

Project Update: October 2018

This progress report provides in details the list of activities undertaken during the implementation of the project under financial support of the Rufford Foundation, as per the first quarter- planned activities. Planned activities for the first period (July- October) included preliminaries, and partial survey phases. Specifically the period included recruitment and training of research assistants, getting permission from the concerned areas, and holding the focus- groups' discussion. The table below shows in details the list of realised activities.

Phase	Undertaken Activities	Budget implication	Observation
Preliminary in 6 Weeks (2W/July & 4W/August)	<u>Recruitment and Training of Research Assistants:</u> Four candidates were identified from students who recently graduated from undergraduate schools, who live in districts surrounding Volcanoes National Park. Their training included the rationale, the purpose, the questionnaire (needed information) and the methods that will be used in data collection.	NA	Four young people (girls and boys): - Irankunda Jacques; - Nkurunziza Innocent; - Nyiramugisha Denise; - Akimanizanye Dative
	<u>Getting permission from local leaders:</u> In order to get the permission for the survey in local communities, all 12 sectors were visited to meet the leaders (ES-Sectors). During the meeting, we provided leaders with answers to 5W-questions (what, why, where, when and who) related to the survey.	NA	A team of five (myself and four assistants)
	<u>Meeting heads of sampled Households:</u> In total 240 heads of households were randomly selected from 12	1,260 GBP	- Transport (720 GBP) ¹ - Fees for Assistants (180 GBP)

¹ We (I and assistants) went as a team for having a common understanding of the work was about to start and potential problems that could happen

	sectors (20 HH/ sector). Helped by an assistant and leaders at every sector, I invited heads of households for a meeting in which they would be communicated on the research purpose, while asking them to facilitate the related data collection		- Perdiem/ Accommodation or Food & soft drinks (360 GBP)
	<u>Literature review:</u> We reviewed existing reports on VNP management, community conservation, development, and sustainable livelihoods capitals; and human wildlife conflicts	N/A	RDB/VNP offices NGOs; Google
Survey In 6 Weeks (4W/Sept; 2W/Oct)	<u>Focus Group Discussion with CBOs (4 weeks/ Sept):</u> This step concerned the VNP threats. In every sector, First, participants were asked to identify VNP threats and rank them using the Threat Reduction Assessment (TRA)-Technique, and Pair Wise Ranking (PWR); second, they would talk about their feeling on how CCP contributed in reducing those problems; and finally the remaining challenges and how they can be sustainably addressed.	1,440 GBP	- Transport (720 GBP) - Fees for Assistants (720 GBP)
	<u>Focus Group Discussion with HHs (2 weeks/ Oct) is ongoing for 4 Weeks:</u> This step concerned community livelihoods' problems. Likewise the above group, participants would identify the	720 GBP	- Transport (240 GBP) - Perdiem/Accommodation/ food & soft drinks (120 GBP) - Fees for Assistants (360 GBP)

	<p>community livelihoods' problems and rank them using the Pair Wise Ranking (PWR) approach; say their feeling on how CCP contributed in reducing them, the remaining challenges and how they can be sustainably addressed.</p>		
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Notes:

1. Although we had planned to start with the heads of households, in the FG-Discussion, we started with CBOs, due to the intensive evaluation of human security issues in local government that was ongoing during the period.
2. For this phase (survey), after finalizing the FG- Discussion with heads of households and the administration of questionnaires for everybody (4 weeks), the next step (2 weeks) will concern interviews with key stakeholders (local leaders, VNP managers, NGOs representatives) before the reporting phase in the coming months.

Some Photos during the Focus Groups Discussion with CBOs



