2021 and that imposed hectic modifications of COVID-19 prevention measures that were in place. Soon after, project volunteer members (community health workers) were recruited to support COVID-19 massive community COVID-19 vaccination activities and amendment of their new minimum package service delivery at national wide

In December 2021, project activities were resumed in five Banda villages and three bordering communities. The activities involved community mobilisation, awareness, and data collection via individuals, households, groups and door to door to fit in ministerial Covid-19 measures, project team also conducted a tour guide around the border of Nyangwe Park with a record red flag zone which is a village that is known for having many cases arrested for illegal activities not limited to poaching, hunting and other invaders.



Mushishi zone, one among a place with desintly populated into part of forest protected area. People from this catchment rely on dailiy living from the park.



Project data collector volunteers during awareness and mobilisation within communities and different villages gathering adults people to provide their views about understanding, knowledge, and practices about use of family planning and interlinked with conservation of Nyungwe national park.





Charlotte (In Rufford T-shirt) was assisting consented volunteers to fill out information on questionnaire after mobilization and project introduction



**Adria** (In Rufford T-shirt) data collector volunteer assisting people who are unable to read or write during data collection after community sensitization



Project team worked with ex-poachers groups and households who were rehabilitated/arrested from practicing illegal activities from Nyungwe National Park



Individuals consented after mobilization/awareness and project introduction were voluntary facilitated to fill out individual guided questionnaire



Kabehe Nyungwe (Translated to: LIVE Long Nyungwe) a group of ex-poacher's club committed to dedicate their time, passion and energy to conserve Nyungwe National Park in Banda



Door to door/house per house data collection Thaddee (in Rufford T-shirt). Athanasie and Claudine live borderline with Nyungwe Forest, their total daily life depends on Nyungwe Forest

### **Data collection at Nyungwe Tour**

There is ongoing movement of people going and returning into Nyungwe forest for different needs. Project team targeted the site to understand their views of family planning practices and conservation of Nyungwe National Park



Thaddee, Charlotte and Louise in Rufford T-shirts with a Local leader to introduce data collection before Nyungwe tour site



Venancia do daily job of fire wood collection. She told Project team that because she can't climb the trees, her and other women used to burn the areas where they can get enough and easy firewood collection





Emmanuel (In Black) and calixtte (Front) were born and raised in Banda Village, their day to day activities depend of Nyungwe forest opportunities. They collect firewood, cattle food, meat and do others from the forest to generate incomes for livng. Picture above show firewood collections were packed up for market opportunities