



ANNUAL REPORT
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OVERALL IMPACT: Sustainable conservation of chimpanzees in their natural habitats and captive care to those who cannot survive in the wild.

LONG-TERM IMPACT: Effective captive chimpanzee management, welfare and enhanced awareness on threats to chimpanzees in their natural habitats in Uganda.



CORE VALUES:

1. Dedication to the welfare of chimpanzees
2. Professionalism
3. Integrity and trust
4. Team work and partnership
5. Efficiency and Impact



Strategic Pathways

1. Enhanced ex situ chimpanzee conservation and management
2. Enhanced in situ chimpanzee conservation and management
3. Improved chimpanzee conservation education and awareness
4. Enhanced research, communication and partnerships
5. Chimpanzee Trust financial and institutional sustainability

WHO WE ARE

About Chimpanzee Trust

Protecting chimpanzees. Conserving habitats. Inspiring people.

Established in 1998, the Chimpanzee Sanctuary and Wildlife Conservation Trust (Chimpanzee Trust) is a Ugandan conservation organisation dedicated to the protection and conservation of chimpanzees and their habitats. The Trust combines the lifelong care of rescued and orphaned chimpanzees with field-based conservation, environmental education, scientific research, community engagement and partnerships aimed at securing a future for chimpanzees in Uganda.

At the centre of the Trust's work is Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary, located approximately 23 kilometres southeast of Entebbe on Lake Victoria. The sanctuary provides a safe and protected home for chimpanzees that cannot return to the wild, while offering an environment designed to support their physical health, behavioural needs and social development. The sanctuary's work encompasses veterinary care, nutrition, behavioural management, rehabilitation, social integration, environmental enrichment and continuous monitoring of chimpanzee welfare.

The Trust's work, however, extends well beyond the sanctuary. Recognising that the long-term survival of chimpanzees depends on healthy ecosystems and communities that value and benefit from conservation, Chimpanzee Trust works in and around chimpanzee habitats to support biodiversity conservation, habitat protection, environmental education, community participation and human-wildlife coexistence.

Our Mandate

Chimpanzee Trust's work is guided by a simple but far-reaching conservation premise: chimpanzees need protection both in human care and in the wild.

For chimpanzees that have been rescued from situations in which they cannot safely survive in their natural habitats, the Trust provides lifelong care at Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary. This responsibility extends beyond providing food and shelter. It involves maintaining high standards of animal welfare, providing preventive and responsive veterinary care, supporting natural behaviours, managing social relationships and creating a safe environment in which the chimpanzees can thrive.

For chimpanzees living in the wild, the Trust focuses on protecting the ecosystems on which they depend. This includes biodiversity monitoring, habitat conservation and restoration, conservation education, community engagement and interventions that address some of the pressures contributing to habitat degradation and human-wildlife conflict.

Through this integrated approach, the Trust seeks to contribute to the conservation of chimpanzees as both individuals and as a species.

LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

Board Chairperson's Message



It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, to present the Chimpanzee Trust Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The year 2025 was a period of continued progress, adaptation and institutional strengthening for Chimpanzee Trust. We operated in a challenging environment characterised by financial pressures, fluctuations in tourism, rising operational demands and broader uncertainties affecting the conservation and development sectors.

Despite these challenges, the Trust remained firmly committed to its mission of conserving chimpanzees and their habitats and providing the highest standards of care to chimpanzees under our custody.

The Board is encouraged by the progress made across the Trust's five strategic pathways. At Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary, the organisation continued to strengthen chimpanzee welfare through veterinary care, annual health assessments, nutritional management, behavioural enrichment and improvements to sanctuary infrastructure. The recruitment of a new Sanctuary Manager/Veterinarian and the continued strengthening of conservation programme leadership further enhanced the organisation's technical capacity.

Beyond the sanctuary, field programmes continued to support biodiversity monitoring, habitat conservation, community engagement and conservation education. These interventions reaffirm an important principle at the heart of our strategy: the long-term survival of chimpanzees depends not only on caring for rescued individuals, but also on protecting their natural habitats and working alongside communities that share these landscapes.

Institutionally, the Board continued to provide strategic oversight while Management advanced important reforms in governance, human resource management, digital transformation and operational systems. The continued implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning system and the updating of key policies strengthened the foundations for greater accountability, efficiency and organisational resilience.

The Board also remains committed to transparency and accountability in the stewardship of the Trust's resources. The 2025 financial statements received an unqualified audit opinion, providing assurance on the reliability of the financial reporting presented in this report.



The Board also received with sadness the passing on of Dr. Jane Goodall, the Founder of Jane Goodall Institute (JGI). JGI is a permanent member of the Trust and founders of the TRUST. We participated in all the functions made in remembrance of Dr Jane and taking on her green Hope legacy in Uganda.

The year also brought moments of profound loss. The passing of Ikuru, one of the sanctuary's iconic chimpanzees, was deeply felt by our staff, supporters and the wider conservation community. Her loss reminds us of the responsibility we carry to provide lifelong, compassionate and evidence-based care to every chimpanzee entrusted to us.

As we enter 2026, the Board remains focused on strengthening chimpanzee welfare, expanding habitat conservation and restoration, increasing conservation education, improving the visitor experience, diversifying sustainable financing and strengthening institutional capacity. These priorities build directly on the lessons and achievements of 2025.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our staff, management, conservation partners, donors, government agencies, researchers, volunteers, communities and supporters whose commitment continues to make our work possible. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you for standing with Chimpanzee Trust as we work towards a future in which chimpanzees and their habitats are protected for generations to come.

Mr. James Byamukama

Chairperson, Board of Trustees



Executive Director's Reflection

Steering Conservation Through a Changing Environment

Dear friends of Chimpanzee Trust



2025 was a year that tested our ability to remain focused, adaptive and purposeful in the face of a changing operating environment. At Chimpanzee Trust, our work sits at the intersection of conservation, animal welfare, community engagement, tourism, research and institutional sustainability. Progress in one area increasingly depends on how effectively we manage the others.

As the team responsible for translating our strategy into day-to-day action, we approached the year with a clear priority: to strengthen the systems, people and partnerships that enable us to deliver lasting conservation outcomes.

One of the most important developments during the year was the strengthening of our technical and operational leadership. The recruitment of a Sanctuary Manager/Veterinarian, alongside the Conservation Programmes Manager who commenced work early in the year, enhanced our capacity to make informed decisions across sanctuary management and field conservation. At the same time, we continued to strengthen internal systems, including the implementation of our Enterprise Resource Planning system, human resource practices and organisational reporting.

Our operational focus remained firmly anchored in the welfare of the chimpanzees entrusted to our care. The completion of annual health assessments, routine veterinary interventions, nutritional management, behavioural enrichment and improvements to sanctuary infrastructure required close coordination across teams. These activities reinforced an important lesson for us: good chimpanzee welfare is not achieved through isolated interventions, but through consistent systems of care, competent people and an environment that allows both animals and staff to thrive.

Beyond Ngamba Island, our conservation programmes continued to engage with the wider landscapes in which wild chimpanzees and other biodiversity occur. Biodiversity monitoring, community engagement, conservation education and human-wildlife conflict mitigation reminded us that conservation cannot be separated from the realities facing communities. The construction of boreholes in Bunyoro, for example, demonstrated how relatively practical interventions can contribute to reducing pressures that bring people and wildlife into conflict.

One of the year's most significant operational challenges was financial sustainability. Tourism performance remained below our target, while the wider development and conservation financing environment continued to change. Rather than viewing this solely as a financial challenge, we see it as a strategic signal. It reinforces the need to diversify our revenue base, strengthen the visitor



experience, deepen donor relationships and develop conservation financing models that can withstand external shocks.

The year also reminded us that institutional development is a continuous process. We updated key policies, strengthened staff development and occupational health and safety practices, and continued work to improve our internal systems. These may appear less visible than conservation activities in the field, but they are essential to building an organisation capable of delivering consistently and responsibly over the long term.

