

# Pan African Sanctuary Alliance



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## 2017 Census of PASA Members



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## Executive Summary

The Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA), the largest association of wildlife centers in Africa, includes 23 organizations in 13 countries which are securing a future for Africa's primates and their habitat. Despite working in extraordinarily challenging conditions, members of the Alliance are making significant strides in primate conservation and welfare.

**PASA members use diverse methods to tackle wildlife exploitation, including** collaborating with law enforcement agencies to reduce wildlife crime by rescuing confiscated animals, conducting community development and education programs in their local communities, providing lifelong care to great apes and monkeys orphaned by the bushmeat trade and the illicit pet trade, and protecting wild primate populations by working to stop the hunting and trafficking of endangered species.

**The major successes of PASA's members include** helping to create protected wildlife refuges such as the Afi Mountain Wildlife Sanctuary in Nigeria; contributing to a 90% decrease in orphaned chimpanzee confiscations over ten years in the Republic of Congo; eliminating the chimpanzee pet-trade in Sierra Leone and ape trafficking in the southern Democratic Republic of Congo; banning the export of chimpanzees from Sierra Leone; protecting endangered and threatened flora and fauna in established parks such as River Gambia National Park in The Gambia; educating tens of thousands of African schoolchildren about wildlife conservation; creating alternative livelihoods for hundreds of people living near vital primate habitat; reintroducing hundreds of threatened and endangered primates to the wild; and sustaining some of the longest-running wildlife conservation projects in the world.

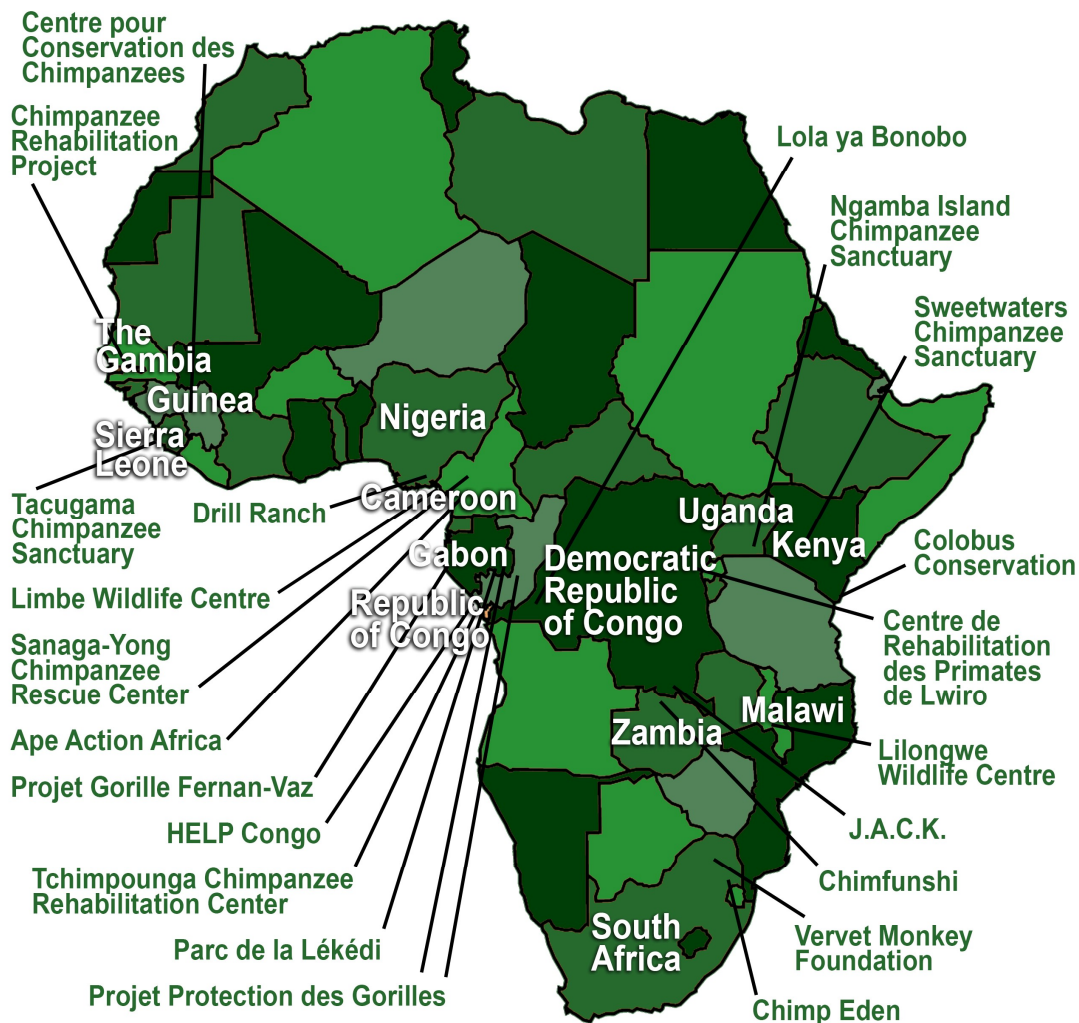
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Since many PASA members work in remote environments with limited access to resources, PASA unifies its members and advocates on their behalf at the international level, provides vital support, and works with them to raise awareness globally about wildlife conservation issues.

