

# PASA 2024 Annual Report





#### A Message from PASA's Executive Director

Primates across Africa face threats from all sides. The illegal wildlife trade, deforestation, climate change, and the growing threat of trafficking to supply demand from unscrupulous zoos and collections worldwide leave more animals orphaned than ever before. These growing threats require collective action on our part to save endangered primates. As the only alliance of primate sanctuaries in Africa, PASA – the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance – is doubling down to create a safe, sustainable future for apes and monkeys.

Over the last 24 years, PASA and our sanctuary network have stood strong against these threats, working together to rescue orphans from trafficking, provide the highest-quality rehabilitative care, and lead conservation initiatives across the continent.

With supporters like you by our side, we're able to foster connectivity within our alliance to further protect primates and the forests they call home. Thank you for being part of our mission now and on the journey ahead.



Kelly O'Meara
PASA Executive Director



### With your support, our alliance:

Rescued **over 300** animals from trafficking and cruelty

Provided expert care to **over 3,800** animals

Released **over 150** animals into the wild



You Helped PASA Give Over \$80K in Emergency and Rescue Support to Sanctuaries.







#### Rescue Spotlight: Uncaging Jenny the Chimpanzee

Jenny spent most of her life caged. Stolen from her family as an infant and sold as an illegal pet, she was likely treated as a treasured companion when she was little and then locked behind bars once she grew too big. When her owners moved, they abandoned Jenny, leaving her to starve in her cage. We don't know how long she was left there, utterly alone and helpless. She only survived because a kind neighbor threw food scraps across the fence, keeping her barely alive.

Your support made it possible for PASA and our partners on the ground to quickly jump into action and save this beautiful chimp. While coordinating her rescue plans, we worked with local authorities to give Jenny urgent medical care and nutritious food, helping her survive while the rescue team got into place.





#### The Long Road to Safety

On the day of the rescue, Jenny was safely loaded into a travel crate, given lots of fresh fruits and water, and then driven many miles to her new home: Parc de la Lékédi, a PASA accredited sanctuary in Gabon.

The journey was long, and the team faced many obstacles due to heavy rain and blocked roads. But this is the reality of many rescue operations in rural areas, and the team persevered.

Thanks to the PASA Rescue Fund, we're proud to say that within a week of hearing about Jenny and the condition she was in, we helped her reach the safety of an accredited sanctuary.



### **Jenny Climbs High With Her New Family**

Once safe at the sanctuary, Jenny was given medical care and placed in quarantine to ensure it was safe to introduce her to her new chimp family.

Chimpanzee introductions take careful planning, and we are grateful for the staff at Parc de la Lékédi who worked so hard to make this introduction a success. With their expert planning, Jenny was gradually introduced to her new family through a fence to allow them to adjust to new social dynamics. When the gate opened, Jenny very carefully entered the lush forested enclosure, immediately making her way toward the trees and climbing high into the sky.

Thank you to all of our supporters for helping uncage this beautiful chimp and give her a life surrounded by family and lush forest.

# Fernando Turmo / JGI



### Rescue Spotlight: Giving ZZ a Second Chance

Named after the country she was found in, "Mozambique" (ZZ for short) was less than a year old when she was found in need of help. While we don't know much about her past, we do know that she was trafficked to Mozambique since it is not a range country for gorillas.

As little ZZ was particularly small for her age, we knew it was important that she get to a sanctuary quickly. With support from PASA, Dr. Rebeca Atencia, the Director of the Jane Goodall Institute in the Republic of Congo, and Head Veterinarian of Tchimpounga Sanctuary, teamed up with the Mozambique Wildlife Alliance to stabilize ZZ and coordinate her rescue plans.

ZZ is now safe at the Jane Goodall Institute's Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Center in the Republic of Congo, a PASA accredited sanctuary.





#### **ZZ** is Now Thriving

We cannot understate how much of a collective effort it was to bring ZZ to safety, and we are incredibly grateful for the full support and collaboration of the governments of Mozambique, Angola, and the Republic of the Congo, along with the conservation heroes on the ground who cared for ZZ during the rescue mission.

