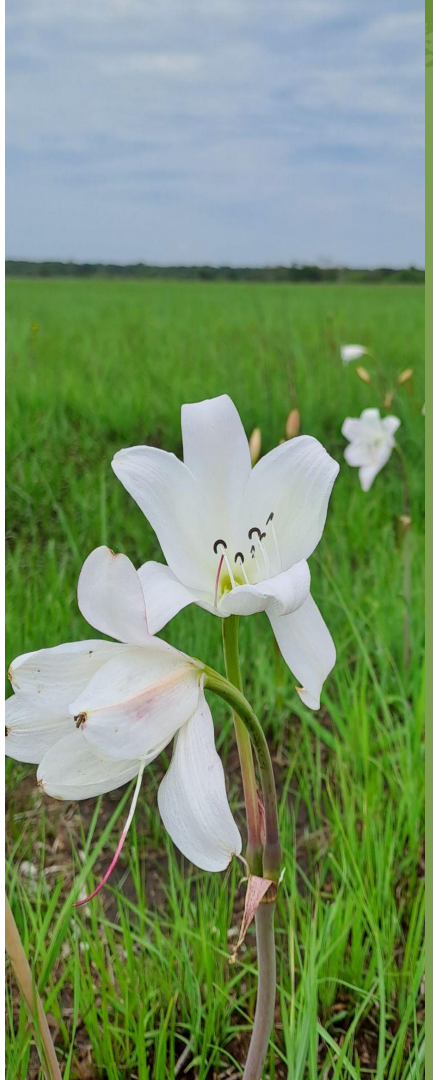


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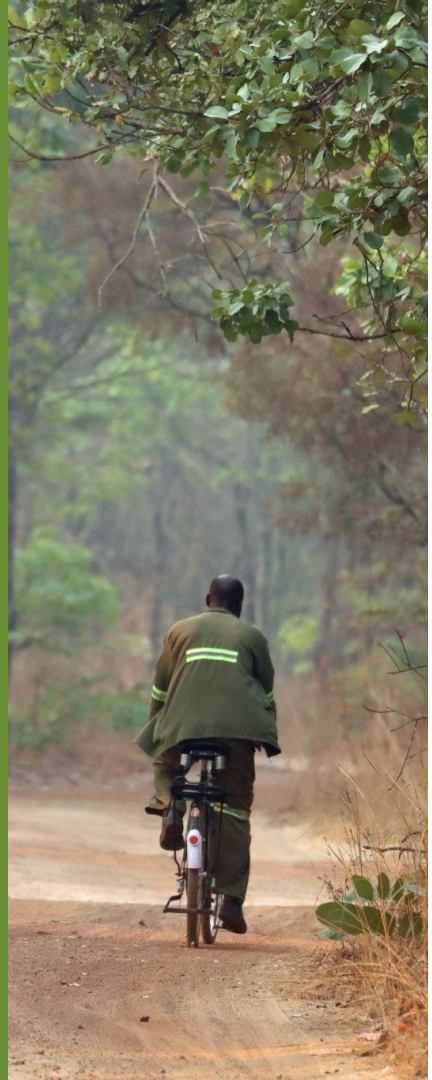
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About Us

Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage Trust (CWOT) is one of the oldest and biggest sanctuaries for orphaned and rescued chimpanzees, located in Zambia's Copperbelt Province.

Established **in 1983**, the sanctuary began as a family-run operation when **David and Sheila Siddle** took in a severely injured infant chimpanzee named **"Pal"** after it was brought to their cattle ranch by a game ranger.

The Siddle's nursed Pal back to health, marking the beginning of CWOT's mission to **provide care and rehabilitation** for chimpanzees in need.





CWOT's Boards

Board of Trustees

The Trust was established in 1995 to ensure the sustainability of the project. Since then, the Board of Trustees, together with the Executive Director, provides the direction to achieve CWOT's development goals.

Chairman: Sebastian Louis
Members: Lilly Ajarova, William Nyirenda, Jörg Junhold, Daniel Haun / Katja Liebal

Research Board

As CWOT is a great places to observe chimpanzees living in large enclosures, it was important to establish a research committee to ensure that the welfare of the chimpanzees is respected at all times during research.

Chairman: Edwin van Leeuwen
Members: Katie Cronin, Jake Brooker, Katja Liebal, Daniel Haun, Animal Care Manager, Executive Director

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This year marked the **41st anniversary** of our establishment as a sanctuary for orphaned chimpanzees and other wild animals. This is our first annual report, and we are pleased to present our significant achievements. Before we proceed, we would like to provide a brief overview of the year: **2024 was a challenge**!

We began the year with a **national cholera epidemic** that suspended the school year for over a month. This resulted in a reduction in the children's holidays. Furthermore, the **school bus unfortunately encountered difficulties** and breakdown, created significant challenges for the children. Some had to walk all along the year over 20 km each day. Notwithstanding these challenges, the students have demonstrated remarkable resilience, achieving an outstanding 100% passing rate in Grade 7 and 85% in Grade 9.

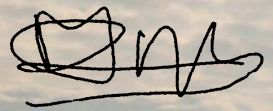
In addition to the cholera outbreak, the region experienced an **epidemic of monkeypox, an outbreak of anthrax, and a severe malaria season**. In response, we organised numerous awareness-raising meetings with communities to provide them with **essential information and materials to combat** the emergence of these diseases. We have also implemented numerous renovations in most communities to improve access to water, hygiene and safety (mosquito nets for windows and doors, mosquito nets for beds, etc.).

