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## 2019 Census of African Primates



# Executive Summary

Created in 2000, the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA) is the largest association of wildlife centers and sanctuaries in Africa, consisting of 23 organizations in 13 countries. Each Alliance member is securing the future for Africa's primates by **rescuing and caring for orphaned and abused apes and monkeys, protecting endangered primates from extinction, working to stop the hunting of endangered species and the cruel primate pet trade, educating the public, and empowering communities**. PASA International unifies the Alliance and advocates for them on an international scale, provides vital support, and works closely with them to raise awareness globally about threats to wildlife.

**From July 2018 through June 2019, the Alliance broke new ground in the movement to defend and rescue Africa's apes and monkeys.** Highlights include:

- Lola ya Bonobo collaborated with Province of Equateur, Rainforest Trust, and Congolese communities to establish Ekolo ya Bonobo as a community forest reserve. **Ekolo ya Bonobo now has 120,000 acres of conserved and protected rainforest.** Lola staff have been working for over two years to ensure that bonobos reintroduced to the wild will live in a vast protected area.
- Projet Protection des Gorilles-Congo (PPG) has created a **Federation of Village Associations** which is comprised of **23 villages** and includes **20,000 people** living in the periphery of a national park. The Federation strengthens these communities and amplifies their conservation efforts to protect the forest.
- Aliette Jamart and the HELP Congo staff worked closely with communities and the Republic of Congo government to **create the National Park of Conkouati-Doula**. The Congolese Minister of Forests acknowledged, "Conkouati is protected, and it is thanks to Ms. Jamart".
- Lilongwe Wildlife Centre partnered with Malawian law enforcement to advance their **Anti-Ivory Campaign**, training and deploying **wildlife crime detection dogs**. The sanctuary also worked with the national judiciary to reinstate the country's **thin plastics ban** that had been suspended in 2015 because of manufacturers' lobbying efforts.
- Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary **protected 98,840 acres of natural forest** and **planted over 600,000 trees**. Through radio advertisements, dramas, and talk shows the wildlife center **reached over 1,000,000 people** in local communities.



The data presented in this report are from a census of PASA's 23 member wildlife centers, conducted in August 2019. These data represent a few examples of the impact of PASA's members and are not a comprehensive summary of their achievements.

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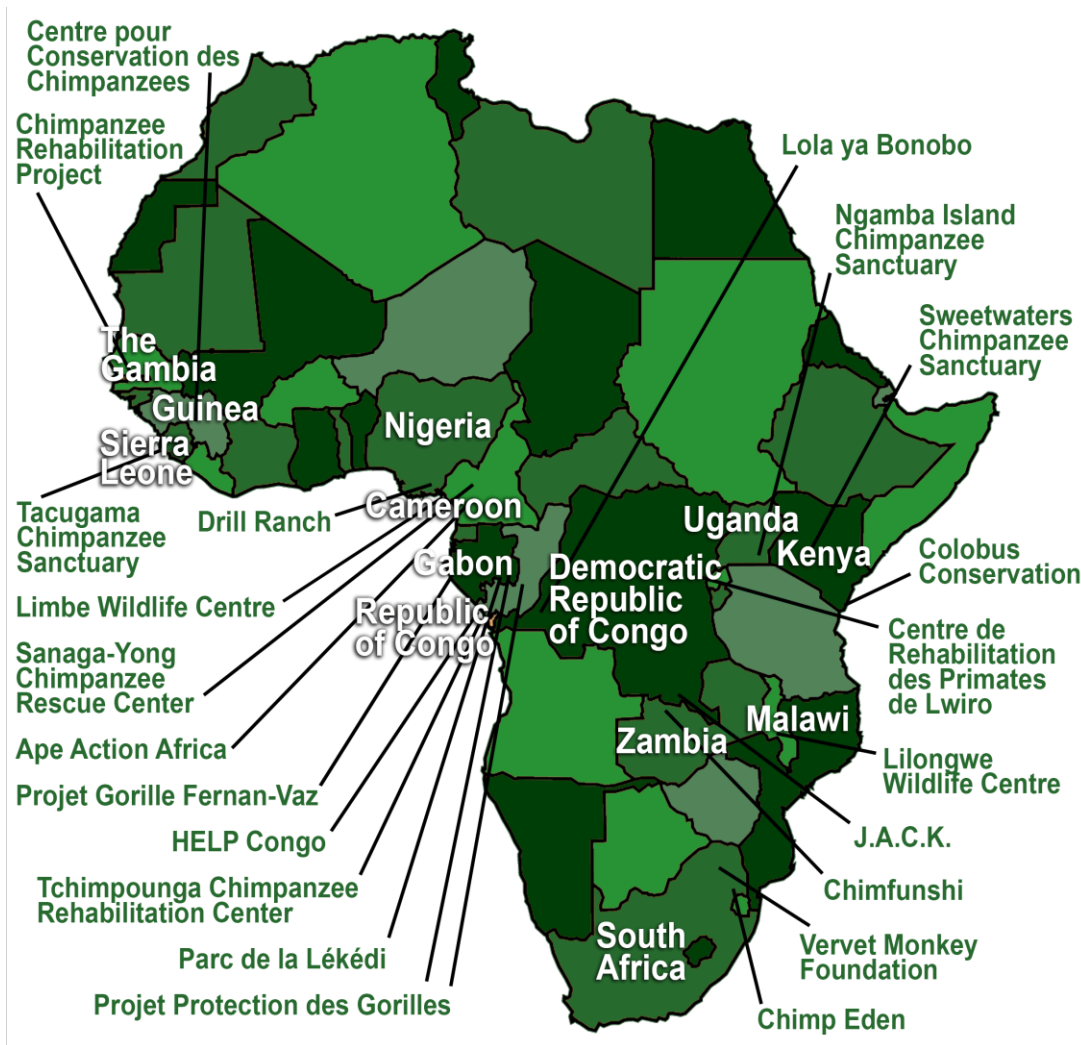
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## Alliance Wildlife Centers