Collaboration is at the heart of everything PASA does, and we would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to everyon that helped make this rescue possible, including the Mozambique Wildlife Alliance, JGI Republic of the Congo and JGI USA, Administração Nacional das Áreas de Conservação, the Government of the Republic of the Congo (Ministry of Forest Economy), the Government of Angola (Ministry of Environment, CITES Authority, & National Institute for Biodiversity Conservation), TAAG Angola Airlines, the Kissama Foundation, Fondation Brigitte Bardot, and Ivan Carter Wildlife Alliance for their pivotal roles in this critical endeavor.







#### **Giving Urgent Care to Sick Monkeys**

PASA's Emergency Fund is there for sanctuaries when they need it most, helping provide critical aid during natural disasters, security threats, and disease outbreaks.

When the Vervet Monkey Foundation in South Africa encountered a fastspreading virus among their monkeys, PASA's Emergency Fund enabled them to swiftly acquire critical supplies like N95 masks and disinfectants.

Each monkey that showed symptoms was immediately isolated and started on treatment plans, including antibiotics, nebulization, and dietary supplements to help boost their recovery.

The quick intervention was instrumental in treating affected animals and preventing further spread of the disease, saving lives.



#### **Enhancing Security to Prevent Disease Transmission**

In the face of a devastating Mpox outbreak in DRC, PASA was glad to be able to assist Lwiro Primates Rehabilitation Center with keeping chimpanzees and staff safe.

Thanks to PASA's Emergency Fund, we were able to install advanced biosecure fencing, significantly boosting the center's defenses against unauthorized access and enhancing protection against disease.

This new fencing is central to their biosecurity efforts, protecting endangered chimpanzees from disease and reducing wildlife-human contact. It marks a significant improvement in the sanctuary's security and the overall environment for the primates.

Thanks to your support, Lwiro has become a safer, more secure sanctuary.





### Improved Sanitation Keeps People and Primates Safe

When the region of Zambia surrounding the Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage faced a severe cholera outbreak amid drought conditions, PASA's Emergency Fund was vital. We provided essential funding for infrastructure improvements and health supplies, helping improve sanitation facilities, waste management, and hygiene measures at the sanctuary.

These enhancements were crucial in fighting the cholera outbreak and boosting safety for both the community and the sanctuary's wildlife.

As a supporter of PASA, you helped ensure these strategies could be implemented when they were needed most. Thank you for bringing safe, reliable water access to community members and staff, and for keeping critically endangered chimpanzees safe.





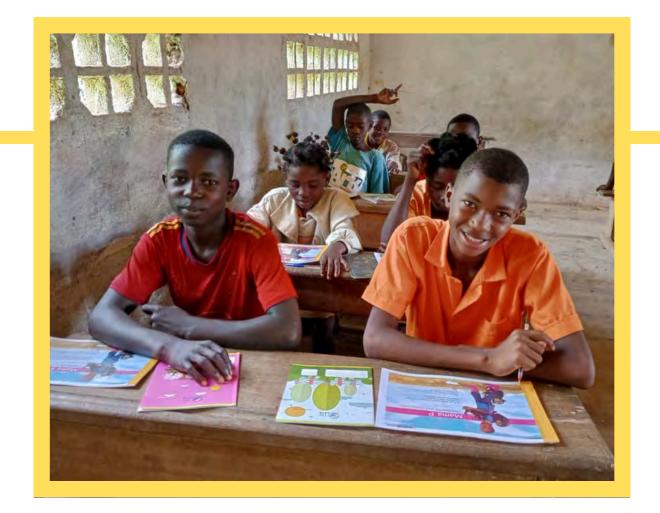
### **Innovative Projects Build Conservation Support**

At Limbe Wildlife Centre, the Green Project partners with local farmers and former hunters near Mt. Cameroon National Park to sustainably harvest wild-grown leaves and crop by-products like potato, papaya, and cassava leaves. This provides gorillas, chimpanzees, and drills with a natural, healthy diet while supporting nearly 100 families in the surrounding community.