This year, we also experienced **the most severe drought in Zambia in over 25 years**, along with bushfires that consumed over 80% of our land. It was a serious threat for our farm and wildlife as it led to a significant drop in the level of the Kafue River, resulting in more intense pressure from poaching and dynamite fishing. Despite these challenges, we remained committed to our mission of safeguarding the forest, the river and their associated wildlife. We established a **biomonitoring system** to keep an eye on our threatened species and make the decisions necessary for their survival.

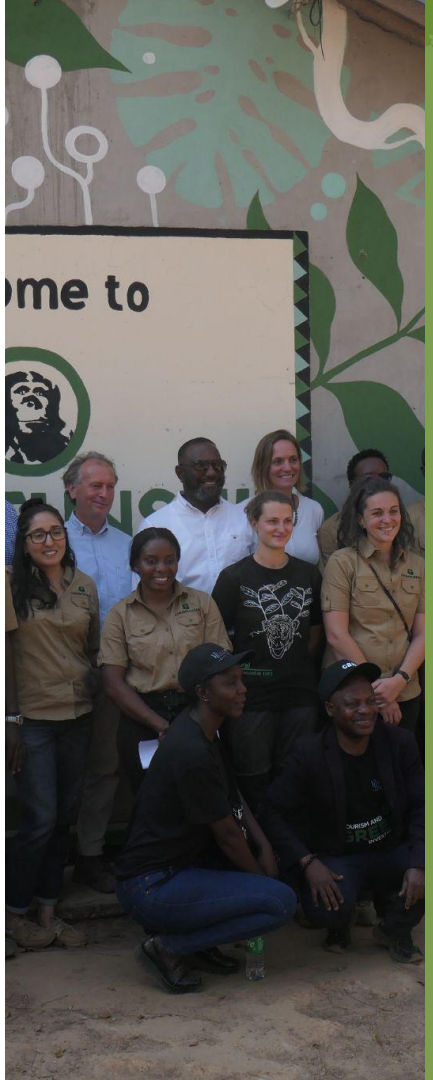
I would like to express my sincere gratitude **to all the staff and the communities**, especially the children, who have demonstrated remarkable resilience, fortitude and courage during this year.

These achievements have been made possible thanks to **the unwavering support and generosity of each and every one of you**. As a result, we were able to end the year on a positive note in terms of our residents, with many introductions in new groups, the inauguration of our school with the attendance of a Member of Parliament, the visit of Ministry of tourism and improvements to our efforts for conservation and community well-being. **Thank you.**

Yours sincerely,



Peggy Motsch, Executive Director



2024 Highlights

- Organisation of the first ChimpCare Workshop for the head keepers from PASA sanctuaries in Africa
- Official inauguration with authorities and Member of Parliament for the new development including new buildings at Twampane Community School
- Building of 5 new boreholes to provide clean water in our communities
- Development of a programme of biomonitoring of the wildlife and landscape of CWOT
- Official visit of Minister of Tourism to promote and improve Copperbelt tourism activity

Key Figures

Animal Care
Residents: **154** chimpanzees, **17** African grey parrots, **1** common duiker, **1** Meyer's parrot
Past 2 years: 25 rescued & **10** released to the wild

Community Development
- **30.000+** free meals served to the children at school
- **400+** people in the **7** communities
- **250+** children at Twampane Community School
- **70+** employees

Past 2 years: 1 new community, 20+ new staffs and 50+ new kids at school

Conservation Efforts
- **340+** birds species identified
- **100+** students attending each of the 3 nature camps

Past 2 years: 8.000+ children from **96** local schools sensitize about the importance of conservation