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| Ape Action Africa                               | (Cameroon)     |
| Centre de Rehabilitation des Primates de Lwiro  | (D.R. Congo)   |
| Centre pour Conservation des Chimpanzees (CCC)  | (Guinea)       |
| Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage                   | (Zambia)       |
| Chimpanzee Eden                                 | (South Africa) |
| Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Project               | (Gambia)       |
| Colobus Conservation                            | (Kenya)        |
| Drill Ranch *                                   | (Nigeria)      |
| Fernan-Vaz Gorilla Project                      | (Gabon)        |
| HELP-Congo                                      | (Congo)        |
| Jeunes Animaux Confisques au Katanga (J.A.C.K.) | (D.R. Congo)   |
| Lilongwe Wildlife Centre                        | (Malawi)       |
| Limbe Wildlife Centre                           | (Cameroon)     |
| Lola Ya Bonobo                                  | (D.R. Congo)   |
| Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary              | (Uganda)       |
| Parc de la Lékédi                               | (Gabon)        |
| Projet Protection des Gorilles-Congo            | (Congo)        |
| Projet Protection des Gorilles-Gabon            | (Gabon)        |
| Sanaga-Yong Chimpanzee Rescue                   | (Cameroon)     |
| Sweetwaters Chimpanzee Sanctuary                | (Kenya)        |
| Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary                   | (Sierra Leone) |
| Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Centre    | (Congo)        |
| Vervet Monkey Foundation                        | (South Africa) |