In the past year alone, 47,000 kilograms (over 100,000 pounds) of fresh greens were supplied to Limbe from the community, feeding hundreds of rescued primates and protecting wild chimpanzee habitats.

Innovative and inclusive projects like this happen because of donors like you. Thank you for paving the way for conservation success.







#### **Kids for Compassionate Conservation**

Thanks to supporters like you, PASA and our sanctuary network across Africa are providing ground-breaking conservation education to children living alongside wild primates.

Last year, your support made it possible for PASA to reach over 2,500 children through our Kids for Compassionate Conservation Program.

Your support helped us expand this vital program at several sanctuaries across Africa, including Ape Action Africa, Chimpanzee Conservation Center, Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage, Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary, and Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary.

Educating the next generation on the importance of primates, biodiversity, and sustainability is crucial. Thank you for making this program possible.







#### **Ensuring High-Quality Care Through Training**

PASA's Primate Care Training program brings field experts to sanctuaries, helping build staff capacity and advance the welfare of the primates under their care. Each training program is tailored to the specific sanctuary's needs, helping them navigate relevant problems and build on their current skills.

In 2024, an expert in primate behavior trained caregivers at the Lilongwe Wildlife Centre in behavioral observation techniques for their vervet troop. This training enabled the staff to gain a deeper understanding of the troop's social dynamics.

"I found it most helpful to better understand how to avoid conflict during feeding. By feeding many sides of the enclosure, I can now help ensure both high-ranked individuals and lower-ranked individuals have easy access to food and avoid conflict."

- A Caregiver at Lilongwe Wildlife Centre

#### The PASA Sanctuary Workshop Spurs Conservation Innovation

The PASA Sanctuary Workshop (PSW) is a three-day event that brings together the leaders of our sanctuary network. In 2024, the workshop was held in Johannesburg, South Africa, and hosted by Vervet Monkey Sanctuary.

Representatives from 19 PASA accredited sanctuaries were able to share expertise on a wide range of topics, with highlights including discussions and panels on wildlife conservation, disaster preparedness, reintroduction, primate welfare, staff training and management, fundraising and sustainability, and collaboration on new initiatives.

By bringing these leaders of conservation together, we're helping raise the capacity of each participating sanctuary.









#### **Fostering African Leadership**

One of the key strategic goals for PASA is to recognize, celebrate, and foster the development of African leadership in PASA's sanctuary network in order to support emerging conservation leaders. The recipient of the 2024 Leadership Development Grant was Lucas Maluleke from Vervet Monkey Foundation, South Africa. Lucas has shown the utmost dedication to his work in vervet monkey conservation and is a role model for young Africans aiming to lead conservation efforts across the continent.

In addition, the Siddle-Marsden Award was won by Asuquo Nsa Ani from Drill Ranch in Nigeria. Asuquo is a drill caretaker at the sanctuary, caring for more than 600 drills that are being rehabilitated and reintroduced at this site in rural Nigeria. Asuquo exemplifies the commitment, drive, and dedication that staff at sanctuaries show in order to ensure the care of their primates amid even the most difficult of circumstances.

