

# The Jane Goodall Institute Fact Sheet

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A global community of concerned individuals striving for a better world

The Jane Goodall Institute, founded in 1977, is a global non-profit that empowers people to make a difference for all living things. Grounded in Dr. Jane Goodall's pioneering study of chimpanzee behavior, begun in Gombe National Park, Tanzania, in 1960, the Jane Goodall Institute emphasizes the power of the individual to make a difference. The institute focuses on education, conservation and development, and wildlife research.

Whether we are training Tanzanian villagers in sustainable agriculture and forestry, partnering with African women to increase their access to capital through micro-financing, or supporting thousands of children around the world in their desire to make a difference, we recognize the interconnectedness of all—people, animals, and the environment.

**Chimpanzee Research**--Dr. Goodall's groundbreaking chimpanzee research in Gombe National Park continues to this day. Recent findings through fecal analysis are providing valuable insight about disease transmission and HIV origins, while behavior research focuses on aggression and territoriality, chimpanzee culture and more. JGI's ChimpanZoo program helps zoos design optimal environments for captive chimpanzees. JGI's Center for Primate Studies has compiled all the research data from Gombe—more than 320,00 pages of paper data and more than 8000 images and hundreds of hours of video footage. CPS has developed a computer database covering more than 30 years of Gombe research data.

**Chimpanzee Protection**—The JGI chimpanzee sanctuaries in Africa provide safe, loving, caring, and semi-natural habitats for nearly 200 orphan chimpanzees in Kenya, Uganda, and the Republic of Congo. They also create local jobs and serve as centers of conservation, environmental education, and development activities in local communities.

**Empowerment of African Villagers**—The JGI TACARE (“Take Care”) community-centered conservation programs in Congo and Tanzania preserve and restore the environment while giving hope to thousands of families through initiatives that improve health care, promote economic development, and support sustainable livelihoods. TACARE empowers villagers to build sustainable livelihoods while promoting regional conservation goals such as reforestation and an end to the illegal commercial bushmeat trade. Our programs are controlled and embraced by the local people.

**Humanitarian & Environmental Education for Youth**—Based on the principle that knowledge leads to compassion that inspires action, JGI's Roots & Shoots program engages youth of all ages through service learning. R&S groups create hope in more than 87 countries. They're cleaning up riverbeds, teaching peers about endangered species and the importance of care and welfare for all animals, and organizing events that celebrate different cultures. Roots & Shoots has groups in rural, suburban, and inner-city neighborhoods in the U.S. and other countries, in villages in Ecuador and China, and even in refugee camps in Africa.

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