

## **Project Update: November 2010**

My three research assistants and I have finalised data collection on Mount Elgon. We have collected data from 52 villages adjacent to Mt. Elgon forest. These villages are located in 35 parishes out of the 111 parishes directly adjacent to the park, representing 32% of the total parishes. We have administered 364 questionnaires, thus seven of them per village. We also conducted group interviews, forest walks and several PRA exercises. I have also finished coding the data and now analysing them. From December 2010 onwards I will be writing the report. Supervision from Makerere University has been good. However, there were a lot of challenges on the mountain including too much rains, closed routes, landslides and sometimes hostile communities who encroach in the forest; they mistake us to be park staff.