\* Membership is currently inactive

## Protecting Wild Populations

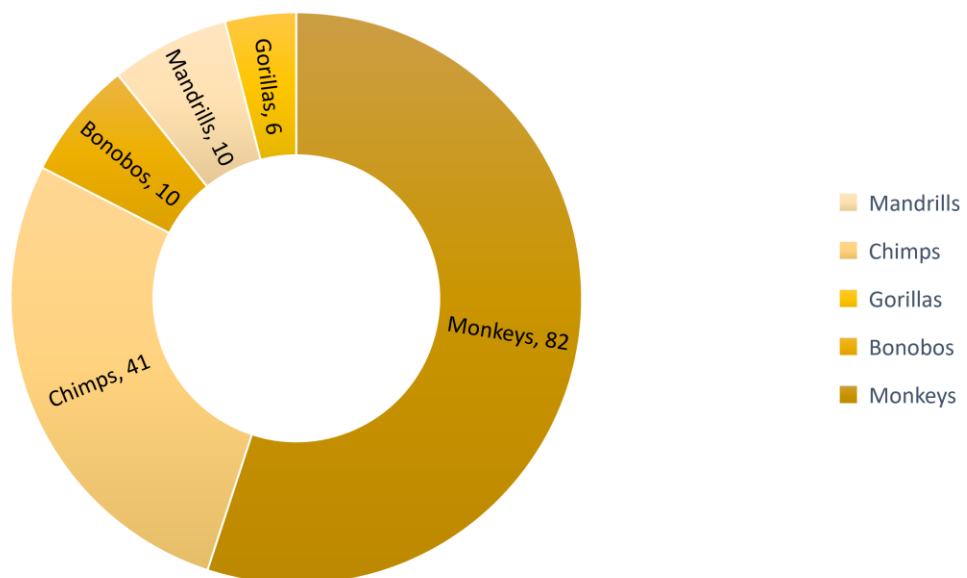
Every PASA member organization is dedicated to rescuing primates and protecting forests from exploitation through a unique collaboration of African sanctuaries, communities, governments, and global specialists. The Alliance also protects wild populations by creating new national parks and environmental refuges, strengthening law enforcement, and fighting deforestation.

PASA members  
monitor over  
**950** wild  
primates.

Reintroducing rehabilitated primates to the wild is a valuable conservation strategy. Successful reintroductions ensure the viability of wild populations, contribute to establishing new protected areas, and increase the number of breeding individuals, which is particularly important for preserving species with slow population growth rates such as the great apes.

From July 2018 to June 2019, Alliance members successfully **reintroduced 993 animals** to the wild, including **195 primates**. Thanks to the dedicated and thorough rehabilitation efforts of PASA member wildlife centers, **73 vervet monkeys, 31 Angolan black-and-white colobus monkeys, 10 yellow baboons, and 54 Sykes' monkeys and white-throated guenons** returned to their forest homes. The world's only bonobo sanctuary, **Lola ya Bonobo, released 14 bonobos** to the newly protected **Ekolo ya Bonobo** forest in DR Congo. Lilongwe Wildlife Centre also partnered with law enforcement to confiscate **700 emperor scorpions** that were being trafficked through Malawi and later release them. **In the next two years, the Alliance plans to reintroduce 149 animals, including six gorillas, 41 chimps, and 82 monkeys.**

Projected Reintroductions by PASA Members





## Animal Rescue and Care

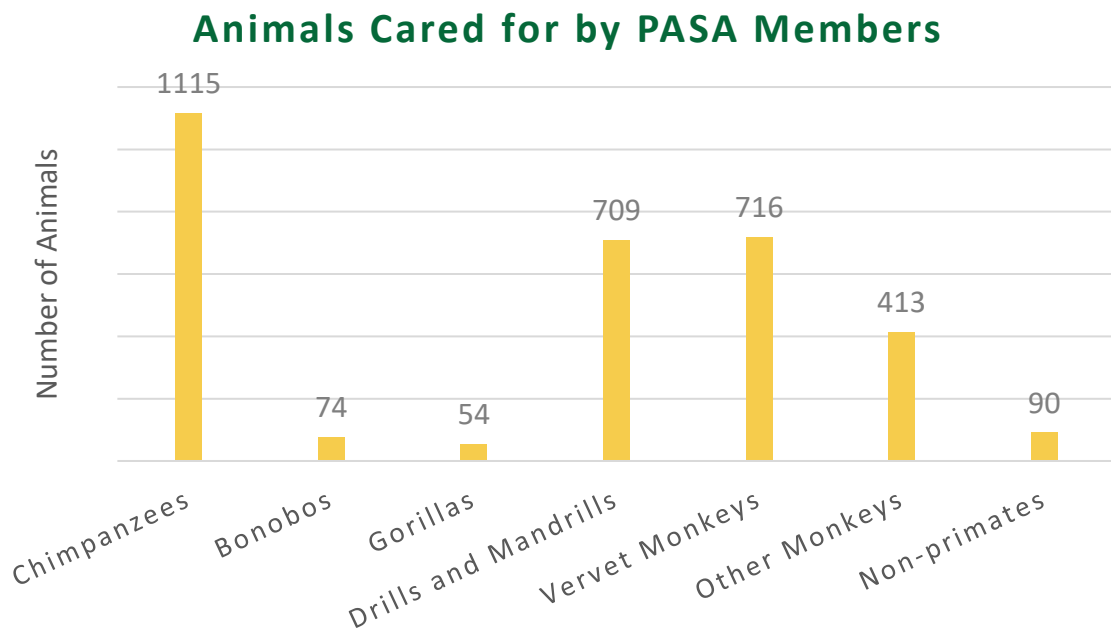
The illegal wildlife trade has resulted in more orphaned primates in need of sanctuary care in the last two years than at any other time in memory. PASA members are actively working to address the root causes of the illegal wildlife trade crisis while providing outstanding support for confiscations and long-term animal care.