Perhaps our most important lesson from 2025 is that resilience must be built deliberately. Conservation organisations cannot control every factor affecting their work from tourism trends and donor priorities to economic pressures and environmental threats. What we can control is how prepared we are to respond. This means investing in our people, strengthening our systems, maintaining strong partnerships, using evidence to guide decisions and remaining disciplined about where we direct our resources.

The passing away of Dr Jane Goodall on 1 October 2025 was another low point in the year. As an individual organisation, we felt this loss deeply, given the inspiration her life and work have provided to us over many years. In her own words, writing on World Chimpanzee Day, Dr Goodall noted that “we work closely with two other sanctuaries, originally established by JGI – Ngamba Island in Uganda and Sweetwaters in Kenya,” a reflection of her long-standing connection to and belief in Ngamba Island. My most memorable visit in my time, was in January 2014 around her birthday when, after we cut cake and sang her happy birthday, she proclaimed that Ngamba as one of the best chimpanzee refuges there was. Her passing was therefore felt not only across the global conservation community, but also here at Ngamba, where her legacy continues to shape our purpose and resolve.

The loss of Ikuru during the year was a particularly difficult reminder of the responsibility we carry. Every chimpanzee under our care represents an individual life and a long-term commitment. Such moments reinforce our determination to continually strengthen the quality of care, veterinary oversight and welfare systems at the sanctuary.

Looking to 2026, our focus is therefore not simply on doing more, but on doing better and building for the future. We intend to further improve the visitor experience, pursue larger and more diversified conservation financing opportunities, and continue strengthening the systems and capabilities of our people.

I am proud of what our team accomplished in 2025, but I am equally conscious of the work that remains ahead. Conservation is a long-term endeavour, and meaningful progress depends on the commitment of many people working towards a common purpose.

I therefore thank our staff for their dedication, our partners and donors for their continued confidence in our work, and the communities and institutions with whom we collaborate for their commitment to conservation. Together, we will continue to strengthen the foundations for a future in which chimpanzees, their habitats and the communities that share these landscapes can thrive.

Dr. Joshua Rukundo

Executive Director





2025 AT A GLANCE

The Year in Numbers

Caring for Chimpanzees



54

Total number of Chimpanzees in the sanctuary



2

New born babies welcomed



1

Sanctuary Manager/
Veterinarian recruited

Protecting Habitats



17

Biodiversity monitoring sessions



5

Forests monitored



39.2 ha

Mapped for proposed chimpanzee conservancy

Working with Communities

20

VSLAs monitored



385+

Community members engaged



2

Community boreholes installed



8

Farmers identified for sustainable forest management

Inspiring Conservation



17

Schools reached



1,170+

Students reached



850

Conservation posters distributed



140

Chimpanzee comic books distributed



3

Radio Talk Shows



39

Grant proposals submitted



19

Grants secured



9

Fundraising Campaigns



\$347,790

Fundraising campaign revenue

Tourism



2,807

Paying visitors



211

Overnight stays



5

Expos and Events attended

Connecting People to Conservation



421

Guardians; up from 320



173

Friends of the Sanctuary; up from 150



15

Volunteers hosted

Advancing Knowledge



4

Papers published



7

Researchers hosted

STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE

PATHWAY 1

Enhanced Ex Situ Chimpanzee Conservation & Management

Protecting Chimpanzees in Our Care

Providing lifelong, high-quality care to chimpanzees that cannot return to the wild is at the heart of Chimpanzee Trust's work at Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary. In 2025, the Trust continued to maintain internationally recognised standards of chimpanzee welfare through preventive veterinary care, nutrition, behavioural management, environmental enrichment, social integration and improvements to sanctuary infrastructure.

The year also saw the strengthening of technical leadership with the recruitment of a new Sanctuary Manager/Veterinarian, supporting closer integration of veterinary, welfare and sanctuary management functions.

Nutrition and Daily Care

Chimpanzees at Ngamba Island received four meals daily (early morning, mid-morning, afternoon and evening), comprising fruits, vegetables, starches and other foods appropriate to their nutritional needs. Care teams continued to monitor feeding routines, food quality and individual requirements as part of daily welfare management.

The sanctuary's vegetable garden, established with support from Children of Conservation contributed greatly to the chimpanzees' food supply. During the year, it produced more than 300 kg of cassava and over 200 kg of eggplants, reducing reliance on external food supplies while supporting fresh food provision. To further boost yields, an efficient irrigation system, complete with a 500-litre water tank, has been installed.

In addition to the garden's supply, essential dry rations (maize, millet, soy flour, beans and soy seeds) alongside fresh vegetables and fruits are delivered by boat from the mainland every ten days.

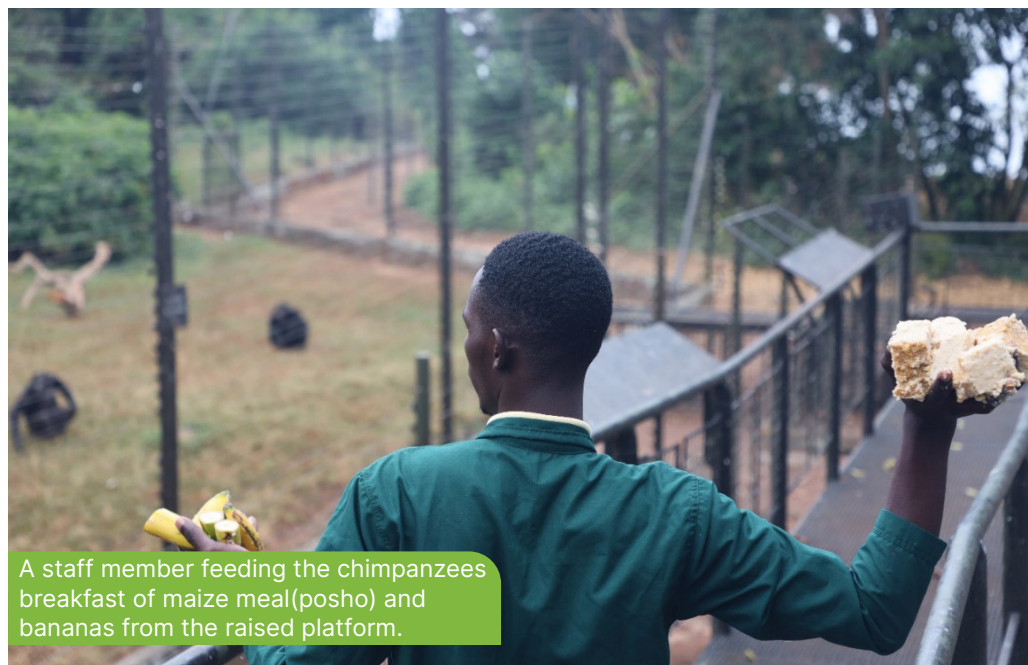
Daily care extended beyond feeding. Caregivers maintained sleeping and holding areas, provided nesting materials and hay, and used routine observation to identify changes in behaviour or wellbeing requiring attention. The provision of hay for nesting is particularly noteworthy as it mimics the chimpanzees' natural nest building behaviour which boosts their physical and psychological well-being.



Food preparation done by caregiver & volunteer



Some of the other food given to the chimpanzees - eggs and pineapple



A staff member feeding the chimpanzees breakfast of maize meal (posho) and bananas from the raised platform.



Hay grass being removed from the holding facility by the caregivers



Caregivers cleaning the holding facility

Veterinary Care and Health Management

Maintaining optimal health among the sanctuary's chimpanzee population remained one of the Trust's highest conservation priorities throughout 2025. Veterinary efforts focused on preventive healthcare, emergency medical response, disease surveillance, diagnostic investigations and long-term management of chronic conditions.

Routine health monitoring enabled early detection and treatment of injuries resulting from natural social interactions within chimpanzee groups. Minor wounds, abrasions and traumatic injuries were promptly treated using established veterinary protocols, minimising recovery periods and reducing the likelihood of secondary infections.

The sanctuary veterinary team, now further strengthened by the recruitment of a dedicated Sanctuary Manager/Veterinarian also monitored gastrointestinal health through routine parasitological examinations. During the year, 44 faecal screenings were conducted, which identified intestinal parasites among several chimpanzees, prompting implementation of an enhanced deworming programme.