New Pillars, New Vision

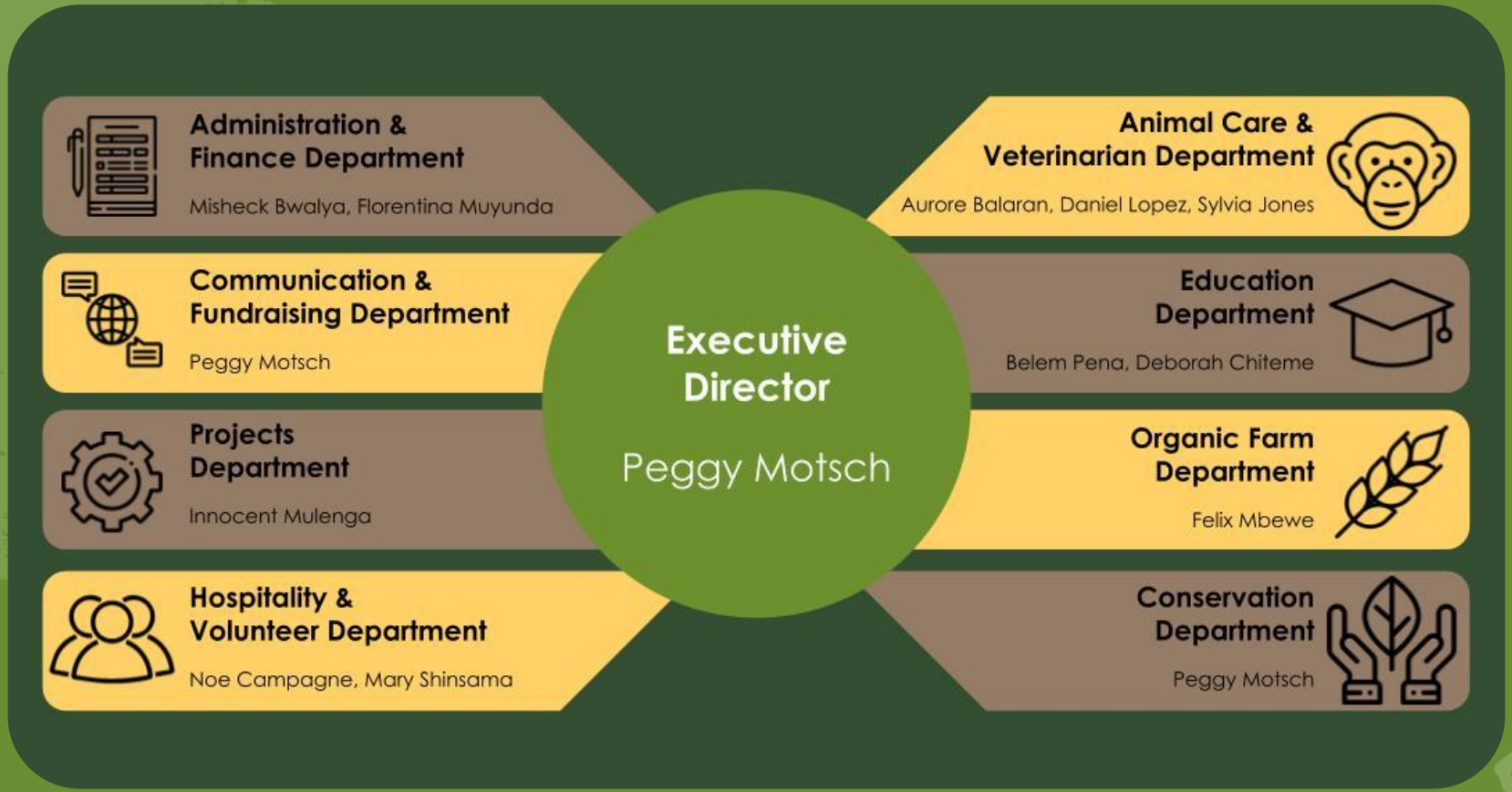
Since 2022, CWOT has undergone a profound transformation. It aims to:

1/ support wildlife law enforcement and to **rescue and rehabilitate** orphaned chimpanzees and other wildlife by providing long-life **care or release** them back to the wild.

2/ foster **community development** and governance by reducing poverty and enhancing well-being.

3/ engage the community in the **protection** of local wildlife, and the Miombo Forest through targeted education and awareness initiatives, promoting long-term **conservation efforts**.

New Internal Organization



New Team Members

Administration

HENRY MBAO: Finance Officer
FLORENTINA MUYUNDA: Administration Officer
SIMON KALUMBA: Receptionist
NOE CAMPAGNE: Volunteer Coordinator

Communication

ALEXANDER GIFT MILAMBO: Art and Creative Designer
NATHAN BERAUD: Social Media Officer

Logistics

MWAPE KALOBWE: Security Guard
MUSHAUKWA MUSHAUKWA: Mechanic/Driver
VENAS BWEUPE MWAPE: Security Guard
SHORT MAKOYO: Security Guard



Animal Care

AURORE BALARAN: Animal Care Manager
DANIEL LOPEZ: Head Veterinarian
HELENA CAMPION: Animal Care Assistant
MARTIN MUZEYA: Research Assistant

Education

DEBORAH CHITEME: Community, Conservation Education Officer
SUSAN MAMBWE: Teacher
YAIDI BELEM PENA: Education Manager
BUYUNI MALI: School Cleaner

Organic Farm

PATRICK MILAMBO: Assistant Agriculturist
VIOLET KAWEWE: Assistant Agriculturist







In Honour of Mary Shinsama

Mary Shinsama joined CWOT in March 2005 alongside her husband, Dr. Laddy Kamata. She played a key role in chimpanzee care, managing enclosures 3 and 4, supervising feeding, health checks, and staff. Mary famously rescued and cared for orphaned chimp Jewel. She was one of the first lady working as a keeper.