The data presented in this report are from a census of 22 of PASA's member wildlife centers, conducted in September 2017. Parc de la Lékédi joined the alliance after the 2017 census was completed. 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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## PASA Member Wildlife Centers

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	(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)

\* Organization is not represented in this census

## Animal Rescue and Care

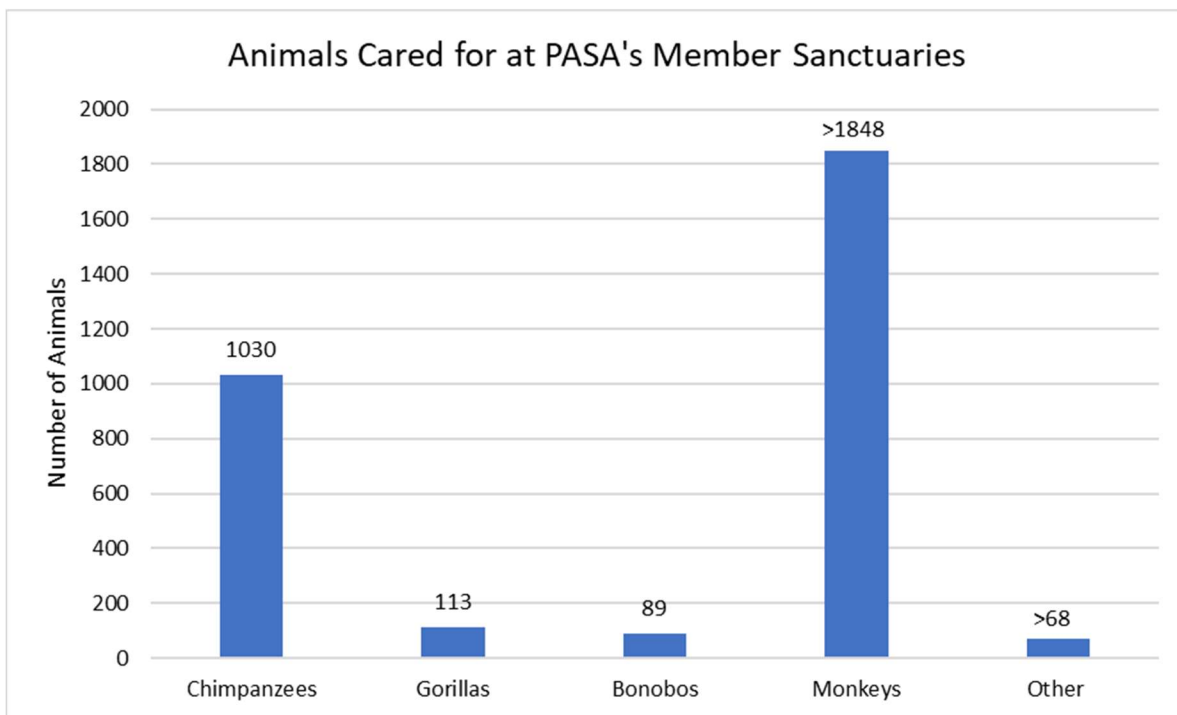
From July 2016 to June 2017, **Pan African Sanctuary Alliance member organizations rescued more than 278 animals, 214 of which were primates.** These animals were saved from wildlife trafficking, the illegal bushmeat trade, and other threats.