In addition, 32 minor injuries were recorded and managed appropriately. One major injury involving Ikuru was also recorded; despite intervention, the injury ultimately resulted in her death. The case required specialised veterinary intervention at the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre Hospital in Entebbe. The cause of death was determined to be excessive bleeding following an injury to the knee with the postmortem conducted at the aforementioned UWEC hospital in Entebbe.



Sanctuary Manager and caregiver administering medication



A chimpanzee being examined during the annual health checks

Annual Health Checks

The 2025 annual health checks commenced on 9 July, with all the chimpanzees undergoing comprehensive examinations. During the exercise, individual records were taken from the administration of anaesthesia through to full recovery. The records taken included chimpanzee identification, treatments administered, observed abnormalities, and vital physiological parameters, including temperature, respiratory rate, heart rate, oxygen saturation.

The exercise was conducted through close collaboration among sanctuary staff, international veterinarians, researchers and volunteers. It provided valuable health information essential for long-term population management, disease surveillance and preventive healthcare planning.

Thorough physical examinations were conducted to identify any abnormalities, including signs of diabetes, kidney failure, and cancer. Muscle tone, skin, and muscles were also examined for the presence of ectoparasites and wounds. The main samples collected during the health checks included blood, stool, sputum and

urine. These samples were submitted to a reputable diagnostic laboratory in the city for chemistry analysis and haematology. Overall, all the chimpanzees were found to be in good health, with no significant medical conditions identified during the examinations.



The Executive Director, Sanctuary Manager, Researchers, and volunteers taking foot measurements during the annual health checks

In addition, to prevent breeding, each adult female was surgically fitted with a contraceptive implant donated by Blenda® and JGI Netherlands. We hope this will be a success as the absorption of the active agents will be greater, and there will be no removal of the implants during grooming. Since July, none of the adult females has undergone oestrus, which is a sign of the effectiveness of the contraceptive method.

The health checks also provided an opportunity to train national students undertaking internships during this period and further strengthened collaboration among sanctuary staff, international veterinarians, researchers, and volunteers.

Social Integration, Behaviour and Enrichment

During the year, Sophie's baby was introduced into the chimpanzee community. His journey was a testament to the resilience of chimpanzees and the complexity of their social dynamics. The integration process took approximately 15 days, during which Sophie and her baby underwent a gradual indoor integration process. It began with a small group of ten chimpanzees, carefully chosen and expanded each day to include more individuals, all the way up to 51 including Sophie. From Sophie's initial protectiveness to her growing trust in certain members like Silver, each day brought new observations.





Indoor integration phase for the baby chimpanzee

The process was not always smooth sailing, we encountered several incidents of aggression, such as Umugenzi's brief conflict with Sophie and Kalema's aggressive behaviours towards other chimpanzees during the integration. However, the positive interactions significantly outweighed the negative. As the days progressed, the baby became increasingly confident and began interacting more with other infants and members of the community. Sophie also showed growing trust, eventually allowing Silver and Umutama to touch and interact with her baby.

Our caregiving team is constantly learning from these integration processes. By understanding past experiences and carefully observing current developments, they are better equipped to handle future integration processes.



Caregivers observing the chimps during the integrations



Sophie with her baby (and Silver up observing)

In July, Sophie's son was named Alvin by one of our long-term donors. Since his full integration into the forest community in April 2025, Alvin has formed a strong bond with Silver, another friendly infant, and the two are often seen playing. However, Sophie carefully vets his playmates, frequently stepping in if youngsters like Tamtam or Bolly, known for their rougher play, approach.

Behavioural Management

Chimpanzees are highly intelligent, socially complex primates whose welfare depends on opportunities to engage in diverse cognitive, physical and social behaviours. Consequently, behavioural management and environmental enrichment remained integral components of sanctuary operations throughout the reporting period.

Behavioural observations conducted by caregivers and researchers enabled management to monitor social dynamics within the chimpanzee community. These observations informed interventions aimed at minimising aggression, supporting social cohesion and improving individual welfare outcomes.



Data collection

Natural hierarchical changes within chimpanzee groups occasionally resulted in social tensions and aggressive interactions leading to injuries among some individuals. However, continuous monitoring by caregivers allowed prompt veterinary intervention while minimising disruption to established social structures.

Chimpanzee Infrastructure

The integrity of sanctuary infrastructure remains fundamental to ensuring both chimpanzee welfare and visitor safety. During 2025, significant investments were made in maintaining and upgrading facilities critical to effective sanctuary operations. With support from institutional donors like Friends of Chimps USA, JGI Switzerland, Austria, Germany and Netherlands, the sanctuary was able to undertake significant repair works across several key facilities. These renovations focused on the medical ward, administration block (Resource Centre), and the docking pier, all of which were in a state of disrepair.

These structures, built over 20 years ago with the exception of the chimpanzee holding facility which was rebuilt in 2023, had started deteriorating despite routine paintwork.

Medical Ward

The medical ward is an essential isolation and treatment centre for chimpanzees requiring intensive medical care. The roof of this crucial unit, which also supports the island's solar power system, had significantly deteriorated.

In 2025, critical structural repairs were completed on the chimpanzee medical ward roof, which had deteriorated from maintenance foot traffic during routine solar panel cleaning. The restoration eliminated severe wet-season leaks, safeguarding both the primary veterinary care unit and the island's central solar energy system. Complementary repainting and functional enhancements were also finalised, optimising operational efficiency and care standards across the facility.

These improvements were aimed at creating a more efficient and comfortable environment for the chimpanzees under medical supervision and for the dedicated staff who care for them.



Reroofing of the medical ward



Treatment room of the medical ward



Reinforcement of the bars in the medical ward

Sanctuary Administration block (Resource Centre)

Comprehensive renovations were finalised on the administration block (commonly referred to as the resource centre)—the primary hub for island management, operations, as well as volunteer and researcher accommodations. This marked the facility's first major overhaul since its construction in 2000. The project addressed severe termite and rot damage by replacing the original wooden window frames with durable steel frames. To optimise capital efficiency and safety, existing steel safety bars were repurposed into the new frames, and window designs were modified to withstand potential damage during chimpanzee escapes as previously observed.

The works done ensure a more stable and conducive environment for the administrative tasks vital to the sanctuary's smooth functioning.



Work done on the resource centre

Pier

The docking pier is the primary point of entry and exit for supplies, personnel, and visitors making it a very critical piece of infrastructure. However, due to the rising water levels over the last 10 years, the pier has had to be raised on four different occasions. Back in 2022, we had to reinforce its foundations, partly done by a partner to further reinforce its safety. The recent repair works have significantly improved its structural integrity and functionality, enhanced safety and facilitated smoother operations.



Pier before reinforcement with extra galvanized poles in the edges and adding an additional layer.



Works done on the pier; re-enforcing the edges of the pier



Newly enforced pier

The collective efforts and international support have revitalised Ngamba Island's infrastructure, ensuring its continued capacity to provide exceptional care for its chimpanzee residents.

In addition to the above-mentioned infrastructural improvements, routine inspection and maintenance of the electric perimeter fencing continued throughout the year to minimise escape risks and maintain secure containment of the chimpanzee population. Although isolated escape incidents involving a small number of chimpanzees occurred during the year, prompt staff response and immediate engineering interventions ensured that all animals were safely returned without injury to people or chimpanzees.

Therefore, improved infrastructure not only enhanced operational efficiency but also contributed directly to improved conservation outcomes by creating safer working conditions, supporting effective veterinary care and strengthening long-term sustainability of sanctuary operations.

PATHWAY 2

Enhanced In Situ Chimpanzee Conservation & Management

Chimpanzee conservation extends beyond the sanctuary. The long-term survival of chimpanzees depends on the protection of their habitats, the management of threats to biodiversity and the ability of communities living alongside forests to coexist with wildlife.

In 2025, Chimpanzee Trust continued to strengthen its in-situ conservation programme through biodiversity monitoring, habitat planning, human-wildlife conflict mitigation, community engagement and conservation awareness across key chimpanzee landscapes in western Uganda.