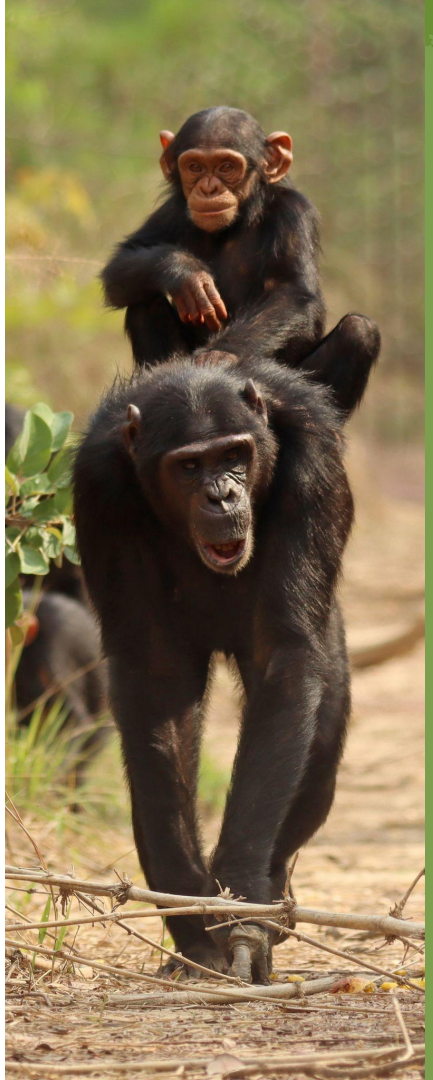
In 2008, she ran the CWOT town office, handling school bookings, visitor coordination, and logistics. Returning in 2010 as hospitality manager, Mary organised school programs, visitor catering, and volunteer orientation. She was instrumental in community engagement and staff welfare.

As a trusted friend and advisor to founder Sheila Siddle, Mary's dedication and leadership left a lasting impact until her retirement in 2024 and beyond.



2024 Achievements

- Chimfunshi Sanctuary
- Community
- Conservation
- Awareness



Chimfunshi Sanctuary (1/2)

Animal Care Major Achievements

- 45 birth control and 76 general health checks were carried out, including 4 emergency interventions
- Launch of a new enrichment programme with daily activities for the enclosures and the orphanage
- Implementation of a new diet for chimpanzees and parrots, with 190 tons of food provided this year
- Collaboration with Zambia Primate Project for the transfer of 2 orphaned vervet monkeys rescued
- Surgical intervention on Collins to remove his old inguinal hernia
- Setup of an animal training programme in collaboration with an expert animal keeper
- Meeting with international keepers, including keepers from Liberia for specialized training
- Development of a training programme for both international and local vet students

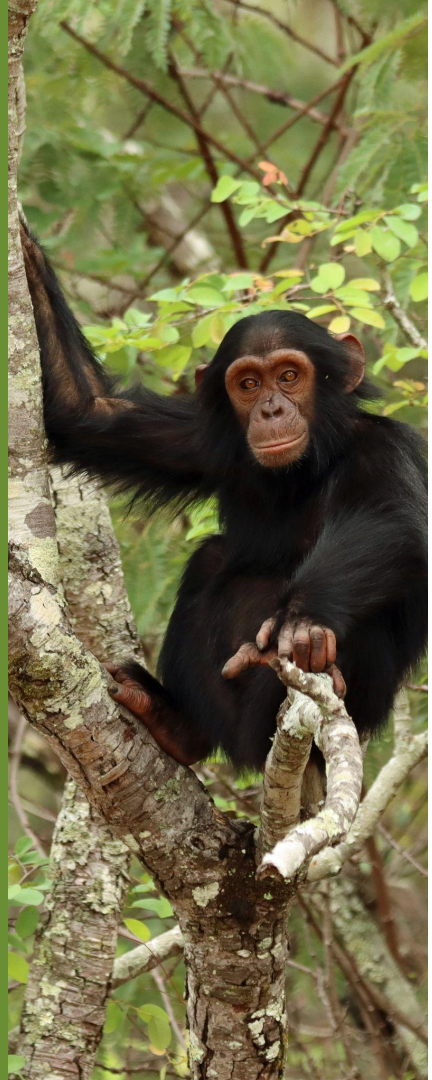
Chimfunshi Sanctuary (2/2)

Rehabilitation, Resocialisation and Release

- Andy and Charlie socialisation into enclosure 5
- Claire resocialisation into the enclosure 3
- Twins rehabilitation in the forest
- Release of Meyer's parrots

Infrastructures

- Expansive work on the new handling facility at enclosure 2
- New footbaths at the entrance of each building for improved health procedure
- Improve security of all the infrastructure with new high security padlocks
- Renovation of enclosure 5 facilities to become the new enclosure for Nicky, our blind chimpanzee



Andy and Charlie Introduction

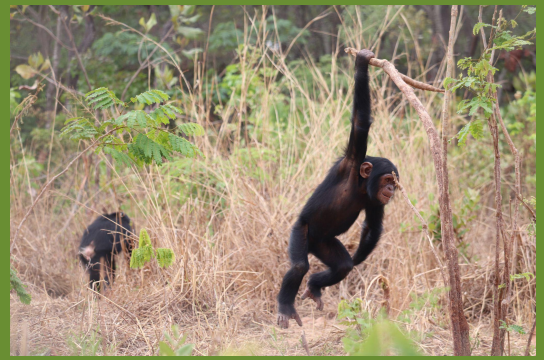
Charlie and Andy have taken big steps toward their integration in a new family. Transferred from the vet clinic to enclosure 5, they have gradually been introduced to five new members.

Charlie quickly showed interest in socialising, especially with CC, while Andy needed more time to settle in. Over the months, careful monitoring and structured interactions have helped them build trust. Milla played an important role as Andy's surrogate mother, helping him to settle in with the others, especially Chiffon.

Today, they continue to bond within their new group, learning essential social skills and enjoying their time in their new environment.