From July 2018 to June 2019, **Pan African Sanctuary Alliance member organizations rescued 1,156 animals, including 333 primates**, from wildlife trafficking, the illegal bushmeat trade, and other threats.



In general, most African governments lack infrastructure for wildlife care. Partnerships with PASA member wildlife centers allow these governments to confiscate animals from traffickers and transfer them to safe and secure rehabilitative facilities. By giving homes to rescued wildlife, PASA members make it possible for law enforcement agencies to arrest smugglers and fight the illegal trade. These collaborations provide a vital service that directly increases arrests of wildlife traffickers, amplifying law enforcement efforts.

**PASA's member organizations are providing high-quality, long-term care to 3,171 animals, 3,081 of which are primates.** Without them, animals rescued from inhumane conditions would have nowhere to turn.



# Wildlife and Conservation Education

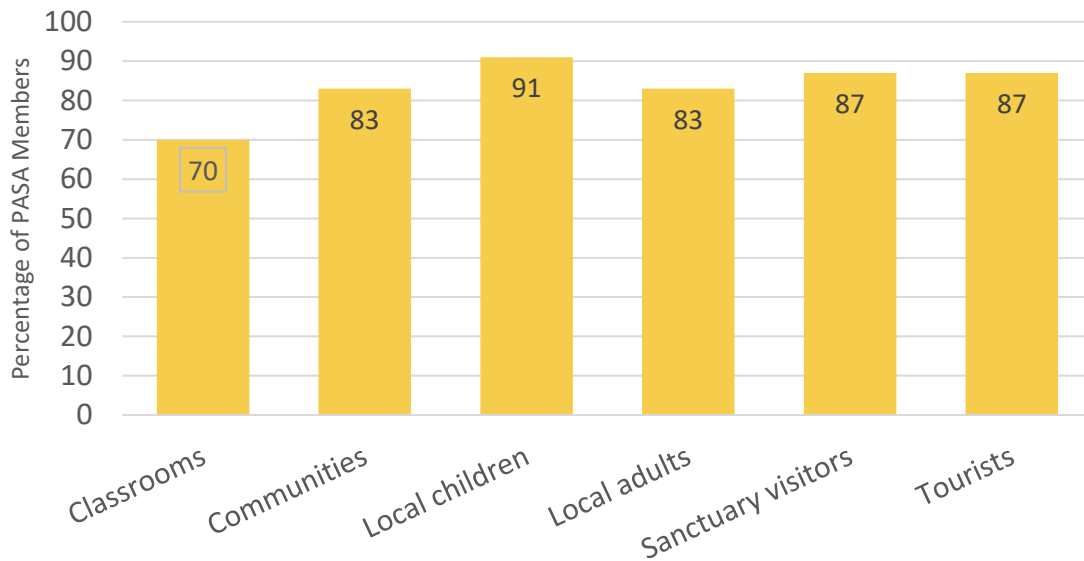


Collectively, **Alliance wildlife centers educate more than 500,000 people every year** in topics related to wildlife conservation and animal protection. Using innovative and empowering education programs, Alliance members work to rectify the pervasive lack of awareness about wildlife and environmental conservation in schools and communities across Africa. These education programs inspire people to protect primates

In addition to influencing local children and adults, the programs **educate visitors at the sanctuaries, which numbers more than 230,000** per year. Every year, through high quality, engaging films, books for children, and exciting school curricula, PASA members inspire people to protect wildlife across Africa.