Protecting Wild Chimpanzee Habitats

Chimpanzee Trust maintained a regular field presence in key forest habitats to monitor conservation conditions and identify emerging threats.

The Trust conducted 17 biodiversity monitoring sessions across Itohya, Mparangasi, Kyabasengya, Kyamalera and Kawango forests. Field teams also conducted regular follow-up and safety checks on stray chimpanzees reported in communities around Rusembe, Itaara, Mparo South, Kihemba, Isaaka-Kijungu, Kitoba, Kahyooro B, Duhaga, Hoima East Division, Kisambo Cell and Buhanika.



The monitoring confirmed that these landscapes continue to face pressures that require sustained conservation attention. In Itohya Forest, pole harvesting associated with tobacco curing was identified as a major threat, while agricultural expansion around Mparangasi, particularly commercial sugarcane cultivation, presents a growing risk of forest encroachment and land-use change. These findings are informing the Trust's engagement with communities and other stakeholders around the forests, including the development of conservation awareness initiatives aimed at reducing encroachment and strengthening forest protection.

Biodiversity Monitoring

Regular biodiversity monitoring provides the evidence needed to understand changing conditions within chimpanzee habitats and guide conservation responses.

During 2025, the various monitoring sessions documented forest-use pressures, agricultural activity, primate interactions with crops and other conservation concerns.

Monitoring also highlighted limitations that affect the depth of field surveillance. For example, camera traps could not be deployed in Itohya Forest because rechargeable batteries were unavailable. This limited the ability to undertake continuous remote monitoring of biodiversity and illegal activities and represents an area for future investment.

The programme therefore continues to balance direct field monitoring with community engagement and stakeholder

collaboration to improve the protection of these landscapes.

Habitat Protection and Restoration

Protecting chimpanzee habitats requires both safeguarding existing forests and planning for the restoration and expansion of suitable landscapes.

A significant step during the year was the mapping of 39.2 hectares for a proposed chimpanzee conservancy in Kagadi. The initiative provides a foundation for longer-term habitat protection and the development of a conservation landscape that can support chimpanzees and surrounding communities.

The Trust also undertook farmer monitoring in Munteme, Kitoba and around the River Rutoha, while identifying eight forest farmers for sustainable forest management support under the IFPA-CD project. These interventions link habitat protection with practical engagement at community level.

Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation

Human-wildlife conflict remains one of the most immediate challenges to chimpanzee conservation. During the year, the Trust continued monitoring stray chimpanzees and engaging communities on safe coexistence.

In one of the practical interventions, a borehole was drilled and installed in Kahyooro B village, while an existing borehole in Karuswiga was maintained. The intervention was designed to

improve community access to water and reduce the need for people to enter forest areas in search of water, thereby reducing opportunities for human-wildlife encounters. A seven-member water source committee was established to support local management of the facility.

The Trust also continued community awareness on human-chimpanzee coexistence, reaching more than 385 people with guidance on appropriate responses to human-wildlife conflict.

The field programme also documented serious conflict incidents, including the death of a child following a chimpanzee attack in Kasamba, Kagadi, and the killing of a male chimpanzee in Kihura 1 village. These incidents demonstrate the urgency of sustained community engagement, monitoring and practical conflict-mitigation measures.

Community-Based Conservation

Chimpanzee conservation is most sustainable when communities are able to participate meaningfully in protecting the ecosystems around them.

In 2025, the Trust monitored 20 Village Savings and Loan Association meetings involving more than 385 people and worked with community members on sustainable forest management. These engagements provided opportunities to connect livelihood resilience with conservation objectives and strengthen community participation in the stewardship of forest landscapes.

The Trust also maintained relationships with local institutions and conservation stakeholders. In Itohya, for example, field monitoring prompted engagement with a technical institute and other stakeholders on measures to strengthen forest integrity and develop conservation awareness activities in surrounding villages.

This community-centred approach recognises that protecting chimpanzee habitat requires more than enforcement. It requires practical alternatives, local ownership, awareness and sustained collaboration.

Building the Foundations for Long-Term Conservation

The results of 2025 demonstrate both progress and the scale of the challenge facing wild chimpanzees. Field monitoring identified persistent pressures from agricultural expansion, forest-resource extraction and human-wildlife conflict, while community interventions provided practical entry points for addressing some of these pressures.

Going forward, Chimpanzee Trust will build on this foundation by strengthening biodiversity monitoring, expanding habitat protection and restoration, improving human-wildlife conflict mitigation and deepening community participation in conservation.

The objective is not simply to monitor forests, but to translate evidence into action that keeps chimpanzees and their habitats viable for the long term.

Pathway 3:

Improved Chimpanzee Conservation Education and Awareness

Conservation cannot be sustained by protected forests and scientific knowledge alone. It also depends on people understanding why chimpanzees and their habitats matter and having the knowledge and motivation to participate in their protection.

In 2025, Chimpanzee Trust continued to use schools, communities, wildlife clubs, public outreach and media to strengthen conservation awareness. The focus was on taking conservation messages beyond Ngamba Island and reaching people living in and around chimpanzee habitats, as well as the young people who will shape Uganda's conservation future.

Reaching Schools and Young People

Schools remained an important entry point for conservation education. During the year, the Trust reached 17 schools and more than 1,170 learners through conservation education activities. These engagements provided opportunities to discuss chimpanzee conservation, biodiversity, habitat protection and the role young people can play in protecting the environment.

The Trust also continued to support wildlife clubs, creating opportunities for students to engage with conservation beyond individual awareness sessions. Wildlife clubs provide a practical platform through which conservation messages can be reinforced within schools and translated into activities led by students and teachers.

To complement face-to-face engagement, the Trust used educational materials to make conservation messages accessible and memorable. 140 chimpanzee comic books were distributed during the year, providing young audiences with an engaging way to learn about chimpanzees and conservation.

The emphasis on young people reflects a long-term approach to conservation: today's learners are tomorrow's community leaders, professionals, policymakers and conservation champions.

Community Participation in Conservation

Experience has consistently demonstrated that conservation cannot succeed without the support and active participation of neighbouring communities. For this reason, community engagement remained central to the Trust's field conservation strategy throughout 2025.



Working closely with community leaders especially in the Albertine region, schools, farmers, women's groups and youth organisations, conservation staff promoted greater understanding of the ecological, economic and cultural importance of biodiversity conservation. These engagements encouraged communities to view conservation not as a restriction on development but as an opportunity for sustainable livelihoods and environmental resilience.

Community meetings provided platforms for discussing emerging conservation challenges, including habitat degradation, illegal resource extraction and human-wildlife interactions. Such dialogue strengthened trust between communities and conservation practitioners while encouraging collaborative problem-solving.

Community awareness remains an indispensable component of biodiversity conservation. Investment in environmental education contributes to long-term behavioural change while strengthening local support for conservation programmes.

Using Media to Extend the Reach

Radio remained an important tool for reaching audiences beyond those who can be engaged directly through schools and community meetings.

During 2025, the Trust participated in three radio talk shows, using the platform to communicate conservation messages and engage wider audiences on chimpanzee protection and coexistence.

The Trust also continued to strengthen its digital and institutional communications. During the year, nine newsletters were produced for an audience of approximately 5,600 contacts, while conservation information was shared through the organisation's digital platforms and other communication channels.

These platforms extend the reach of conservation education beyond physical programme locations and provide an avenue for maintaining relationships with supporters, partners and the wider conservation community.

Rotary International President Stephanie and the rotary delegation during their visit at Ngamba Island



Pathway 4

Enhanced Research, Communication & Partnership

Research remains a fundamental pillar of the Chimpanzee Trust's conservation strategy, serving as a vital source of scientific knowledge that guides sanctuary management and informs global conservation practices. Throughout 2025, ongoing behavioural studies yielded critical long-term datasets regarding chimpanzee cognition, social structures, feeding ecology, and welfare indicators. These efforts were bolstered by continued alliances with prominent academic and conservation institutions across Africa, Europe, and North America. This collaborative ecosystem allows international researchers to utilize the sanctuary's unique environment while providing the Trust with essential technical expertise and training that enhances internal institutional capacity. Looking to the future, management is committed to broadening these partnerships and strengthening monitoring systems to better address emerging conservation hurdles through interdisciplinary study.