Training Session for our Chimps

Since October 2023, we have embarked on an important programme to provide the best possible care for our residents and to improve their wellbeing during routine procedures.
Ruben Gralki, an expert in ape training in Europe, came to share with all our keepers, positive training methods, in particular for medical reasons to reduce stress during anaesthesia or to monitor chimpanzees that have developed problems with either their heart, teeth or even chest. All of this is done on a voluntary basis by the chimpanzees.
Our keepers have shown great commitment to the process and have started to see improvements with each medical procedure.







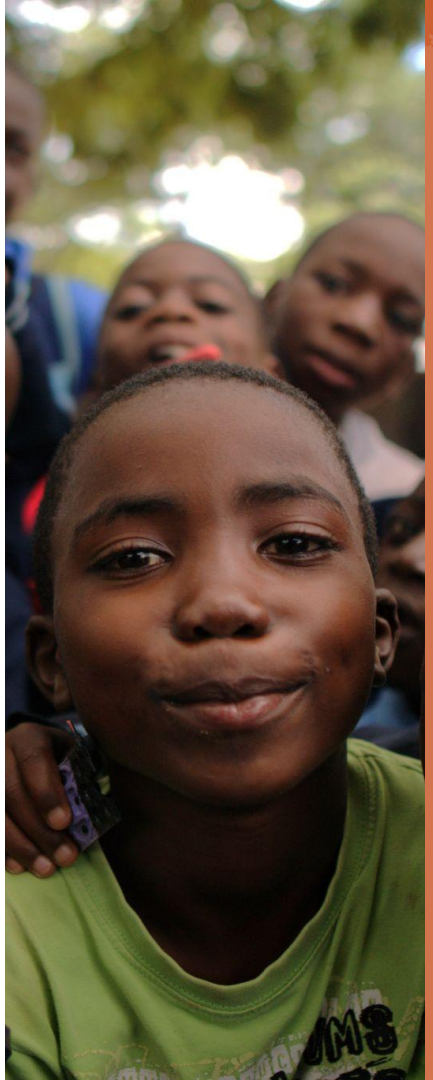
Release of Jack and Jill

Jack and Jill, a pair of Meyer's parrots rescued last year, have taken an important step towards freedom. After quarantine and rehabilitation to regrow their feathers, which had been cut off by traffickers, they were moved to a larger aviary for flight training. Surprisingly, one of the parrots found an exit and flew away. It stayed nearby for a while, calling to its companion. Recognising this as an opportunity for a successful release, the second parrot was quickly released to join its companion. They continued to return from time to time to feed, showing a smooth transition to the wild, and are now completely gone, hopefully to another small group of Meyers' parrots. It was a nice conservation success for this species!









Community (1/3)

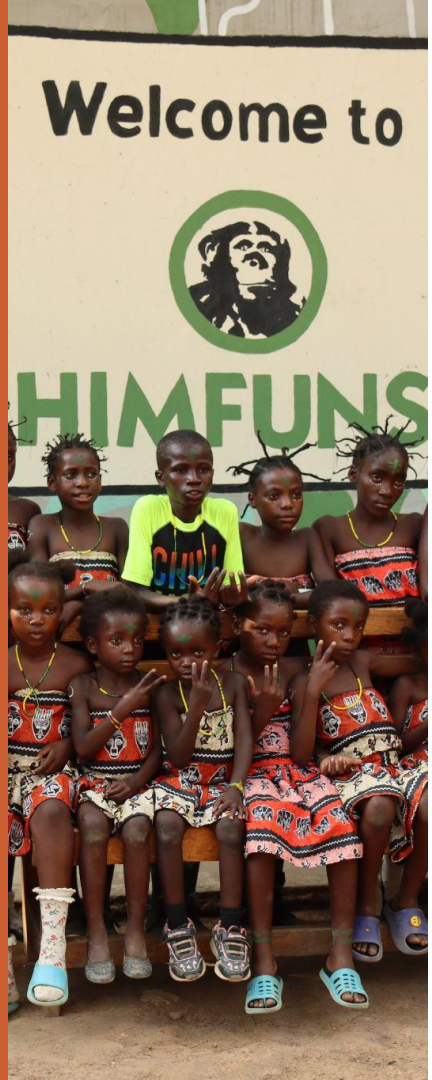
Twampane Community School

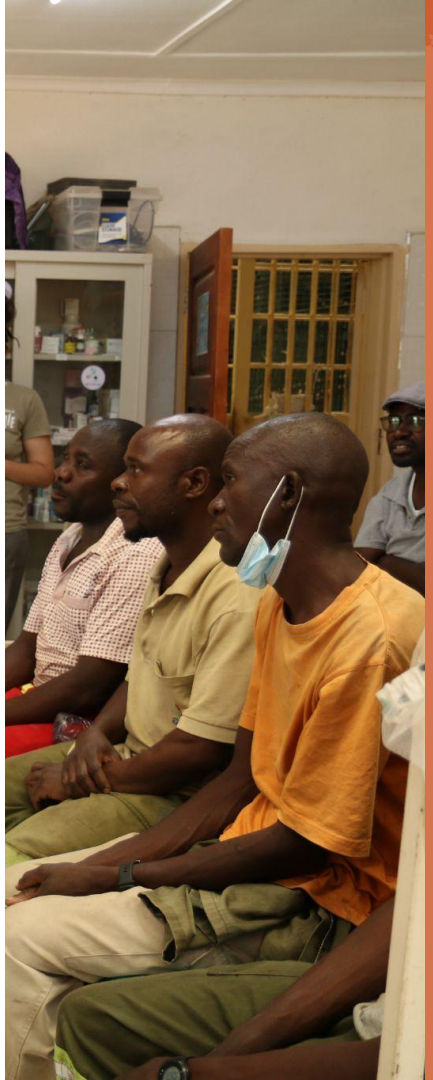
- Construction of 2 new buildings of 3 rooms each with lockers, including special classrooms: science room, computer room, and reading room
- Inauguration with the officials of the Copperbelt
- Installation of a new playground for big and small kids
- Official opening of the Early Childhood Education
- Official opening of the library
- Drilling of a new borehole at the school, improving access to clean water
- Creation of a hockey team for students
- First-ever graduation ceremony for Grade 9
- Implementation of social service within all CWOT departments for students in Grades 7, 8, and 9
- First comprehensive evaluation of all teachers
- Continuation of the school feeding programme, with over 30.000 free lunches provided