African governments generally lack wildlife care facilities, and many depend on partnerships with PASA member wildlife centers to accept animals confiscated from traffickers. By giving homes to confiscated wildlife, PASA members make it possible for law enforcement agencies to arrest smugglers and fight the illegal trade. Without the vital services that PASA member sanctuaries provide, many arrests of wildlife traffickers would not have occurred because the law enforcement agencies would not have facilities for the animals.



**An orphaned monkey arrives at Vervet Monkey Foundation in South Africa**

**Over 3,148 animals are receiving high-quality, long-term care at PASA's member sanctuaries.** Without them, animals rescued from inhumane conditions would have nowhere to turn.



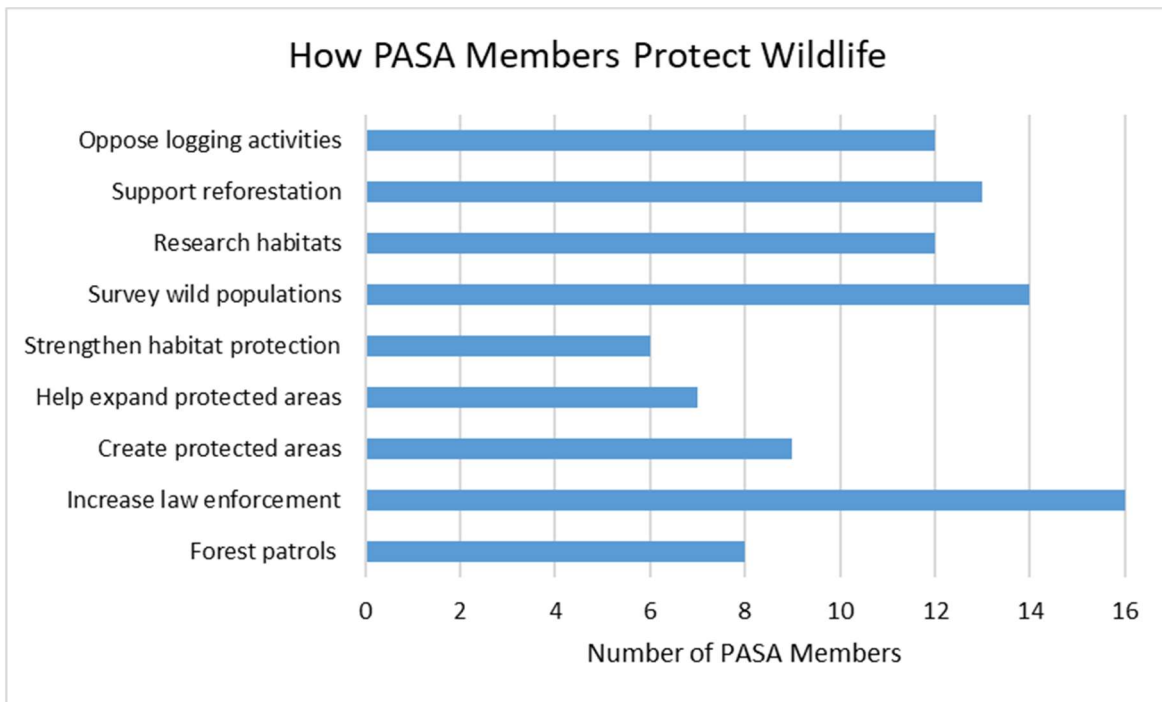


## Protecting Wild Populations

Every PASA member organization has a working relationship with their government, who they collaborate with to rescue primates and protect land from exploitation. One of the ways PASA sanctuaries protect land is by hiring eco-guards or forest patrols. In some instances, the guards are government-funded, and the sanctuaries provide them with materials. In other instances, the guards are employed by the sanctuaries.

