



EMPOWERING TEENAGER MOTHERS

by protecting Volcanoes National Park and
Gishwati Mukura National Park



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I. INTRODUCTION



The world is facing a problem of environment protection. The situation has caused many challenges to the environment like climate change and the loss of many species as well as our heritage is disappearing. In the past years, in Rwanda as in other developing countries, the climate was regular, but currently the irregularity of seasons has caused droughts in some parts of the country.

Our national parks have a great role in the protection of our climate due to a large cover of trees and being the residence of many species that we regard as our heritage. Those species, which live in those parks, have also been part of the development of Rwanda through tourism, which has given a whopping above the export product of the economy of the country. Noted again those national parks are the residence of many species.

Akagera National Park, Volcanoes National Park, Nyungwe National Park and Gishwati/ Mukura National park are the important parks of Rwanda which shelter different species of animals like: mountain gorillas, lions, leopards, rhinoceros, hippopotamus, giraffe, and golden monkeys amongst others. Another reminder is that our agricultural raining season somehow depends on the existence of those

parks, and also it is known that one of our forests, Nyungwe National Park, has in its surface the source of the Nile River which has always had a great importance and impact to the lives of the people in different countries of Eastern and Northern Africa.

Rwanda Development Board (RDB), an institution that has the parks and their species in its charge, said that some species were disappearing because of not having clear strategies about how to protect the parks and says that the poachers have had their fair share in the disappearance of those species. So, it is very important as Rwandans to protect our environmental heritage because we are one of the few countries that shelters the disappearing species, the mountain gorillas.

While the government of Rwanda is establishing different programs to conserve and preserve national parks and their species, the problem that remains is the state of mind of some citizens about the importance of the biodiversity to their daily lives. While the literacy remains the root of education, the lack of books which talk about our national park and their species.



because many people are not interested in writing on nature and Conservation. Due to the gap that exists between different beneficiaries, the flow of information has become a challenge to not

only the present generation, but also will affect the future generations because this situation will create total ignorance of the interaction between the biodiversity and

ACTIVITIES DURING COVID 19



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT OF SEWING TRAINING BUILDING FOR TEENAGERS
MOTHERS IN KINIGI SECTOR
LOCATION :
PLOT N° : 4/03/07/05/960
NYONIRIMA/ KINIGI/ MUSANZE
BUILDING PERMIT N°: MUS/BP/2020/AAB129

As we released in previews reports, we have 201 teenager mothers surrounding the volcanoes national park whom we are engaging in conservation. And we provided the sewing machine which they use in learning to sew now 56 have already started to learn and we provided the teach to help them.. this will be opportunity to shape their future and their children. Future For Kidz. Help us to get workshop for those teenager mother, office and exhibition wall. This house will help the to sell their products so that their could get money. At the end of October ,2020 this house launched officials

2. COVID 19 started while those teenager mothers have not yet graduated so that they could get money. So in Lockdown their struggled very hard. In case handle

this situation URI Great Lakes, IDEA-Rwanda and Muhisimbi collected funds from the donors and selling books where we get Funds to support those teenager mother in this time of lockdown and their children. Governace Camp hotels become the main partner in this activities, Mary Sherapov play of Tennis, and tourist who has penetrated with our activities contributed to support this activities of providing them Food and Saops every Friday till today.





3. to promote conservation Awareness and enhance the life of lively wood is of our objective URI GL, Governance camp, IDEA- Rwanda and Muhisimbi initiated the program to make masks which help the rule people to protect and spread COVID 19. The government has checked all requirement allow us to do quality mask and healthy. Then he gave us permit to let those teenager mothers to sewing the masks now they are able to sell more than 1000 mask per month so that now they could get money to raise the children meanwhile keeping studying to sew.

3. House rehabilitation.in **World international National Week**. there are some teenager Mother who have been rejected in the family at their pregnancy... so the live in huge in this time of COVID 19 in partnership of Governance Camp hotel URI GL and Muhisimbi we organized public work where we build house to that teenager mother and her children we provided them and other accessories materials.



EXPANDING OUR ACTIVITIES AT NEW NATIONAL PARK GISHWATI MUKURA



This forest established In 1933 with government of Rwanda, 18th ,November, 2019 Rwanda environment authority, Rwanda development Board, enounced New national park Called Gishwati Mukura situated in western province Rwanda on the middle of Congo nil trail and lake kivu belt this park is located in rural area districts it have defferent species, like Champanze ,Golden monkey, bleu Monkey mountain monkey, white backed Vultures, Martial Eagles, Crowned eagles different birds, water falls and place of hiking, Actually this .

The people surrounding this park are live in low life as they located in rural area so it is difficult to protect this forest and it species as the mind set about the community surrounding this park has not yet changed... as we connect people with animals and environment. IDEA-Rwanda and Eco –Arts and Rwanda Development Board (RDB) initiated the program to expand our activities to the community surrounding this park by enhancing the their life as well as link them with nature. Our activities in this are focused in Women Empowering, Education, Health, Water and sanitation, Conservation awareness and job creation.

IDENTIFICATION and START UP

The women surrounding this park and their children fetching water in this park so that their destroy the nature and their could be killed with some animals most of them are the young girls. We are planning to build water tape from the parks so that the people can get water in the villages instead of in forest.



in case to support those young women and children surrounding this park we are planning to build water taps in the village.

Job Creation

This Rural areas so there many present of youth which are unemployed so we joined the to gether for helping them to extend their mind by creating SMEs which are environmental friendly in case to benefit from this new national park. Now we are teaching them to make ceramics Cookstve which will be used one fire wood for cooking.. this will reduce the cutting of tree in this park and unexpected working nature,



Youth engagement in environmental protection

In case to promote sustainable protection of Gishwati Mukura national park we are engaging the youth in protection of this forest by change mindset. And they will be the first to be in community tourism which will bring them the income as well as promote our heritage.



Identification of single mother

After the meeting with local leader we identified more than 90 teenager mother in one sector surrounding Gishwati Mukura national Park. So as we did in Volcanoes national park to help them to shape their future by establishing project sewing..we take decision to establish this project in this area in case to save those Teenager mothers and their children live near Gishwati-Mukura National parks.



Education of Vocational training based on community Tourism

After assessment released that there are present of many unexpected pregnancies in this district, present of unemployment as well as is rural area this push URI-GL, Eco-Arts, Engineer & Conservationist DUSABIMANA and IDEA-Rwanda and Gaspard to come up with idea to build school which will help all those who are struggling to get life in this area of Gishwati Mukura National park and other from Lake Kivu belt as they are parallel. We have made identification and blue print now our next step is to correct fund. This schools will help more than 400 young people by year where 80% will be the women.



Conclusion

This activities done during COVID 19 in preparation of international day of peace regarding to the activities on going to the community surrounding Volcanoes national park they are going to strengthen them by collecting fund from the books of conservation and from the donation of tourist ... and many effort is going to oriented community project of Gishwati Mukura as the are in the risj more that others as is located in rural area.

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Peace and love

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