**91%** of PASA members conduct education programs.

### Wildlife Education Program Audiences



# Staff Development

Employment is a meaningful way to provide resources and opportunities to local communities. The Alliance is committed to stimulating community development by employing local people from the towns and villages that surround them. Many of these communities live in critical primate habitat and are highly at risk of participating in poaching and trafficking of wildlife. **90% of people employed by PASA members live in the communities surrounding the wildlife centers.**

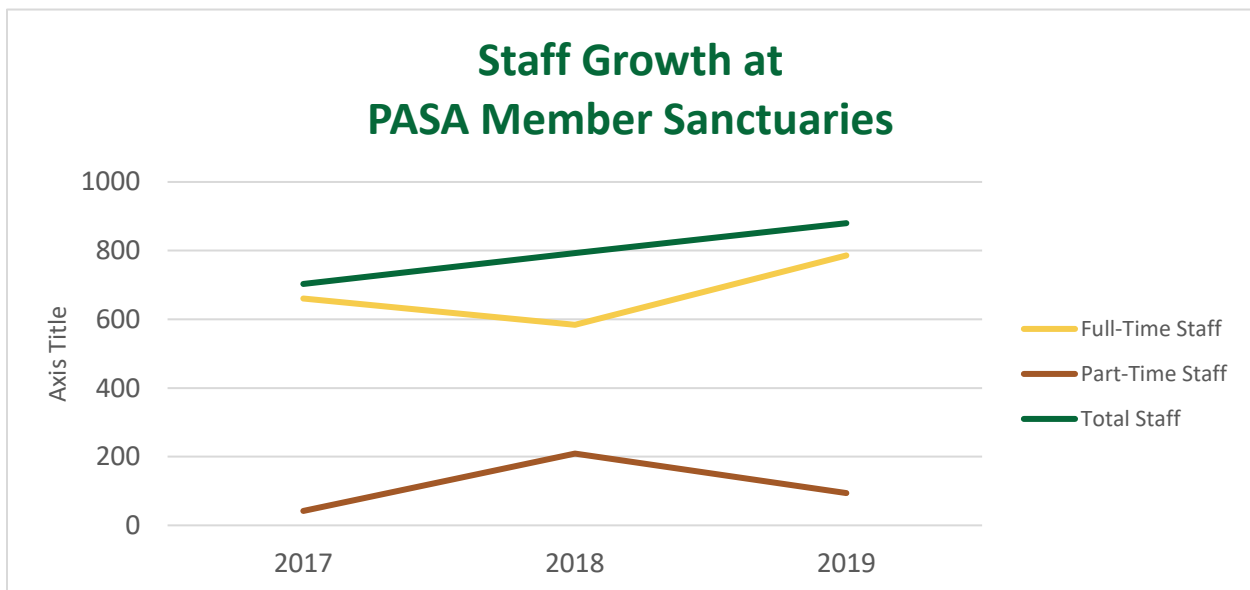


*In the last two years, Alliance members have increased their staffs by **25%**.*

PASA member sanctuaries are proud to employ 880 staff, including 791 African nationals. Collectively, the Alliance has 786 full-time and 94 part-time employees.

By providing employment to residents of the surrounding communities, PASA member organizations offer alternative livelihoods to environmentally exploitative activities, thus fostering positive relationships between the human and wildlife communities. Every year, **PASA members generate \$5 million for local economies.**

Many of the wildlife centers are the largest employers in their areas. For example, Parc de la Lékédi, a PASA member in Gabon, has 50 employees that care for, rescue, and rehabilitate great apes and monkeys confiscated from the illegal wildlife trade. Each sanctuary employee lives four miles from the wildlife center in the local village of Bakoumba, receiving health insurance for themselves and their families.





