



**Darwin Initiative Main/Post/D+ Project  
Half Year Report  
(due 31 October 2016)**

<b>Project Ref No</b>	23-023
<b>Project Title:</b>	Can Health investments benefit Conservation and Sustainable Development?
<b>Country(ies):</b>	Uganda
<b>Lead Organisation:</b>	Conservation Through Public Health
<b>Partner(s):</b>	Oxford University, International Institute of the Environment and Development, Uganda Wildlife Authority, Jane Goodall Institute Uganda
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<b>Report date and number:</b>	<i>HYR1</i>
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**1. Outline progress over the last 6 months (April – Sept) against the agreed baseline timetable for the project (if your project has started less than 6 months ago, please report on the period since start up to end September).**

**3.1 Inception workshop held to develop a theory of change and associated monitoring and evaluation tasks**

CTPH held a project inception workshop in May 2016 at Lake Victoria Hotel in Entebbe, Uganda, to develop consensus for a common understanding of the project objectives and introduce the project to key stakeholders who would be involved in the implementation during the three years. These included project partners: Oxford University, IIED, UWA, JGI; key stakeholders: Budongo Forest Conservation Station, Bwindi Community Hospital, Ecotrust and local government officers from districts surrounding Bwindi, Budongo and Mount Elgon including Kanungu, Masindi, Bukwo, Bulambuli and Kween Districts, and NEMA as an advisory committee member. During the workshop, presentations were made linking the project to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), introduction to impact evaluation and the before after control intervention (BACI) method to be used in the project. An outline of a monitoring and evaluation plan and communication plan were developed and completed by a smaller group after the workshop. Feedback was given on the first draft of the theory of change. Advisory Committee Members were selected and their roles discussed. Opening remarks were given by Bwindi Chief Warden representing the UWA ED; and closing remarks were given on linking the project to the Health sector of Uganda, by the District Health Officer of Kanungu District, representing the Ministry of Health

**1.1 Before-after control intervention strategy variables and data collection tool developed at inception workshop**

The Before-after-control intervention strategy variables were discussed following Oxford University's presentation on the BACI method and the project's Theory of Change. Participants also had the opportunity to comment on the proposed data collection tools developed by Oxford University, both at the workshop itself and in discussions with project researcher Ben Evans during a visit to Bwindi thereafter.

**1.2 Collation of datasets on human and gorilla health from CTPH, gorilla conservation and health partners and from secondary data**

The Oxford University researcher, Ben Evans, paid two visits to CTPH field station at Bwindi Impenetrable National Park and held meetings with CTPH team to discuss how to collate the data sets. He collated past data sets from CTPH Village Health and Conservation Team monthly data collection over the past 8 years starting from 2008 to 2015. He also collated information on gorilla parasite types

and infection rates on data collected since 2005. CTPH introduced him to the local health centres and he started to collect health data from them. CTPH requested UWA to provide the project team with their MIST and SMART data with GPS points for the locations of gorilla ranges, gorilla samples collected, law enforcement arrests and snares, Human and Gorilla Conflict resolution (HUGO) community volunteers records who chase gorillas from community land, and other data to support the research.

Data collection will be in two phases; in Q4 of Year 1, key informant interviews will be carried out with representatives from the main stakeholder groups in order to validate the CTPH project's implied theory of change, and develop a consensus theory of change for evaluation during the main data collection period in Y2. In the main data collection period, key informant interviews, focus groups, household surveys and direct observations on forest transects will be carried out in areas where CTPH have and have not been operating. The protocols and questionnaire for the first phase of data collection have been developed, piloted and approved by the Oxford team, and Research Ethics approval has been given by Oxford University. Pilot implementation of VHCTs was carried out at Mount Elgon in Q2 of year 1. This particular activity has been brought forward due to timing of availability of counterpart donor funding. However this will help to inform the baseline survey design to be carried out at Mount Elgon National Park to understand health status, attitudes and forest use prior to intervention with funding from the Darwin Initiative.

**2a. Give details of any notable problems or unexpected developments/lessons learnt that the project has encountered over the last 6 months. Explain what impact these could have on the project and whether the changes will affect the budget and timetable of project activities.**

Originally the first phase of data collection by the Oxford team was planned for Q3 of Y1. Unfortunately due to unexpected medical issues, Ben Evans was not able to carry out this data collection. However Oxford researcher Henry Travers is taking over this element of the research. This has necessitated a slight delay (to Q4 of Y1), but still within the anticipated timeframe.

Because of Brexit, the value of the funding from the Darwin Initiative has reduced by 15%. However because some key activities have been delayed, this has not resulted in a funding deficit in year 1.

The project lead on IIED was changed from Dilys Roe to Phil Franks, because of work commitments where Phil had more time to dedicate to the project.

**2b. Have any of these issues been discussed with LTS International and if so, have changes been made to the original agreement?**

Discussed with LTS: No, apart from the change in the project lead from IIED.

Formal change request submitted: No

Received confirmation of change acceptance: No

**3a. Do you currently expect to have any significant (e.g., more than £5,000) underspend in your budget for this year?**

Yes  No  Estimated underspend: £

**3b. If yes, then you need to consider your project budget needs carefully.** Please remember that any funds agreed for this financial year are only available to the project in this financial year.

If you anticipate a significant underspend because of justifiable changes within the project please submit a rebudget Change Request as soon as possible. There is no guarantee that Defra will agree a rebudget so please ensure you have enough time to make appropriate changes if necessary.

**4. Are there any other issues you wish to raise relating to the project or to Darwin's management, monitoring, or financial procedures?**

The main data collection has been moved to Q1 Year 2 to allow the first phase to be conducted in Q4 Year 1. Activities scheduled for Year 2 at Mount Elgon have been brought forward to Year 1 because of the timing of availability of counterpart donor funding.

**If you were asked to provide a response to this year's annual report review with your next half year report, please attach your response to this document.**

**Please note: Any planned modifications to your project schedule/workplan can be discussed in this report but **should also** be raised with LTS International through a Change Request.**

Please send your **completed report by email** to Eilidh Young at [Darwin-Projects@ltsi.co.uk](mailto:Darwin-Projects@ltsi.co.uk). The report should be between 2-3 pages maximum. **Please state your project reference number in the header of your email message e.g., Subject: 22-035 Darwin Half Year Report**