The Trust's operational success remains deeply rooted in its diverse network of national and international partners who support every facet of the organization, from infrastructure development to community outreach. Significant financial and technical contributions from long-standing supporters including the Ministry of Tourism Wildlife and Antiquities, Uganda Wildlife Authority, Uganda Tourism Board, Friends of Chimps, and various Jane Goodall Institutes facilitated essential activities such as veterinary care and sanctuary rehabilitation. However, this collaboration extended well beyond financial support; the exchange of technical knowledge from visiting specialists, veterinarians, and volunteers proved invaluable in refining wildlife health protocols and conservation planning. Furthermore, active participation in regional conservation and tourism forums served to elevate the profile of the Trust, strengthening ties with key stakeholders and paving the way for future collaborations.

Strengthened Partnerships

The Trust continues to rely on strategic partnerships to be able to meet a number of its strategic goals for the ultimate outcome of conservation of wild populations of chimpanzees, and their habitats and increasing awareness for the same. We renewed crucial Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with key partners like the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA), the Ministry of Tourism Wildlife and Antiquities and the Local Government of Hoima are vital for our conservation goals.

The Trust has maintained its memberships and accreditation with both international and national bodies that include; Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA), Global Giving, FundsForNgos, Association of Conservation of Bugoma, Wildlife Clubs of Uganda among others.



Turning Research into Knowledge

A significant achievement in 2025 was the publication of four scientific papers arising from research associated with the Trust's work.

This is an important measure of the Trust's contribution to conservation knowledge. Publication takes research beyond the immediate project or institution, allowing findings to be reviewed, shared and used by researchers and conservation practitioners more broadly.

The published research also strengthens the Trust's position as a contributor to evidence-based chimpanzee conservation and creates a foundation for further research collaborations. The published papers can be accessed via <https://chimpanzeetrust.org/behavioral-research/>

Communicating Conservation

Generating knowledge is only part of the conservation process. The Trust also continued to communicate its work to supporters, partners, visitors and wider audiences through digital platforms, newsletters, media engagement and other communication channels.

During 2025, the Trust produced nine newsletters reaching approximately 6,256 readers, while also issuing four press releases to support public communication and media engagement.

The Trust's digital presence also continued to provide an important channel for conservation communication. The Trust's website, recently revamped recorded 16,750 search impressions during the year, helping potential visitors, supporters and members of the public discover information about the organisation and its work.

These channels help maintain visibility beyond the physical boundaries of Ngamba Island and provide opportunities to communicate conservation messages, share programme achievements and maintain relationships with supporters.

Pathway 5

Chimpanzee Trust Financial and Institutional Sustainability

Tourism, communications and resource mobilisation play a vital role in advancing the Chimpanzee Trust's conservation mission. While conservation remains the organisation's core mandate, sustainable financing and public engagement are essential for maintaining high standards of sanctuary management, supporting field conservation programmes and strengthening institutional resilience.

During 2025, the Trust continued to position Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary as a premier ecotourism destination while implementing targeted communication and fundraising initiatives aimed at increasing visibility, strengthening partnerships and generating financial support for conservation programmes. The year was characterised by continued investment in destination marketing, digital communication, visitor experience and donor stewardship, despite a challenging tourism environment and increasing operational costs.

The combined efforts of the Business Development, Communications and Fundraising teams contributed significantly to strengthening the Trust's public profile while reinforcing the important link between conservation, responsible tourism and sustainable development.

Tourism Performance

Tourism remains an important component of the Trust's sustainability model, providing visitors with a direct connection to chimpanzee conservation while generating resources that support the organisation's wider work.

In 2025, Ngamba Island welcomed 2,807 paying visitors, achieving 63.2% of its annual target of 4,438 guests. International travelers comprised 85% of total arrivals, with domestic tourists making up the remaining 15%. This target shortfall was primarily driven by budgetary constraints, which limited marketing investments both locally and internationally. Guests during the year engaged in diverse programming, including day trips, overnight stays, volunteering, commercial filming, and academic research.



Despite lower-than-expected visitor numbers, the Trust actively enhanced the guest experience through infrastructure upgrades, facility maintenance, and customer service improvements. These interventions are designed to elevate the sanctuary's market competitiveness and anchor future tourism growth.

The year's performance underscored the vulnerability of tourism-dependent revenue streams to external fluctuations. This reality reinforces the urgent need to diversify income channels while simultaneously sharpening the sanctuary's tourism value proposition. Consequently, marketing has been designated a top priority for 2026. The Trust will drive growth through strategic partnerships with the Uganda Tourism Board (UTB), Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA), international zoos, and regional tourism associations.

Marketing and Destination Promotion

Recognising that visitor growth requires active market development, the Trust increased its engagement with tourism industry stakeholders during 2025.

The Trust participated in key tourism and conservation events, using both business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-consumer (B2C) platforms to position Ngamba Island as a conservation tourism destination.

Building the B2B market

At POATE, the Trust engaged 25 tour operators and tourism buyers, creating direct opportunities to promote Ngamba Island's tourism products and build relationships with businesses capable of driving future bookings.

At MKTE, the Trust engaged a further 56 tour operators, strengthening its exposure within the regional tourism market and creating opportunities for new commercial relationships.

Together, these two B2B engagements connected the Trust with 81 tourism operators and buyers from different source markets

Reaching the wider tourism ecosystem

The Trust also participated in World Wildlife Day, World Tourism Day and World Chimpanzee Day, using these B2C platforms to engage at least 1,000 members of the tourism ecosystem.

These events provided an opportunity to promote chimpanzee conservation, raise the profile of Ngamba Island and connect the Trust with potential visitors, partners, advocates and supporters.



Engagement during the Magical Kenya Tourism Expo





Furthermore, these engagements created opportunities to showcase the sanctuary's unique visitor experiences while strengthening business relationships within the tourism sector. Collaborations with the Uganda Tourism Board, tour operators and other stakeholders contributed to increased visibility for the sanctuary within both domestic and regional tourism markets.

Digital advertising also formed part of the Trust's marketing strategy. Google advertising campaigns were implemented to increase online visibility and attract potential visitors, complementing the organisation's broader communications efforts. Although tourism performance remained below target, management considers these initiatives important investments in expanding market reach and building long-term tourism growth.

Looking ahead, the Trust intends to expand the use of digital marketing, strengthen strategic media partnerships and increase investment in content promotion to reach broader audiences and further enhance awareness of conservation initiatives.

Resource Mobilisation and Fundraising

Sustainable Financing

Diversifying and strengthening the Trust's income base remained a priority during the year.

The Trust submitted 39 grant proposals and secured 19 grants from 11 grantors, representing a 79% success rate. 9 fundraising campaigns were also carried out generating **US\$347,790**, against a target of US\$398,802. The supporter base also expanded, with Guardians increasing from 320 to 421 and Friends of the Sanctuary from 150 to 173.

A range of campaigns—including *Support the Chimpanzees*, *Support Chimp Health*, *Giving Day for Apes*, *Baby Naming*, *Friends of the Sanctuary* and end-of-year giving—helped diversify the Trust's fundraising channels.