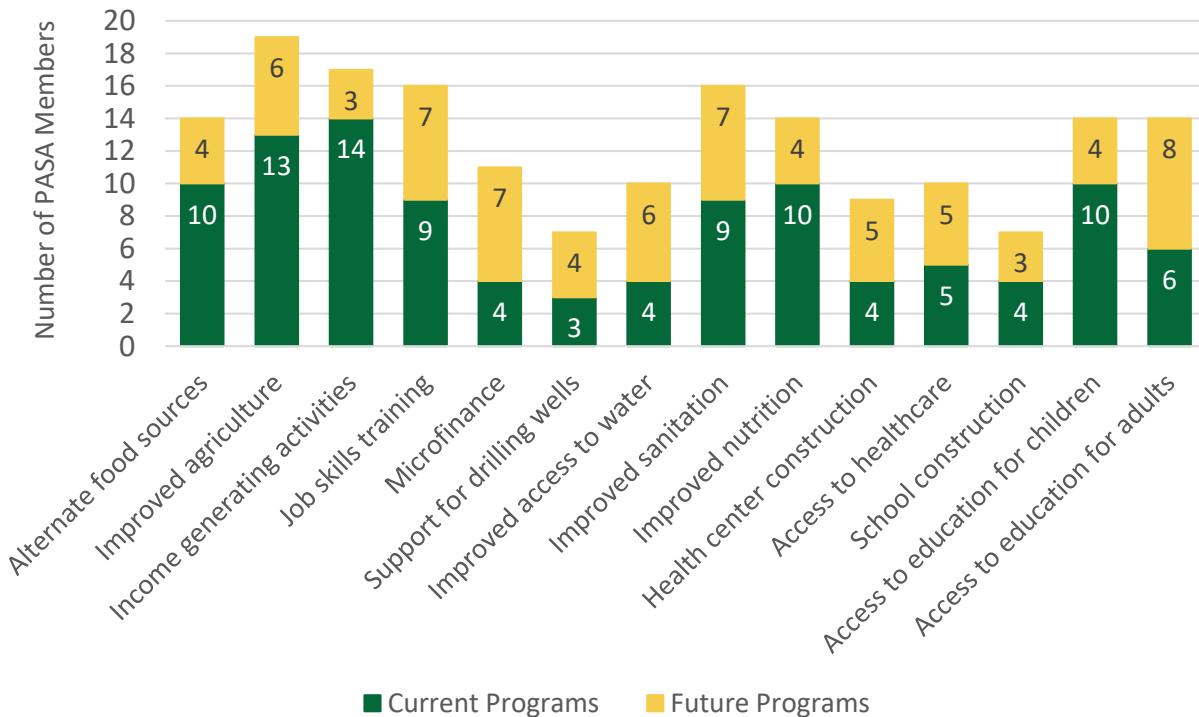
## Community Development

Although many operate in remote locations, all 23 Alliance member organizations have formed close partnerships with communities of all sizes ranging from urban areas to secluded villages. Many of these over 240 communities are near vital primate habitat, where local people illegally hunt wildlife for bushmeat or the pet trade or destroy habitat to create farmland to provide for their families.

**61%** of PASA members offer strong alternative livelihood programs, decreasing poverty and participation in the illegal wildlife trade.

The Alliance implements diverse projects that reduce the exploitation of wildlife and habitat by working with communities to develop sustainable alternatives. Seventy percent of the communities that Alliance members work with actively support conservation efforts. For example, Parc de la Lékédi, a PASA member in Gabon, reported that they “provide assistance to the nearby village of Bakoumba to ensure good living conditions such as window screens and home maintenance as well as repair the local infrastructure such as electricity and water networks.” A PASA member in Malawi, Lilongwe Wildlife Centre, stated that they “work on many grassroots programs including establishing recycling schemes in schools, bee keeping projects and human-wildlife conflict mitigation programs.”