**9** *PASA members have worked with governments to create new protected areas*

Almost all PASA members are currently working to increase law enforcement, which often means pressuring governments to pass stronger laws protecting wildlife, and pressuring those agencies to enforce those laws, directly protecting wild primate populations and their habitat. Sanctuaries also protect wild populations by creating new national parks and environmental refuges.

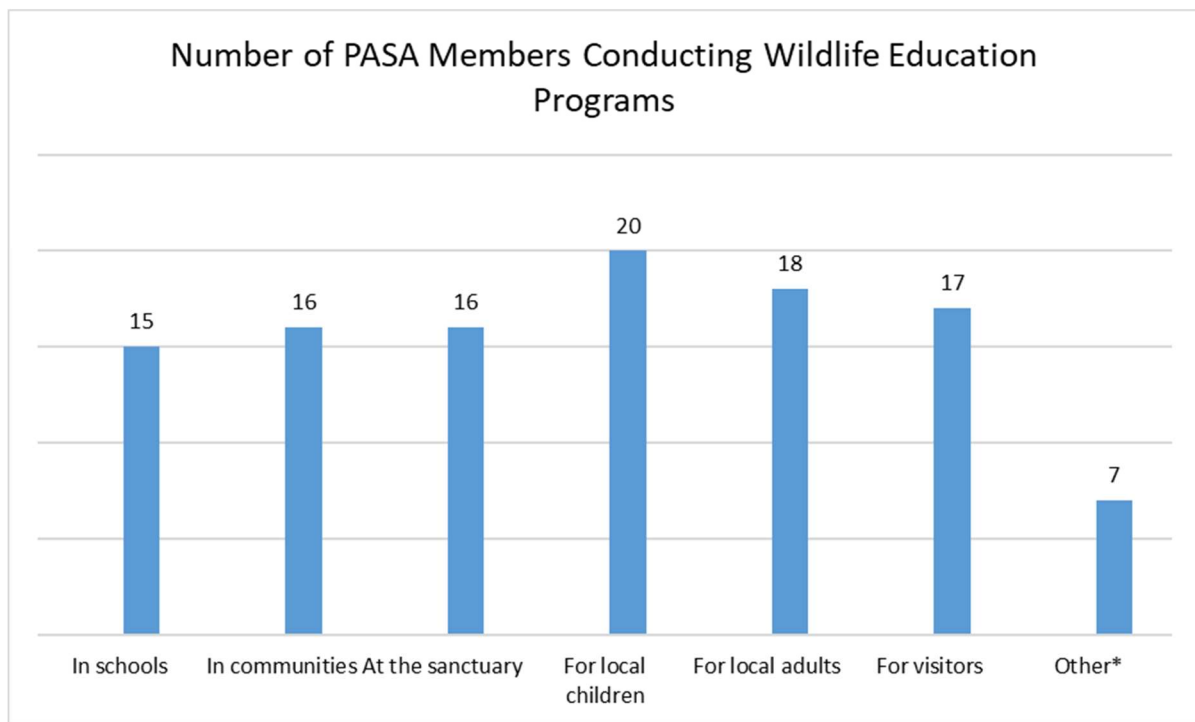


## Humane Education

Collectively, PASA member wildlife centers educate more than 500,000 people every year in topics related to wildlife conservation and animal protection. They conduct education programs in schools, in communities, and at their sanctuaries. In addition to influencing local children and local adults, the programs educate **visitors at the sanctuaries, which numbers more than 150,000** per year.

PASA works with member organizations to widely distribute educational tools and materials with conservation messaging such as high quality, engaging films and books for schoolchildren. For example, as part of PASA's Edutainment Film Program, twelve PASA members in eight countries have shown African-made films to hundreds of thousands of people, and more organizations will join the program soon. The goal is to protect wildlife and habitat by changing the behaviors of millions of people across Africa.

