

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.

Thank you for your help.

Josh Cole, Grants Director

Grant Recipient Details	
Your name	Christian Tabifor
Project title	Awareness Campaign for the Protection of Endangered Great Apes in the Tubah Upland Forest
RSG reference	62.04.08
Reporting period	December 2008 – February 2009
Amount of grant	£5000
Your email address	bapesu.org@gmail.com
Date of this report	05 th March 2009

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

Objective	Not achieved	Partially achieved	Fully achieved	Comments
To help in the conservation of great apes through community awareness education		X		Some additional villages recently have settled in the forest and which makes the funds short of covering them through open Community sensitisation.
To ignite an alert message and consciousness on the need for nature conservation			X	
To discourage bush burning (bushfires)			X	
To discourage hunting of great apes for bush meat			X	

2. Please explain any unforeseen difficulties that arose during the project and how these were tackled (if relevant).

A newly enthroned village chief of a neighbouring village (**Big Babanki** also called **Kedjom Keku**) to the Tubah Upland Forest has recently constructed shrines and his farm in the forest. This has attracted his people in their numbers to enter the forest and this inevitably calls for a second phase of awareness education that will cover this and some other villages that stand as menace to the great apes.

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

- The local people have been educated and enlightened on the importance of conserving the great apes in their natural habitat and also they now know that the forest is so important for their livelihoods and requires strong attention and wise use.
- The project has ignited a robust message of alert and awareness on the importance of conserving nature. The local government are now on serious alert concerning this. Some are learning for the first time of the existence of great apes in their locality of

Tubah. Some elementary or primary schools are keen about me making a program to teach their pupils about the great apes and even the provision of didactic material

- Hunting of great apes and the bushfires has dropped markedly

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

The local communities were highly involved in the project through their community leaders, (the chiefs, quarter representatives, councillors, community promoters, representatives of women's groups, etc). They expressed and represented the voice and strong interest of the mass population during the entire project. The communities expressed huge interest, involvement and ownership of the project (for example it was the decision of the local communities to stage a match parade during the 11th February 2009 National Youth Day Celebration in Cameroon, this was not in the initial plan of activities. *Please refer to monthly update report for February 2009*). Also during the open meetings every voice was given a chance to his/her opinion. The communities have benefited through education and enlightenment on the importance of Great Apes and the Forest to them. They have taken commitment to respect the project aims.

5. Are there any plans to continue this work?

Yes I do have serious plans to continue with this venture to cover some other communities that recently occupied the forest especially some of the principal habitat areas of the Great Apes (precisely chimpanzees in this forest).

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

I plan to share the results of this work through networking with other people and groups working with similar issues in the community, local authorities (the local Member of Parliament, the mayor and council, the divisional officers, ministry of forestry and wildlife, the local chiefs, community leaders/volunteer promoters); through meeting groups and public discussion forums. The results will also be shared through local newsletter publications and through Internet press (such as www.nayd.org, www.idealists.com). The general public will have complete access to the results of the project. I will make regular visits back to the communities to make briefings of this project.

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

The RSG was used over a 3 months period and which corresponds to the actual or anticipated length of the project.

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
Organisation				
Housing (rent of venue and utilities) for three months	202.98	150	52.98	
Purchase of materials (folders, manuals, pens, paper, card board papers etc...)	229.1	283.75	54.65	Change in market prices ***
Rent of equipment (audio visual machine, projector,)	150	137.5	12.5	***
Photocopying	125	125	0	"
Tee-shirts 400(purchase & prints of awareness messages)	600	875	275	***
Postage (to send invitations)	45.6	43.75	1.85	***
Transportation/Logistics for entire 3 months	347	375	28	***
Subsistence/feeding	390	390	0	"
Media campaign (Radio Talks Shows)				
-Development of Programme content (inputs from 2 professionals) for 3 days	120	150	30	***
-Secretarial services	25	31.25	6.25	
- Documentation	150	187.5	37.5	
- Visits to radio outfits	50	62.5	12.5	
- Cost of hosting 2 radio talk show per week for 3months	500	625	125	
- Acquisition of recorded programmes on tapes/CDs	200	125	75	
Cost of volunteers (such as a thank you gift)	220	220	0	
Administration				
Over head cost	207	207	0	
Follow up				
Monitoring and Evaluation of project	150	187.5	37.5	***
Printing/photocopying and postage of final report	20.6	19.5	1.1	***
Printing or production and distribution of newsletter about this campaign	261.5	170.98	90.52	***
Fundraising				
Printing or production of materials to	304.4	179.4	125	***

raise community awareness about our work (BAPESU)				
Media advertisement about BAPESU'S work on the issue	210	210	0	
Networking, advocacy and lobbying				
Communication costs (telephone, fax, and email computer usage) in order to stay in contact with other groups working on similar issues.	253.7	131.25	122.45	***
Contingencies	238.094	113.094	125	***
TOTAL	4999.974	4999.974	0	

Local exchange rate used: £1 = 800F CFA

*** Differences do occur because of some changes in market prices in some items. More so, the actual value of funds received in local currency (Francs CFA) dropped due to a change in exchange rate value at the time of transfer of funds from RSGF. This highly affected the initial amount budgeted in local currency (exchange rate used at the time of request of funds was £1 = 1000Francs FCA). Thus funds were used judiciously used to ensure that the most important aspects to making sure that the project became a success.

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

To immediately continue and expand the awareness campaign to cover some other villages (people), that have of recent encroached into the forest with activities that highly endanger the great apes (Chimpanzees /Pan Troglodytes). Also in the long run develop program to support alternative and eco-friendly income generating activities (such as beekeeping, cane rat rearing, and ecotourism) through training/capacity building and provision of start up capital and making the communities take high responsibilities in the management of the forest resources.

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 I did use RSGF logo in all the materials produced related to this project (on Campaign Tee-shirts, Great Apes Brochure, Awareness Billboard, Posters, Flyers, Letters to Officials, banners, flyers, slogans etc.) Also RSGF received much publicity in during the project (especially in all the radio talk shows, radio slots, announcement, in local newspaper publicity spaces, and during all open community sensitisation and meetings

11. Any other comments?

There is the very strong and dire need to continue the project to expand and cover other communities that were initially not a threat to the great apes.