### Community Development Programs

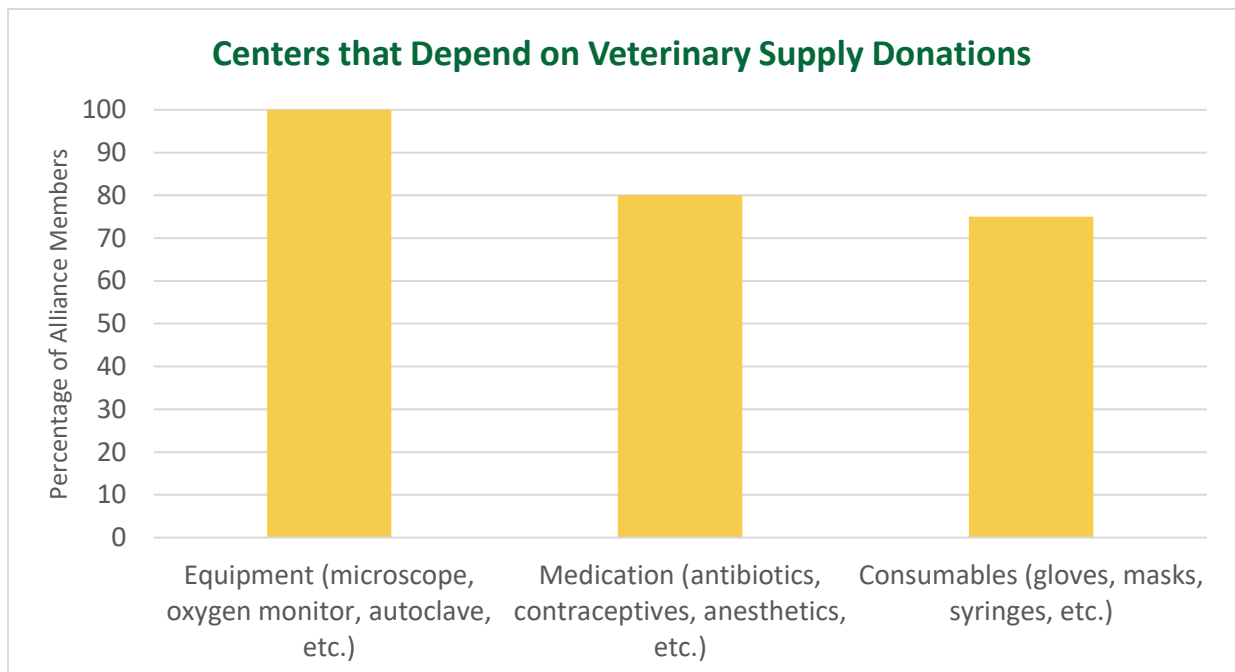


## Challenging Conditions

Alliance members are committed to providing care for primates in environments that are safe and spacious. Many member organizations are in forest areas that are in or near essential primate habitat. These locations are generally remote and have restricted access to public resources. **The average travel time from a PASA member wildlife center to the nearest big town or city is two hours but can be as much as six hours or even more when roads are impassible during the rainy season.** When bridges fail or storms impair roadways, PASA members' seclusion makes them vulnerable to supply chain interruptions. This can jeopardize food deliveries and shipments of critical veterinary supplies to endangered primates across Africa.

A core function of PASA members is giving care to animals rescued from wildlife crime and other cruelty, including providing life-saving veterinary treatment. All PASA members depend on donations of veterinary supplies to provide treatment and surgery for animals in need and conduct medical exams. Because availability of critical supplies is limited and shipping fees can be onerous, PASA members must plan for their veterinary needs far in advance to fulfill their commitment to upholding the highest standards of animal care.

*All Alliance members rely on **donated veterinary supplies**, such as antibiotics, to keep rehabilitated great apes and monkeys healthy.*

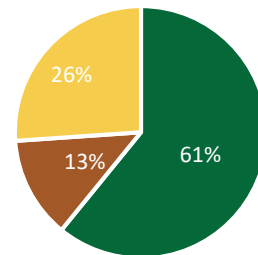


## Additional Initiatives

**Strategic Planning:** Over half of Alliance member wildlife centers have a strong strategic plan. In 2019, 19 PASA members worked to create or significantly improve their strategic plans, securing a long-term future for the sanctuaries and the animals who depend on them.

**Research:** PASA members encourage researchers to study primates at their wildlife centers. These collaborations enable researchers to conduct studies involving active social groups in forest enclosures that closely simulate natural habitat. These studies provide groundbreaking insights on human evolution as well as primate behavior and cognition. **83% of PASA members host researchers.**

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Over 60% of Alliance members offer regular volunteer opportunities at their wildlife centers. In addition to their staff, PASA member organizations rely on volunteers for animal care, facilities upkeep, administration and communications, education and community projects, fundraising, research and monitoring, and veterinary care.



**Volunteers at Alliance Centers**

■ Yes ■ No ■ Only in special situations

## Conclusion

Members of the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance are leaders in the conservation and welfare of African primates. **Their profound impact on communities, wild primate populations, and government agencies, and the life-long care they provide to thousands of animals, is critical to save Africa's primates from extinction.**

As the bushmeat trade and illegal wildlife trade rapidly expand and the great apes and many other primate species approach the brink of extinction, these organizations are needed now more than ever.