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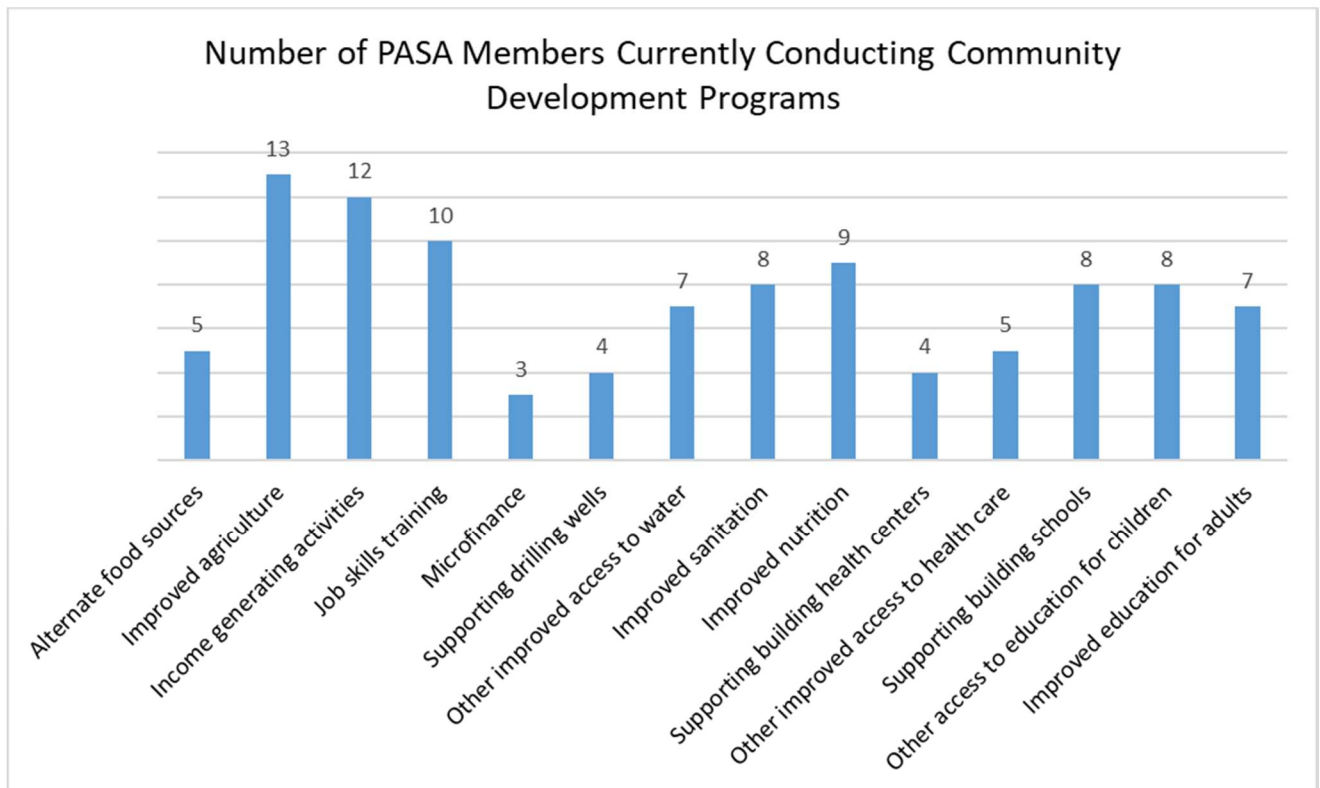
\* Other responses included giving presentations at universities or government functions for state officials, and holding public talks, debates and exhibits.

## Community Development

Wildlife centers that are members of the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance are located among communities that are essential to primate conservation. Many of these communities are near vital primate habitat, where local people illegally hunt wildlife for bushmeat or the pet-trade or destroy habitat in order to provide for their families. PASA members implement diverse projects that reduce the exploitation of wildlife and habitat by working with communities to develop sustainable alternatives.