Community (2/3)

Community Welfare

- Drilling of new boreholes in 4 communities
- Health:
  - Prevention campaign against cholera and other outbreaks during the year
  - Vets visit from Doctors Without Borders
  - Materials provided to prevent disease transmission
- Expansion of the farm field
- Production of honey with a new brand design: Ape-iary Chimfunshi Honey
- Setup of new compound at the gate
- Renovation dormitory house at the farm
- Improvement of the toilet at the main community for a better hygiene and security





Community (3/3)

Capacity-Building

Workshops

- To sensitise against cholera and monkeypox
- About early pregnancy with open talk for the young ladies living in the bush
- On snake including handling and first aid
- On mathematical skills and use of concrete materials in classrooms
- On comprehension from the perspective of multiple intelligences by Howard Gardner & Ellen W.
- About honey and beekeeping
- Entrepreneurial opportunities talking about women empowerment from 'Livelihoods Creators Hub'

Training

- For keepers, including animal training, snake handling, first aid, and hygiene protocols.
- For security guards to improve surveillance

Our Vision for Education

Twampane Community School is a government-approved primary and junior secondary school built to provide education for the children of CWOT and surrounding areas. Today, we welcome over 250 children from the Early Childhood Education (ECE), up to Grade 9. We aim to provide quality education, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to learn and grow in a supportive and well-equipped environment.

To achieve this, we are constantly improving the school infrastructure with more space for each class, dedicated classrooms for special subjects such as the new science laboratory, a nutrition programme to provide the best learning environment, recreational activities and extra-curricular programmes to open their minds to the world.







Focus on the Graduation Ceremony

In 2024, the first-ever graduation ceremony took place at Twapane Community School in front of the other children. The event honored the dedication of our students with inspiring speeches, musical performances, and a special circus show, a first-time experience for many.
With girls making up 30% of the graduating class, we hope this will encourage more girl students to pursue their education to senior secondary school.







ChimpCare Workshop

The ChimpCare & Welfare Workshop brought together head keepers from seven chimpanzee sanctuaries for three days of knowledge-sharing and skill-building.

Discussions covered enclosure design, enrichment strategies, social integration, and best practices for chimpanzee well-being. The workshop aimed to enhance keeper expertise, improve daily care routines, and ensure the highest welfare standards for rescued chimps. This collaboration fosters continuous learning and better care for the animals. We hope to repeat this experience soon and continue to work towards the best possible care for our residents.







Kansanshi Marathon

We believe that sport plays an essential role in personal development, teamwork and well-being. We actively encourage and provide opportunities for our communities, including our employees and children, to participate in physical activity. This year we are proud to have brought together a team of over 20 passionate people - including 10 dedicated students from Twampane Community School - who ran the 10km and some staff who ran the 21km. After the first year, the enthusiasm for the marathon is becoming a tradition for the CWOT community. The children and staff did really well, some finishing in the top 10 in their category and even a third place for one of the women for the 21km. Congratulations again to all the runners!







Access to Clean Water

With the many challenges we've faced this year, ensuring the community has access to clean water has been a top priority. We have successfully drilled four boreholes in Katongo, Louisville, Old Compound and East Gate. In Katongo and East Gate, we installed hand pumps, while the other two boreholes are equipped with solar-powered systems. The community now has access to clean water, but our mission didn't stop there. Our next goal was to ensure that our school and health post also had a reliable supply of safe water. Access to clean water is a basic necessity that greatly improves the well-being of our community and we are proud to have overcome these challenges.