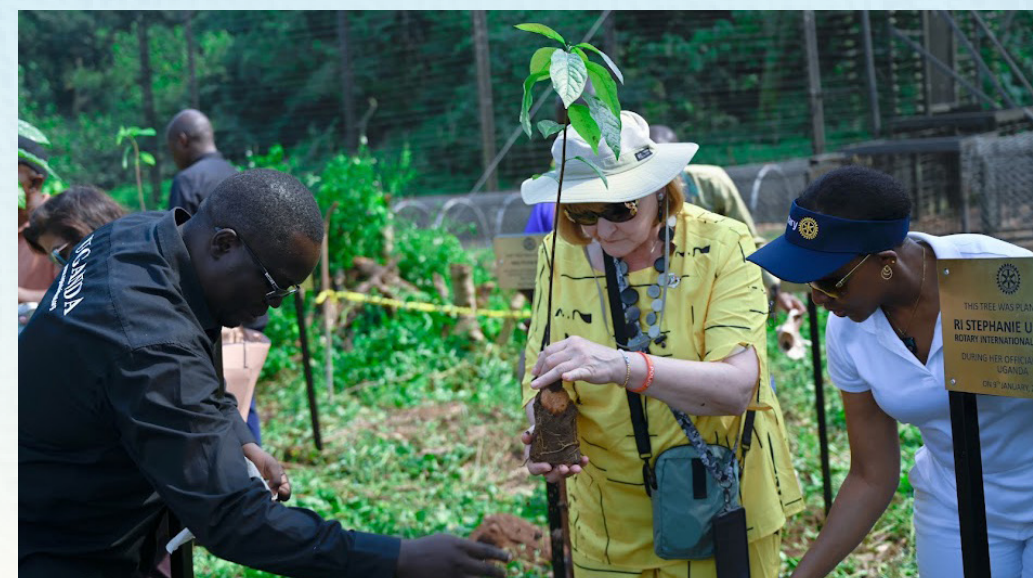
These results demonstrate the value of combining institutional grants with individual giving, supporter programmes and targeted campaigns. Going forward, the Trust will need to deepen donor stewardship while continuing to pursue larger, longer-term and more diversified sources of conservation finance.

The experience gained during the year underscores the importance of continuously adapting tourism products, embracing digital communication, strengthening partnerships and diversifying funding sources. These efforts will remain critical to ensuring that the Trust continues to generate sustainable resources for chimpanzee conservation while inspiring greater public appreciation for Uganda's natural heritage.

Strategic Partnerships and High-Level Engagement

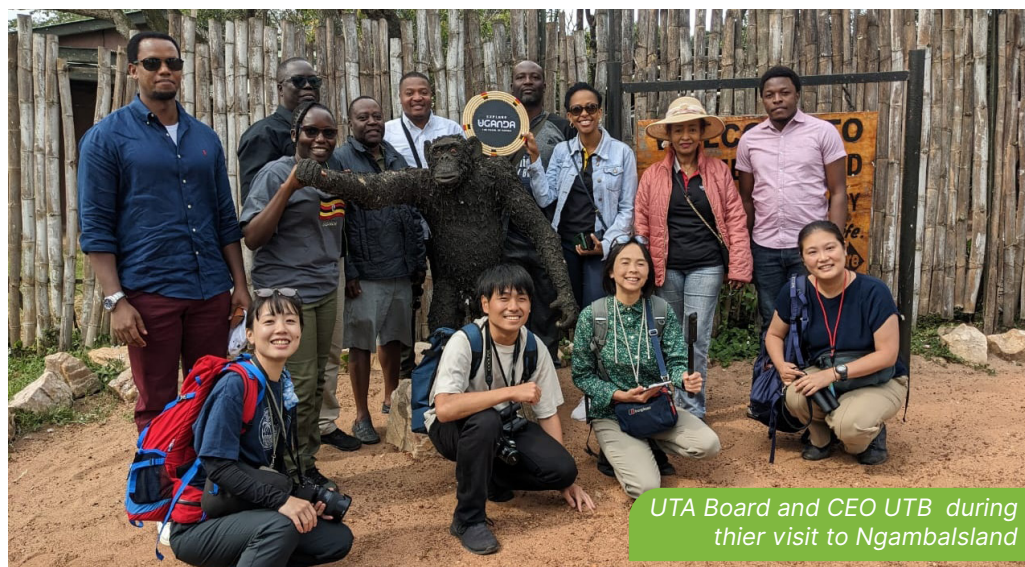
The Trust's sustainability is further strengthened by relationships that bring together conservation expertise, tourism networks, resources and public influence.

One of the year's notable engagements was a visit to Ngamba Island by the Rotary International President, Dr Stephanie, during her Africa Magic Tour. The visit provided an opportunity to showcase the Trust's conservation work and mobilise greater awareness and support for its reforestation programme.



The reforestation initiative has so far distributed more than 250,000 indigenous tree seedlings, contributing to efforts to restore and protect chimpanzee habitats. The visit therefore provided an important platform for connecting high-level global networks with a tangible conservation priority.

The Trust also strengthened relationships within Uganda's tourism sector. A delegation from the Uganda Tourism Association (UTA), accompanied by the Uganda Tourism Board CEO, Juliana Kagwa Mukasa, visited Ngamba Island to explore opportunities for closer collaboration around conservation and tourism. The engagement included discussions on research, conservation partnerships, investment and increasing visits to the sanctuary.



UTA Board and CEO UTB during their visit to Ngambal Island

These engagements demonstrate the value of positioning Ngamba Island not only as a tourism destination, but as a conservation platform around which government, private-sector, tourism and development partners can collaborate.

Institutional Development

The successful delivery of the Chimpanzee Trust's conservation mandate depends not only on effective programme implementation but also on strong institutional systems, sound governance, efficient administration and a competent workforce. During 2025, the Trust continued to invest in strengthening its institutional capacity through improvements in governance, human resource management, digital transformation, policy development and operational systems.

Governance

Good governance remained fundamental to the Trust's operations throughout 2025. The Board of Trustees continued to provide strategic direction, policy oversight and guidance to Management, ensuring that organisational decisions remained aligned with the Trust's mission, strategic objectives and statutory obligations.

Management continued to implement Board resolutions through regular planning meetings, departmental reviews and performance monitoring. These mechanisms strengthened accountability across the organisation while promoting coordinated implementation of annual work plans.

Capacity Building and Recruitment

Recognising that people are the most important resource available, The Trust remained committed to staff development, training of new entrants in the industry through offering internship, apprenticeship as well as volunteer opportunities for both National and international

During the year one of the caregivers, Hillary Aligumisiriza got an opportunity to participate in the one-year Cultural Exchange program at Walt Disney World Orlando. This program is geared towards sharing culture, promoting Uganda as a destination and also equipping the participants with the world-class customer handling experience which shall be shared with colleagues upon return.

We hosted 6 national students under the internship program in the fields of Tourism and Wildlife, with partnership with universities and institutes like UHTTI. Through the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities apprenticeship program, we supported 2 students to undertake a 10-month experience-based exercise at the Sanctuary.

In 2024 we bid farewell to the sanctuary manager Dr. Titus Mukungu, and in 2025 we were able to recruit another dedicated Sanctuary Manager and Veterinarian, Dr Aaron Bataamye further strengthening the sanctuary leadership by enhancing technical oversight of animal welfare, veterinary medicine, infrastructure management and conservation planning.

The Trust continued to prioritise staff welfare through the provision of medical insurance, occupational health and safety measures, and initiatives aimed at promoting employee wellbeing. These efforts contributed to maintaining staff motivation and supporting a positive working environment despite the demanding nature of conservation work.

Institutional Policies and Compliance

Strengthening institutional policies remained a key focus during the reporting year as part of the Trust's broader commitment to good governance and accountability.

The adoption of policies on personal data protection, whistleblower protection and grievance handling represents an important milestone in strengthening institutional integrity. These policies provide clear guidance on organisational conduct while reinforcing principles of transparency, confidentiality and fairness.

The Trust also maintained compliance with statutory obligations through timely submission of required regulatory returns, renewal of organisational registrations and adherence to employment, taxation and financial management requirements. Continued compliance strengthens stakeholder confidence while protecting the organisation's legal standing and reputation.

Digital Transformation and Operational Efficiency

The Trust continued implementation of its Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system during 2025, with the objective of improving efficiency, digitising administrative processes and strengthening performance management.

The organisation also invested in ICT upgrades, security systems, infrastructure maintenance and operational equipment.

Together, these investments represent an important shift towards more integrated and data-informed management. As the Trust grows, stronger digital systems will be increasingly important for financial management, reporting, human resources, donor stewardship and organisational decision-making.