*To support member sanctuaries in succession planning and to cultivate African management staff, PASA provides grants which enable African staff to attend PASA's annual Strategic Development Conference. The aim is to develop their skills and empower them to become leaders in primate protection.*

In addition to the activities represented below, PASA members are also involved in providing psychological therapy for groups and individuals, donating science equipment and seedlings to local schools, purchasing animal feed from local communities and offering job skills training to adults.





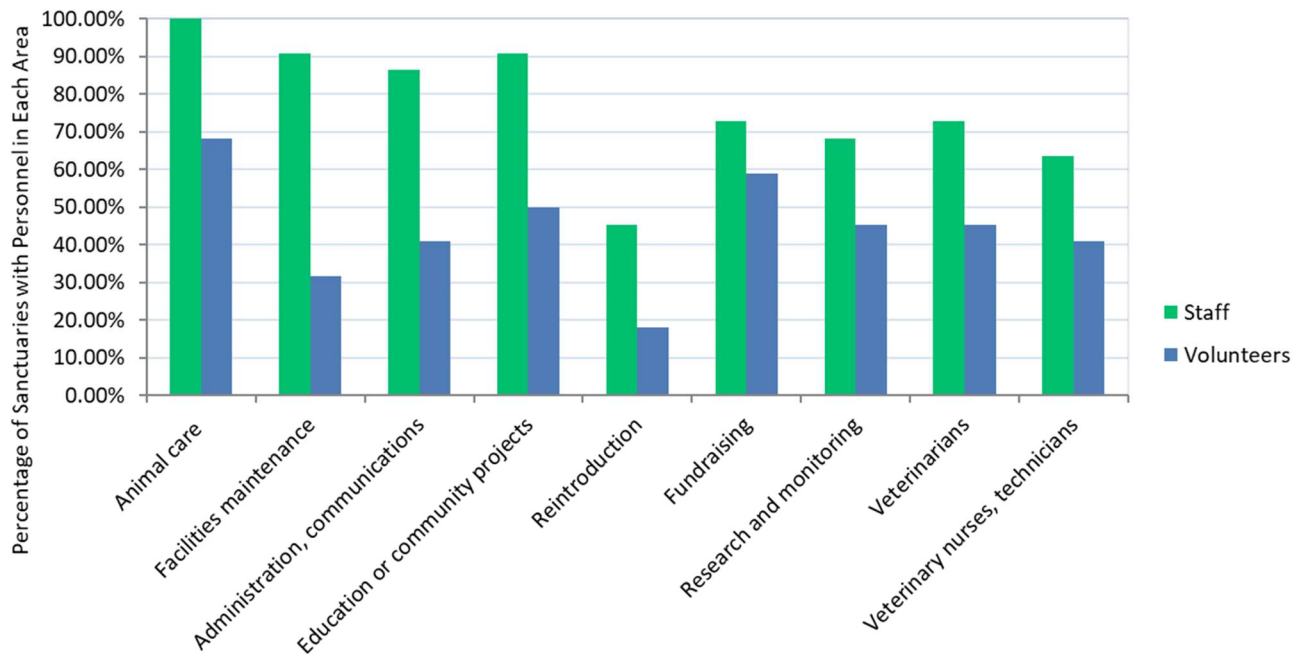
## Employment

One of the ways PASA member sanctuaries stimulate community development is by employing local people from the towns and villages that surround them. PASA members employ 661 full-time staff-members and 42 part-time staff members, in addition to offering many long- and short-term volunteer placements.

