

## The Rufford Small Grants Foundation

### Final Report

Congratulations on the completion of your project that was supported by The Rufford Small Grants Foundation.

We ask all grant recipients to complete a Final Report Form that helps us to gauge the success of our grant giving. We understand that projects often do not follow the predicted course but knowledge of your experiences is valuable to us and others who may be undertaking similar work. Please be as honest as you can in answering the questions – remember that negative experiences are just as valuable as positive ones if they help others to learn from them.

Please complete the form in English and be as clear and concise as you can. We will ask for further information if required. If you have any other materials produced by the project, particularly a few relevant photographs, please send these to us separately.

Please submit your final report to [jane@rufford.org](mailto:jane@rufford.org).

Thank you for your help.

**Josh Cole, Grants Director**

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Grant Recipient Details	
<b>Your name</b>	Joseph Serugo
<b>Project title</b>	Conservation Education with special focus on chimpanzees in fragmented forest patches in Kibaale District in Uganda
<b>RSG reference</b>	RSG 46.10.07
<b>Reporting period</b>	May- November
<b>Amount of grant</b>	GBP 4,900
<b>Your email address</b>	<a href="mailto:dap_kasa@yahoo.com">dap_kasa@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Date of this report</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> December 2008

**1. Please indicate the level of achievement of the project's original objectives and include any relevant comments on factors affecting this.**

<b>Objective/Activity</b>	<b>Not achieved</b>	<b>Partially achieved</b>	<b>Fully achieved</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1. Meet and address Kibaale District Council and Civil servants			√	Full council meeting was addressed. Council authorised the District Technical team to work with DAP on matters of conservation and ecotourism development in the District. Met and addressed the District Technical Planning Committee.
2. Meet and address 7 Sub-county Councils and Civil servants		√		Met and addressed 4 councils out of 7. For others discussions were held with Sub-county Chairmen and Chiefs in their offices.
3. Hold 7 seminars for communities Interfacing with chimpanzees		√		All seminars were held with one community of Kayirabwa Community Chimpanzee Sanctuary as some work had already been done with them and required only organization.
4. Equip and train DAP's drama actors and singers to convey conservation messages			√	Drums, masks and costumes bought. Two drama plays and several have songs produced and performed at two public functions.
5. Purchase posters for distribution to schools and public places in areas with chimpanzees			√	Posters distributed to schools, public offices and individuals. Two School Wildlife Clubs formed.
6. Conduct 3 radio programmes on Local FM Station			√	Five programmes have been conducted with the reporter conducting interviews with DAP officials and community members on site. Several news items concerning the project have also been broadcast on the local FM radio.
7. Conduct representatives of one community group on a tour of community conservation and eco-tourism sites in Kabarole and Kasese Districts			√	This was probably the most exciting and educating activity for the participants as it enabled DAP officials to have "local disciples" who can now confirm what is being talked about having seen it elsewhere.
8. Monitoring and Evaluation			√	Self assessment of full impact of the project indicates a growing positive attitude and attention given by local

				leaders and community members about conservation in general and chimpanzees in particular. The widely held idea of associating conservation with loss of private land to government has been dispelled at more than 90%.
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**2. Please explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled (if relevant).**

A group of 5 young well educated men who have opposed the project for the last five years (out of jealousy) continued campaigning against the project among the local communities and local politicians. With RSG funds we were able to neutralise their campaign in the following five ways:

- community meetings;
- radio programmes;
- participation in public celebrations such as World Environment Day and World Food Day where by our message reached a wider public including politicians;
- talking to individual politicians and opinion leaders;
- talking to each of the detractors individually using people outside the project.

Also fuel prices rose by about 40% before the project started and the trend has continued.

**3. Briefly describe the three most important outcomes of your project.**

- Greater awareness within the district leadership and the local communities about the global status and potential benefits of chimpanzee conservation.
- Establishment of Kayirabwa Community Chimpanzee Sanctuary. Over 100 households with about 400 ha of forest on their land have formed an association to conserve the chimpanzees in it and develop ecotourism in the area. The association was launched on 4th December 2008 during the World Food Day celebrations for the district held in the area (see attached photos).
- Generation of interest among other stakeholders including international conservation agencies such as WWF.

**4. Briefly describe the involvement of local communities and how they have benefited from the project (if relevant).**

One community has formed a community-based organisation (the Kayirabwa Community Chimpanzee Sanctuary Association) as the first step to conserve chimpanzees on their land. The greatest benefit has been the acquisition of knowledge about conservation and potential benefit such as development of ecotourism.

**5. Are there any plans to continue this work?**

Yes

**6. How do you plan to share the results of your work with others?**

As we have been doing we shall continue to share reports with stakeholders such as WWF, Chimpanzee Sanctuary & Wildlife Conservation Trust and Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA).

**7. Timescale: Over what period was the RSG used? How does this compare to the anticipated or actual length of the project?**

Six months (May - November 2008). The planned four months were a bit unrealistic as I had to attend a write shop and the Africa Carbon Forum in South Africa and Senegal in June and September respectively.

**8. Budget: Please provide a breakdown of budgeted versus actual expenditure and the reasons for any differences. All figures should be in £ sterling, indicating the local exchange rate used.**

Item	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Comments
1. Meet and address Kibaale District Council and Civil servants	750	750	0	Experienced great cooperation from the Speaker and Chief Administrative Officer.
2. Meet and address 7 Sub-county Councils And Civil servants	900	800	+100	Not easy to convene Council meetings outside their normal schedules.
3. Hold 7 seminars for communities Interfacing with chimpanzees	850	800	+50	Other areas required more time to organise young people to develop their interest. In some, local hunters may be the pioneer working group.
4. Equip and train DAP's drama actors and singers to convey conservation messages	250	280	-30	A wide array of materials required for a good standard. A number of them are expensive items.
5. Purchase posters for distribution to schools and public places in areas with chimpanzees	350	400	-50	Not all schools could be served.
6. Conduct 3 radio programmes on Local FM Station	300	320	+20	We invited the reporter to our site rather than us going to the radio station some 80km away for overnight programmes. Quite a dependable channel of teaching as most people listen to the radio broadcasts in their local language.
7. Conduct representatives of one community group on a tour of community	1,100	1,180	-80	There an increase in fuel prices whose trend has continued.

conservation and eco-tourism sites in Kabarole and Kasese Districts				
8. Monitoring and Evaluation	400	300	+100	This assessment has been done along the project activities.
<b>TOTAL</b>	4,900		+100	To cover bank charges.

**9. Looking ahead, what do you feel are the important next steps?**

We intend to submit a new proposal for the Second RSG on the development of ecotourism and related activities focusing on one site - Kayirabwa Community Chimpanzee Sanctuary.

**10. Did you use the RSGF logo in any materials produced in relation to this project? Did the RSGF receive any publicity during the course of your work?**

Yes, on banners and posters.

**11. Any other comments?**

As the pioneer chimpanzee conservation project in the district, it has provided the basic information on which other projects can spring from throughout the district. Nevertheless, more still needs to be done using a multi-stakeholder approach.

We greatly appreciate the support from RSGF.