Conservation (1/2)

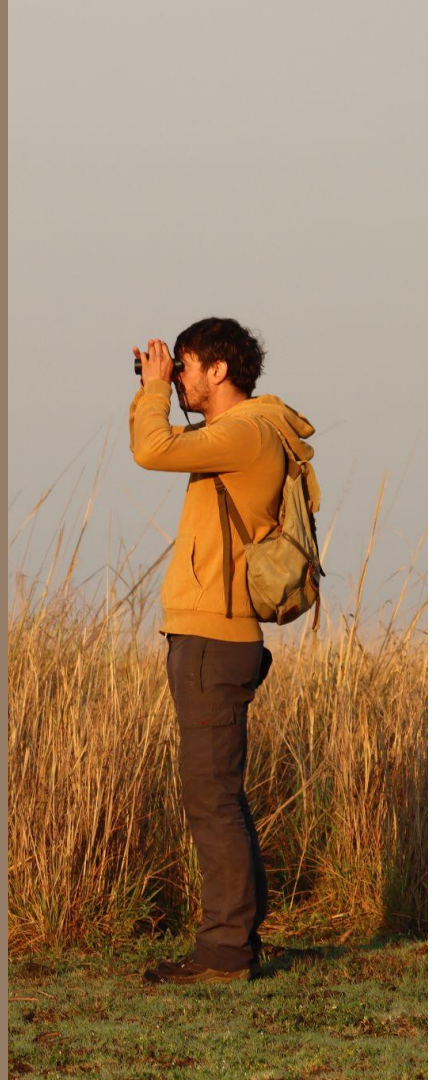
Conservation Education

- Reestablishment of the conservation club with volunteer students
- A new community & conservation education officer joined the team in May after the departure for the former one in April.
- Organisation of 3 nature camps, in April, August and November
- Kids for Compassionate and Conservation outreach programme with Mama P book (between March and November) reached 18 different schools and 1,595 students from grade ECE to 12

Conservation (2/2)

Conservation Actions & Biomonitoring

- Launch of a bird survey to know more about the biodiversity of our landscape classified as IBA (Important Bird Area)
- Regular patrols to remove poachers traps, snares and camp
- Fight against bushfire to protect the wildlife natural habitats
- Water management to prevent drought



Nature Camps

These camps are important as it teaches children about environmental issues and promotes their understanding of nature and wildlife conservation.
In 2024, the 3 nature camps attracted 456 children between the ages of 3 and 18. Each one focused on different topics, like drought crisis, discussing its causes and effects on wildlife; endangered species and conservation awareness; and, flood prevention, management and waterborne disease awareness.
As they are the future ambassadors of the land, we believe that they need to be involved as young as possible.







Fighting Bushfires

Every years, CWOT faces significant challenges from illegal bushfires, which affect almost 80% of the land. Our team fights these fires every season.
Most of these fires are started by poachers who are trying to clear land for easier poaching wildlife. Sometimes, surrounding communities set fires to gather food, further threatening the sustainability of the Miombo Forest. The resulting destruction not only harms wildlife habitats, but also contributes to soil erosion and alters water cycles, jeopardises the availability of food for livestock and threatens the safety of chimpanzees.



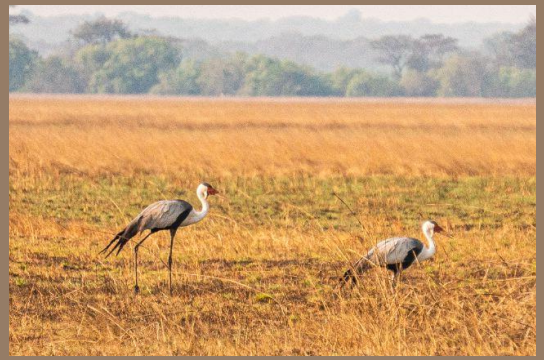




Bird Survey

In response to declining bird populations, CWOT has initiated a detailed bird survey to assess species numbers and protect key habitats, covering 10,000 hectares and over 340 bird species, including critical endangered species such as the Hooded Vulture and Martial Eagle.
Community involvement is central to this initiative, with efforts focused on educating locals about the importance of birds and promoting local stewardship through workshops and training. We had our first student from Twampane Community School who worked with the team on the survey and was keen to develop his skills in wildlife management.









Awareness Achievements

Public relations

- Visit of the Ministry of Tourism to promote tourism in the Copperbelt
- PASA meeting: Director and Community Workshop in South Africa
- Talk by Felix Mbewe about our farming model in Lusaka
- In-reach with 2 international schools visit (Trident & American School from Lusaka) for a total of 82 students
- 2.293 visitors (with more than 75% Zambian), 4000+ pupils from 47 schools

Research: 8 scientific papers published

2025 Objectives (1/2)

Next year, we hope to accomplish a lot more to strengthen our commitments to both people and wildlife.

Chimfunshi Sanctuary:

- Improving Well-being with Bamboo Fencing
- Welcoming New Rescues from South Africa
- Building a New Enclosure for the Sudan Group
- Refurbishing the Kitchen to Improve Hygiene

Twampane Community School:

- Fixing of the School Bus and Buying a New One
- Improving Electricity with Larger Solar Power System
- Upgrading Sanitary Facilities to Improve Attendance
- Developing Feeding Program for better Learning
- Developing Sport with the New Hockey Team









2025 Objectives (2/2)

Community:

- Developing Climate Smart Farming
- Offering Wellness Health Checks for Staff
- Organizing Entrepreneurship Workshops to Empower Women
- Building new Housing for Staff
- Developing Ape-iary Chimfunshi Honey
- Reducing our Carbon Print with more Bicycles for Staff and Community

Conservation:

- Protecting with Anti-Poaching and Ecosystem Unit
- Developing Wildlife Conservation Biomonitoring and Research
- Continuing Conservation Education Awareness