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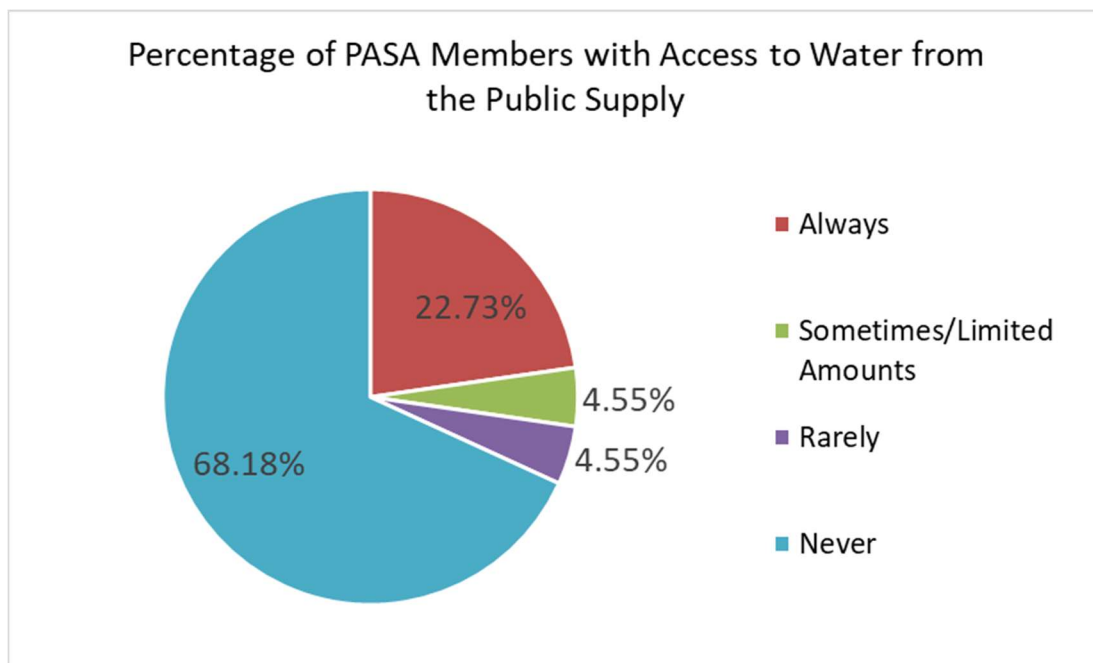
By providing employment to residents of the surrounding communities, PASA member organizations offer alternative livelihoods to jobs that exploit the environment, thus fostering positive relationships between the human and wildlife communities. Every year, PASA members generate \$5 million in local economies. Many of the wildlife centers are the largest employers in their areas.

Areas Where Staff and Volunteers Work at PASA Member Sanctuaries



## Challenging Conditions

Many members of the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance work in or near essential primate habitat, where resources are limited and unreliable. Over 70% of PASA members never or rarely have access to public water resources. They must rely entirely on nearby rivers or their own wells to provide drinking water to the thousands of animals under their care and the many staff members and their families that live at the centers. Their access to electricity is also limited. Over 60% of PASA members never or rarely have access to public electricity. They must use their own solar panels or generators.



*A core function of PASA members is giving care to animals rescued from wildlife crime and other cruelty, including providing life-saving veterinary treatment.*

***Almost 70% of PASA's members want more veterinary support to help them train staff, provide treatment or surgery for difficult medical issues, and assist with health exams.***

## Additional Information

**Research:** By allowing researchers to easily observe humanity's nearest relatives in fairly natural environments and social groups, PASA member sanctuaries enable significant studies about topics such as primate cognition and social behavior, which provide insights on human evolution. **95% of PASA members host researchers.**

**Support organizations:** The Alliance extends worldwide as well as across Africa. PASA members work closely with over 44 organizations around the world, including foundations and support organizations whose roles include raising awareness about primate protection, fundraising, and providing public relations and technical support.

**Releases:** PASA members not only provide lifelong care to animals, they are also at the forefront of African primate reintroduction. In the next two years, **PASA's members plan to release at least 171 primates back into the wild, including 71 endangered great apes.**

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## Conclusion

The members of the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance are leaders in the conservation and welfare of African primates. Their profound impact on communities, schools, wild primate populations, and government agencies, and the life-long care they provide to thousands of animals in their sanctuaries is working 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.

