

Community-Led Conservation Across Africa



The Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) drives community-led conservation across four African nations, protecting great apes and their habitats through our signature Tacare approach. Building on Dr. Jane Goodall's legacy, JGI empowers local communities, fosters youth changemakers through Roots & Shoots, and applies science to achieve sustainable harmony between people, animals, and the environment.

The Jane Goodall Institute operates from Washington, D.C., with critical country offices in Tanzania, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the Republic of the Congo. Our mission is dual: to protect great apes and their habitats while inspiring individuals globally to act.

JGI's Africa Programs rely on Tacare, JGI's community-led conservation approach, which strives to ensure that local people drive decisions in their own landscapes. Tacare skillfully combines four critical components: great ape protection, enhanced human well-being, youth engagement, and applied science. This holistic strategy works toward Dr. Goodall's vision of sustainable coexistence. Furthermore, JGI assists many African nations in developing national and regional chimpanzee action plans, creating a unified framework for stakeholder coordination and long-term threat reduction.

"That's when it hit me that unless we could help people find ways of making a living without destroying their environment, we could not hope to protect chimpanzees, their forests, or anything else. And so, the idea for Tacare began."

DR. JANE GOODALL, DBE | Founder, Jane Goodall Institute, UN Messenger of Peace

Community Impact



12M

acres of chimpanzee habitat under management for conservation in JGI USA's target areas

\$1.8M

earned by local communities through sustainable livelihoods in 2024

1,679

local champions trained in community-led conservation in 2024

Tanzania: Tacare & Long-Term Research

JGI TZ uses the Tacare approach to co-create conservation solutions alongside local communities, while JGI's Gombe Stream Research Center continues to provide vital insights into chimpanzee behavior and ecosystem health.



Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC): The Ushiriki Consortium

JGI DRC provides strategic leadership for the Ushiriki Consortium — a powerful collaboration of many partners operating across a massive 103,784 square mile region to support the vital Conservation Action Plan (CAP) for Great Apes in the Eastern DRC.



Uganda: National Strategy & Habitat Protection

JGI UG has strategically expanded the Tacare model's coverage to include a large portion of the country's chimpanzee range — strengthening legal protections for critical forest habitats and bolstering community-led conservation efforts to ensure the long-term survival of chimpanzees.



Republic of the Congo (RoC): The Triangle Approach & Sanctuary

JGI RoC's primary focus is to counter the illegal wildlife trade through best-in-class animal care and rehabilitation at JGI's Tchimpounga sanctuary, public awareness campaigns, and collaboration with national law enforcement.