OUR PEOPLE

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Ms. Diana Museveni Kyarempera
Patron of Ngamba Island

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Manager - Jan- June 2026



Dr. Aaron Bataamye
Sanctuary Manager



George Kacha
Conservation Manager

CHIMPANZEE TRUST STAFF

Our achievements at The Chimpanzee Trust are a direct result of our team’s deep passion and relentless hard work. Their dedication serves as the foundation for both our broader conservation initiatives and the top-tier care provided to the residents of Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary. We want to take this opportunity to honour and celebrate these vital individuals, whose enduring commitment makes our success possible



JOHN KALONDE KINTU
Manager of the Year 2025



MIRACLE KASOLO VERONICA
Employee of the year 2025



Monthly Team Players

At Chimpanzee Trust, conservation is powered by people who consistently go beyond the expected to advance our mission. The Monthly team player initiative recognises staff members whose dedication, professionalism, teamwork and commitment make a meaningful difference to the organisation’s work. In 2025, we celebrated colleagues who demonstrated these qualities in their daily roles, reminding us that every contribution, from chimpanzee care and field conservation to administration, tourism and support services plays a part in achieving our shared conservation goals. We proudly recognise the individuals who stood out during the year for their exceptional contribution and commitment.



NANSUBUGA RASHIDAH
Housekeeper
January 2025



MUKISA JOAN
Finance Officer
January 2025



DAVID NEYO
Security Officer
February 2025



NAMAYANJA LYDIA
Animal Caregiver
March 2025



MIRACLE KASOLO VERONICA
Administrative Assistant
April 2025



DOROTHY BASEMERA
Marketing &
Communications Officer
May 2025



SEKULYA PHILLIP
Assistant Sanctuary
Manager
June 2025



JANET AKUGIZIBWE
Conservation Officer
July 2025



BRIAN MUHUMUZA
Assistant Boat Captain
August 2025



INNOCENT AMPAIRE
Assistant Sanctuary
Manager Animal Welfare
September 2025



ODERE ANDREW
Chef
November 2025

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Platinum



Gold



Silver



Bronze



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Trustees



Supporting Partners



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Adriana Benavides
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Winkler Ford
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In Loving Memory of Dr Jane Goodall 1934–2025

The Board, Management and staff of Chimpanzee Trust join the global conservation community in mourning the passing of Dr Jane Goodall, a pioneering conservationist whose life's work transformed our understanding of chimpanzees and inspired generations to protect wildlife and nature.

For Chimpanzee Trust, her passing is deeply personal. Dr Goodall was an important part of the story of Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary, where her vision for chimpanzee welfare, conservation, education and community engagement found a meaningful expression. The Jane Goodall Institute was a founding member of the Ngamba Island initiative, and Dr Goodall remained a committed supporter of the sanctuary throughout her life.

Dr Goodall leaves behind a remarkable legacy of compassion, scientific curiosity and action. Her pioneering research changed how the world understood chimpanzees, while her subsequent conservation work demonstrated that scientific knowledge must be matched by community involvement, education and determined action to protect wildlife and their habitats.

At Chimpanzee Trust, we are privileged to continue work that reflects many of the principles she championed. Every chimpanzee cared for at Ngamba Island, every forest protected and restored, every community engaged and every young person inspired represents a continuation of the conservation vision to which she dedicated her life.

We are deeply grateful for Dr Goodall's friendship, encouragement and unwavering belief in the importance of protecting chimpanzees. We also acknowledge with gratitude the enduring partnership and support of the Jane Goodall Institutes, which has contributed significantly to the development and continued work of Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary.

As we mourn her loss, we celebrate a life that changed conservation forever.

Her voice may be gone, but her message lives on.

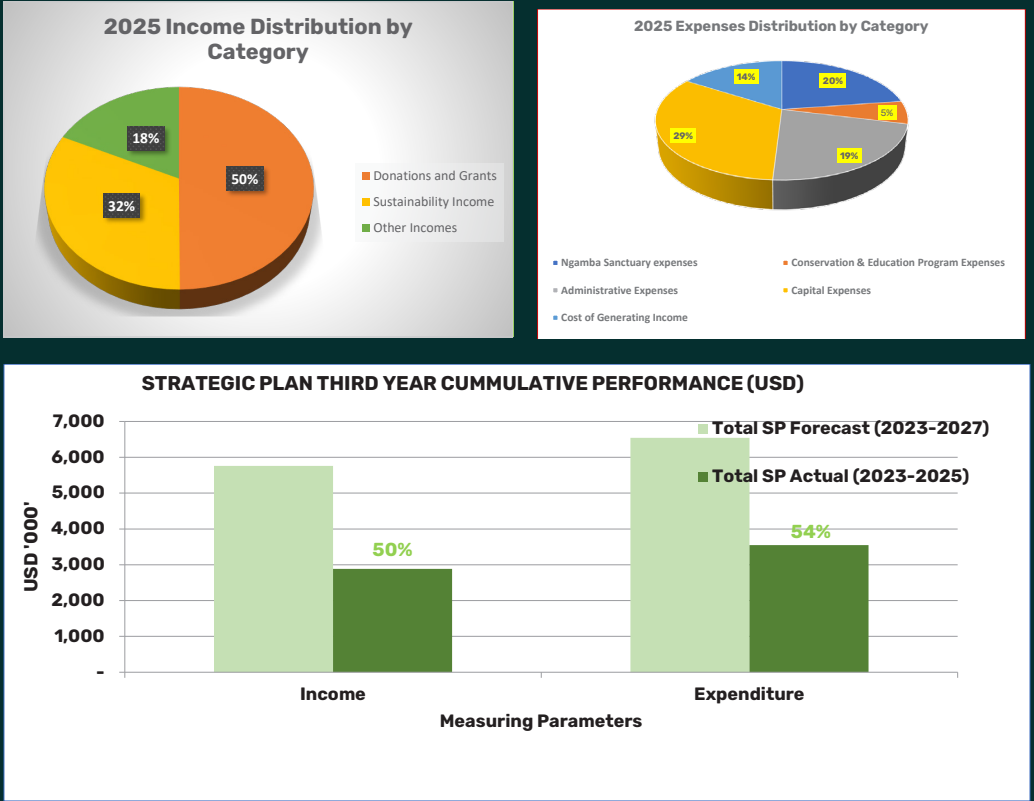
May her extraordinary legacy continue to guide and inspire our work for chimpanzees and their habitats.

Rest in peace, Dr Jane. Your legacy lives on at Ngamba Island.



Audited Financial Statements

The Chimpanzee Trust operates with complete openness, maintaining strict accountability to our donors, partners, and the community. To achieve this, our internal policies align with global financial integrity standards. We undergo quarterly internal audits to ensure continuous operational compliance, alongside an annual review of our financial statements to fulfill local legal mandates and secure our NGO registration.



Notes to the Strategic Plan (SP)

- By the end of 2025, the third year of the Strategic Plan, the Trust had achieved 50% of the Forecast Strategic Plan Income and incurred 54% of the forecast Strategic Plan Expenditure, with some strategic plan actions requiring major funding still undone.



Audit Opinion



REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHIMPANZEE SANCTUARY AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025.

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Chimpanzee Sanctuary and Wildlife Conservation Trust which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2025, the Statement of Income and Expenditure, Statement of Cash Flows and the Statement of Changes in Accumulated Fund for the year ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, as set out on pages 20 to 38.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements presents in all material respects, a true and fair view of the financial position of Chimpanzee Sanctuary and Wildlife Conservation Trust as at 31 December 2025, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Notes 1 and 2 to the financial statements and the Non-Government Organization Act, 2016.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Parts A and B) (IESBA Code) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in Uganda.

We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits in Uganda.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgments, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

There were no key audit matters to communicate.

Other information:

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If based on the work we have performed on the other information that we have obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Board of Trustees' Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Board Members are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Secretariat's policies and financial reporting procedures, Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAPs) and the provisions of the grants agreements. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

In preparing the financial statements, the members are responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

As part of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

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- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Member's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by The Non-Governmental Organizations Act, 2016, We report to you that:

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- In our opinion proper books of accounts have been kept by the Organization, so far as appears from our examination of those books.
- The Organization's statement of financial position and statement of receipts and expenditure are in agreement with the books of accounts.

