



*Jackline Chobaliko (Left) and her husband Raphael Mbiliko (Right) celebrating the prospects of good maize harvest after using compost technology at Kajeje village in the Kigoma Region.*

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## TANZANIA

# USAID TUMAINI KUPITIA VITENDO - “HOPE THROUGH ACTION”

Partnering with the Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania (JGI TZ), a local NGO, the USAID Tumaini Kupitia Vitendo (“Hope Through Action”) project works to protect endangered chimpanzee populations and safeguard their habitat through more effective forest management and empowering local communities with more inclusive governance of natural resources and more productive and sustainable livelihoods in the Gombe-Masito-Ugalla (GMU) landscape. The GMU landscape, located in Western Tanzania, is critical for the survival of most of Tanzania’s estimated 2,200 chimpanzees.

This important population of chimpanzees is facing increasing threats due to habitat loss from shifting agriculture tied to expanding settlements, illegal grazing, and logging. Chimpanzees are also directly at risk from nearby human communities through disease transmission and human-wildlife conflict. Rapidly growing human populations in Western Tanzania are depleting natural resources and expanding unsustainable land use practices. These issues, paired with inadequate capacity of local governments to effectively manage natural resources, have resulted in significantly increased biodiversity threats.

Guided by JGI’s tried and tested community-led conservation model, TACARE, USAID Tumaini Kupitia Vitendo will reinforce and enhance outcomes achieved under the 5-year USAID Landscape Conservation

in Western Tanzania Activity which ended in October of 2023. The project will enhance benefits from and governance of natural resources to reinforce behavior change towards more sustainable land uses.

## Objectives:

- **Improving Forest governance and Management:** Building the capacity of Districts and Villages to keep forests intact and healthy. Supporting payments for ecosystem services that reinforce conservation action. Ensuring “threat hot spots” inside and outside the landscape are dealt with effectively and equitably. Improving village and District land use management and providing more gender equitable access to land tenure. Support continued learning about biodiversity threats to adapt and improve management.
- **Support for climate smart, gender focused livelihood and agricultural improvements:** Strengthening resilience to climate change and other shocks through sustainable, woman focused activities. Ensuring villages become centers of excellence in intensive, climate smart agriculture. Building linkages to financial institutions to drive conservation enterprise development and farming improvements on land designated for agricultural use.
- **Population, Health, and Environment:** Expanding activities to improve awareness of and access to reproductive health and family planning resources. Enhancing Maternal and Child Health education and appropriate responses to Gender Based Violence.
- **Enhancing Youth Activism and Leadership through support for Roots and Shoots Clubs across Tanzania:** Expand the reach of JGI’s support for Primary and Secondary student focused Roots & Shoots clubs. Improve training in leadership, conservation, and climate change. Support a National Youth Council to forward a youth focused climate and conservation agenda.

**BUDGET** \$29.5 million

### DURATION

August 2023 – August 2028

### ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Kigoma and Katavi Regions, and Nationwide Youth engagement.

### IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

The Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania

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## Results:

- 2.5 million hectares of areas under improved natural resource management, conservation, and climate risk reduction.
- 450,000 people with improved economic benefits derived from sustainable natural resource management and/or biodiversity conservation.
- Over 800,000 “couple of years’ protections” provided through family planning.
- Over 330 community health workers, and 75 Health Facilities supported and trained on providing family planning information, referrals, and/or services.
- 800 Roots & Shoots clubs supported, and a National Youth Council created.