

Project Update: June 2017

On February 28th 2017 Partners for Conservation introduced the project to both local authorities and beneficiaries. The event was held at the HQ of Muhingo cell, in Shingiro Sector and officiated by the Executive Secretary Madam Claudine NDIRUBANZI. According to her, such project is welcomed as it frames well the nation's vision on skills development to boost the nation's economy.

Madam Alphonsine Mukanyindo, Dusabane Chairwoman, welcomed the project and hailed its anticipated contribution in a country where tourism spinoffs industry is considerably growing.

On March 7th 2017, we introduced to beneficiaries Mrs Mutezimana Claudine, the hired trainer. The trainer helped was useful for the selection of cost effective supplier of quality raw materials for weaving.

The training started on March 8th 2017. It's a half-day training. Environmental education sessions are organised to boost beneficiaries' knowledge and involvement in issues facing the environment, mechanisms and approaches to mitigate them. We insist on the link between the project and conservation in general and Volcanoes National Park conservation in particular.

On March 28th 2017, a consultative committee was initiated to ensure regular monitoring and provide advises. Each stakeholder is represented (PCF, beneficiaries, cell and sector)

The project is due to move to the next phase which: (1) involves producing for the market. They've put their interests in baskets and earrings although they are assessing possibilities to invest also in traditional mats to satisfy the demand; and (2) provides training in extension to selected women.



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