The engagement partner responsible for the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is CPA Godfrey Mpaulo, practicing number P0319

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CHIMPANZEE SANCTUARY AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	NOTES	2025	2024
		UGX	UGX
REVENUE			
Donations and Grants	3	1,503,796,506	1,953,362,281
Sustainability Income	4	986,596,310	1,289,385,631
Other Incomes	5	540,199,312	511,031,172
Total Revenue		3,030,592,128	3,753,779,084
EXPENSES			
Ngamba Sanctuary expenses	6	(839,160,416)	(799,813,812)
Conservation & Education Program Expenses	7	(230,293,813)	(134,811,102)
Administrative Expenses	8	(816,433,126)	(1,066,780,408)
Cost of Generating Income	9	(589,011,857)	(647,972,006)
Depreciation & Amortisation Expense	11	(548,661,826)	(342,181,470)
Total expenditure		(3,023,561,038)	(2,991,558,798)
Surplus for the Year		7,031,090	762,220,286
Other Comprehensive Income / Loss			
Foreign Exchange Loss	10	(41,731,275)	(342,305,005)
Comprehensive Income for the Year		(34,700,185)	419,915,281

The statement of Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the accounting policies and notes forming part of the financial statements set out on pages 21 to 24 and the report of independent auditors presented on page 18 to 20.

CHIMPANZEE SANCTUARY AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	NOTES	2025	2024
ASSETS		UGX	UGX
Property Plant and Equipment	11	5,021,556,924	4,351,280,856
Intangible Assets	12	20,454,996	-
Long Term Investments	13	3,443,717,074	2,258,480,756
		8,485,728,994	6,609,761,612
Current Assets			
Inventory	14	9,906,036	23,815,042
Trade and Other Receivable	15	165,146,925	26,371,798
Short Term Investments	16	297,331,000	1,763,299,797
Cash and cash equivalents	17	753,206,444	442,359,876
		1,225,590,405	2,255,846,513
TOTAL ASSETS		9,711,319,399	8,865,608,125
REPRESENTED BY			
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Capital Outlay		483,872,099	483,872,099
Revaluation reserve		2,358,620,029	2,358,620,029
Endowment Fund		1,111,189,595	953,442,278
Operations Reserve Fund		551,125,084	454,658,486
Accumulated fund		2,825,779,253	2,860,479,439
		7,330,586,060	7,111,072,331
Current Liabilities			
Payables and Accruals	21	873,184,677	246,987,133
Deferred Income	22	1,507,548,662	1,507,548,662
		2,380,733,339	1,754,535,795
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		9,711,319,399	8,865,608,126

The statement of Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the accounting policies and notes forming part of the financial statements set out on pages 21 to 24 and the report of independent auditors presented on page 18 to 20.

The financial statements were approved and authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on 9th July 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:


Mr. James Byamukama
 BOARD CHAIRPERSON


Dr. Joshua Rukundo
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CHIMPANZEE SANCTUARY AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

FY 2025 (Current Year)	Revaluation Reserve	Retained Surplus	Endowment Fund	Operations Reserve Fund	Capital Fund	Total
	UGX	Account UGX	UGX	UGX	UGX	UGX
Balance as at 01/01/2025	2,358,620,029	2,860,479,439	953,442,278	454,658,486	483,872,099	7,111,072,331
Additional Contributions	-	-	45,000,000	120,000,000	-	165,000,000
Interest on Investment	-	-	112,747,318	-	-	112,747,318
Withdrawals During The Year	-	-	-	(23,533,402)	-	(23,533,402)
Deficit for the year	-	(34,700,185)	-	-	-	(34,700,185)
As 31/12/2025	2,358,620,029	2,825,779,253	1,111,189,596	551,125,084	483,872,099	7,330,586,061
FY 2024 (Previous Year)						
Balance as at 01/01/2024	2,358,620,029	2,440,564,158	769,618,144	395,959,662	483,872,099	6,448,634,092
Additional Contributions	-	-	100,200,000	120,000,000	-	220,200,000
Interest on Investment	-	-	83,624,134	-	-	83,624,134
Withdrawals During The Year	-	-	-	(61,301,176)	-	(61,301,176)
Surplus for the year	-	419,915,281	-	-	-	419,915,281
Balance as at 31/12/2024	2,358,620,029	2,860,479,439	953,442,278	454,658,486	483,872,099	7,111,072,330

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CHIMPANZEE SANCTUARY AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TRUST

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 UGX	2024 UGX
Cashflow from Operating activities		
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year per Income Statement	(34,700,185)	419,915,281
Adjustment for non-cash items		
Add back depreciation & Amortisation expense	548,661,826	342,181,470
Provision for doubtful debts	-	-
(Gain) / Loss on disposal of Fixed Assets	(13,240,080)	(17,094,100)
Write off of long outstanding creditors	(13,361,822)	-
	487,359,739	745,002,651
Adjustments for Changes in Working Capital		
Decrease / (Increase) in Inventories	13,909,006	(9,523,807)
Decrease / (Increase) in receivables & Prepayments	(138,775,127)	19,345,562
Decrease / (Increase) in short-term Investments	1,465,968,797	(1,534,923,237)
Increase / (Decrease) in Payables and Accruals	626,197,544	38,797,699
Increase in Retirement Benefit Provision	96,466,598	58,698,824
Net cash Used from operating activities	2,551,126,557	(682,602,308)
Cash Flow from Investing activities		
Cash paid for purchase of property and equipment	(1,226,031,069)	(451,931,819)
Proceeds from sale of Fixed Assets	13,240,080	24,594,099
Long Term Investments	(1,185,236,318)	953,873,951
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,398,027,307)	526,536,231
Cash Flow from Financing activities		
Endowment Fund Collections	157,747,317	183,824,134
Net cash from financing activities	157,747,317	183,824,134
Net increase in cash and cash equivalent	310,846,567	27,758,057
Movement in cash and Cash Equivalents		
As at the start of the year	442,359,877	414,601,820
Movement during the year	310,846,567	27,758,057
At end of the year	753,206,444	442,359,877

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Strategic Outlook for 2026

As a Trust we remain committed in our mission to protect and conserve chimpanzees. As we enter the fourth year of our Strategic Plan, our 2026 focus will be:

1. Enhanced Chimpanzee Welfare:

- » Installation of surveillance cameras for improved monitoring.
- » Construction of play structures to enrich chimpanzee environments.

2. Strengthening Conservation Programs:

- » Securing medium to large grants for habitat restoration and human-wildlife conflict mitigation.
- » Scaling up education and awareness programs to reach more communities and schools.
- » Restoration of at least 100Ha of degraded chimpanzee habitats

3. Infrastructure & Revenue Generation:

- » Enhancing visitor experience, product development and expanding tourism marketing efforts.
- » Reinforcement of the chimpanzee electric fence
- » Reconstruction of the gabion barrier to protect the sanctuary shores and infrastructure

4. Operational Excellence & Governance:

- » Updating all policy manuals to align with best practices.
- » Enhancing staff training programs to ensure a highly skilled, motivated team.



UTB and the Chimpanzee Trust team during chimpanzee tracking in Itohya forest

Thanks

Our work at the Chimpanzee Trust is a shared endeavour, driven by the incredible generosity of a compassionate individuals and organizations. We extend our deepest gratitude to every individual and organization who has stood with us. The support they give is the lifeline that enables us to provide a safe and nurturing environment for the chimpanzees at Ngamba Island Sanctuary.

We are immensely grateful for the vital funding received through grants from our partner organizations like Jane Goodall Institutes of Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Netherlands, Arcus Foundation, Born Free Foundation, Friends of Chimps and Pelican Lodge and Marina among others. A special thank you also goes to the many individuals who have contributed through our online and offline fundraising campaigns, adoption and "Friends of the Sanctuary" programs. Their consistent support forms a reliable foundation for our daily operations.

Our donor programs include

- **Guardianship program;** where individuals 'adopt' and make a commitment to contribute towards the welfare and upkeep of individual chimpanzees.
- **Friends of the Sanctuary** program is where individuals contribute regular small amounts from \$20 for individuals and from \$250 for corporates to the general operations of the sanctuary and our other programs.

Endowment Fund Growth; This is through campaigns like Name a Chim, Ape Giving Day and direct donations, our reserve fund is grown, ensuring we can care for the chimpanzees during any potential crisis.

Thank You





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