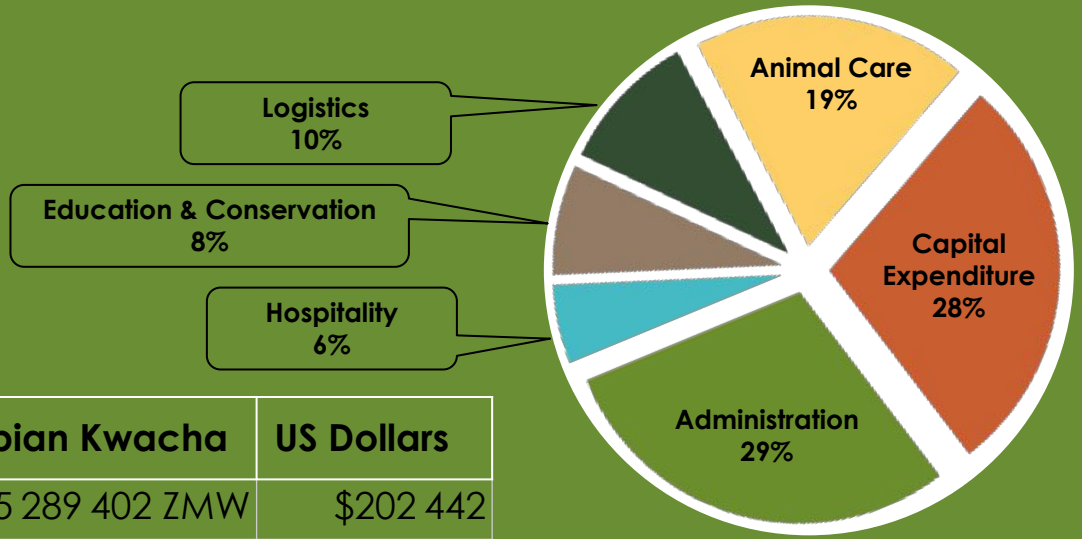




Finance - Expenses

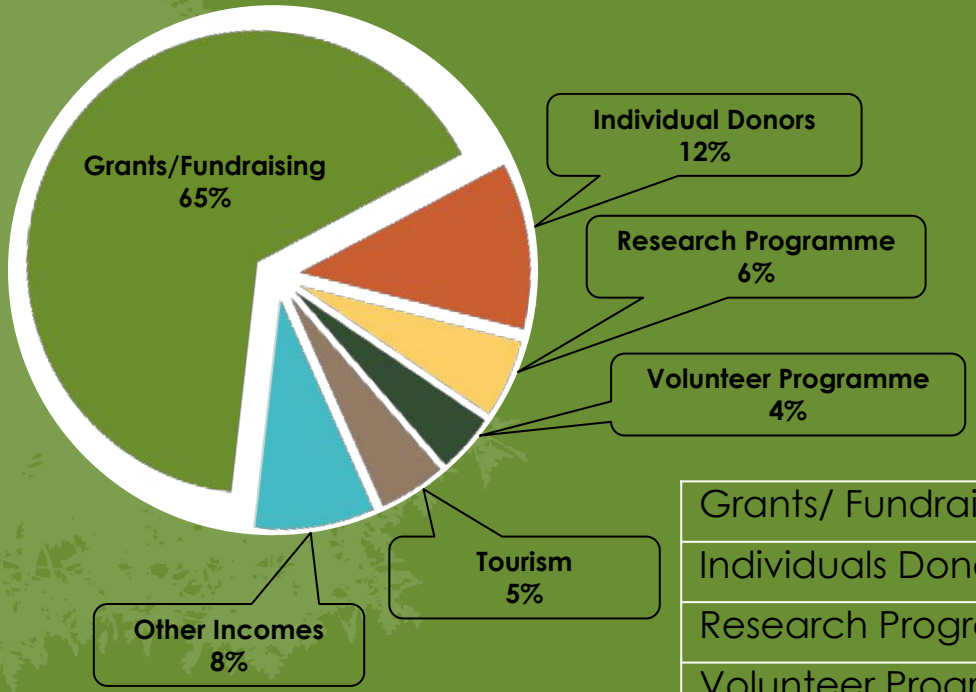
Capital Expenditure Repartition:
61% for Community (new school building, boreholes, …)

39% for Animal Care (new handling facility, truck purchase, …)



	Zambian Kwacha	US Dollars
Administration	5 289 402 ZMW	$202 442
Capital expenditure	5 125 368 ZMW	$196 164
Animal care	3 515 856 ZMW	$134 563
Logistic	1 787 529 ZMW	$68 414
Education & Conservation	1 403 000 ZMW	$53 697
Hospitality	1 006 606 ZMW	$38 526
TOTAL	**18 127 762 ZMW**	**$693 806**

Finance - Revenues



In-Kind value:
$16 462 for Donations (Mealie Meal, Fuel, Construction Material, Books,..)

$15 483 for Services (1,033 days of work equivalent to **8,264 working hours of volunteers**)

	Zambian Kwacha	US Dollars
Grants/ Fundraising	14 062 861 ZMW	$538 230
Individuals Donors	2 504 268 ZMW	$95 846
Research Programme	1 188 124 ZMW	$45 473
Volunteer Programme	884 623 ZMW	$33 857
Tourism	1 019 359 ZMW	$39 014
Other incomes	1 818 080 ZMW	$69 584
TOTAL	**21 477 314 ZMW**	**$822 004**

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