#### **Community Engagement Workshop**

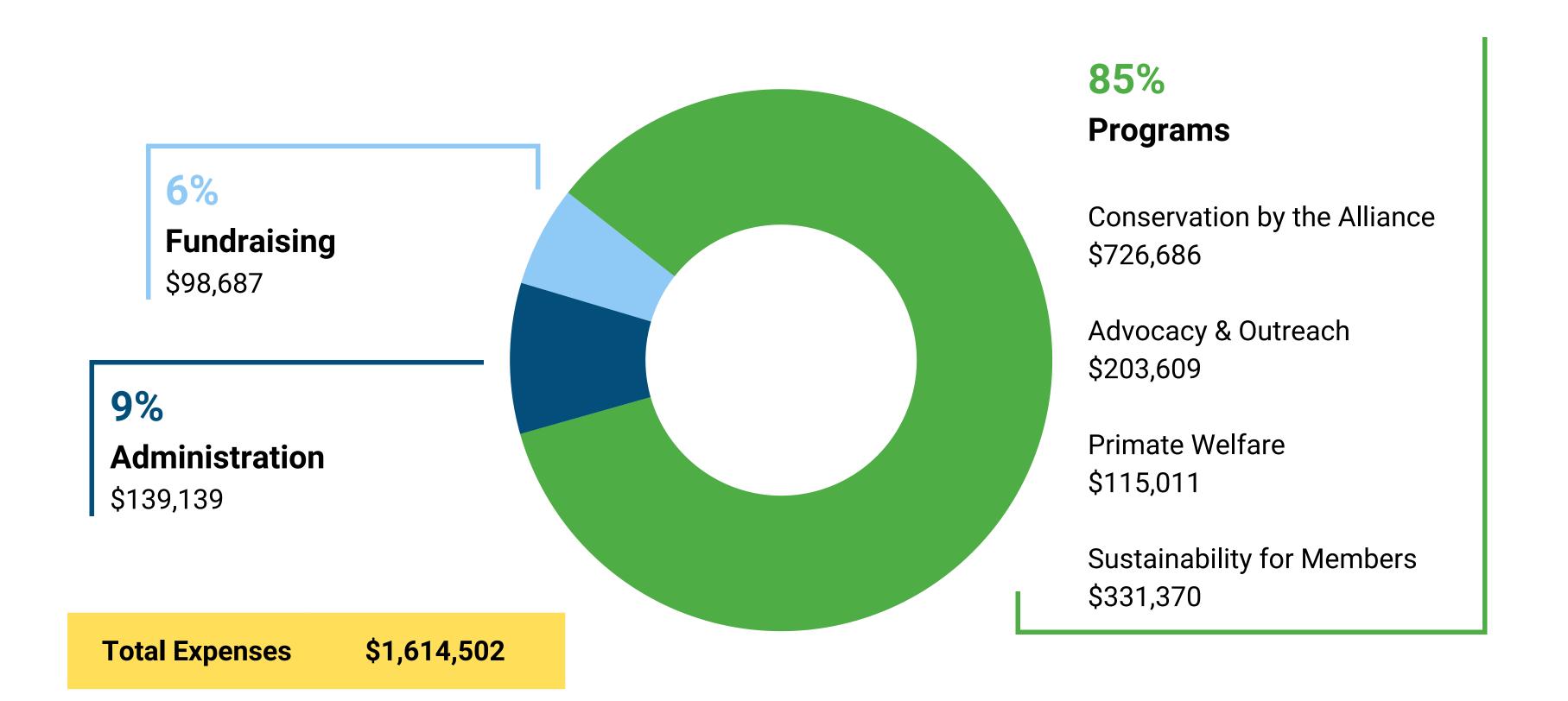
As part of our work to build the capacity of sanctuaries to tackle key issues in primate conservation, PASA regularly holds workshops that focus on different aspects of conservation and welfare. In 2024, we hosted a Community Engagement Workshop in acknowledgement of the central role that community engagement plays in effective conservation and to ensure that vital expertise, knowledge, and guidance on this topic can be shared among the alliance. From this workshop, a committee of dedicated sanctuary educators was established to update PASA's Education and Outreach Manual.

By increasing the capacity of sanctuaries to effectively work with local communities to protect wildlife, we are helping to build a world where both people and primates thrive.





### PASA Statement of Activity: Jan - Dec 2024



#### Revenue

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\$1,545,163
\$373,869
\$4,000
\$557,756
\$77,028
\$21,955
\$2,422
\$504,364
\$3,769

Earned Revenue	\$7,239
Membership dues	\$6,500
Credit card benefits	\$739
Interest & Investments	\$19,152

**Total Revenue** \$1,571,553

#### PASA Statement of Financial Position: Jan - Dec 2024

#### **Assets**

Bank Accounts	\$1,172,655
Emergency fund for Members	\$43,143
Reserve Fund - Money Market	\$101,510
Accounts Receivable	\$0
Total Current Assets	\$1,317,308

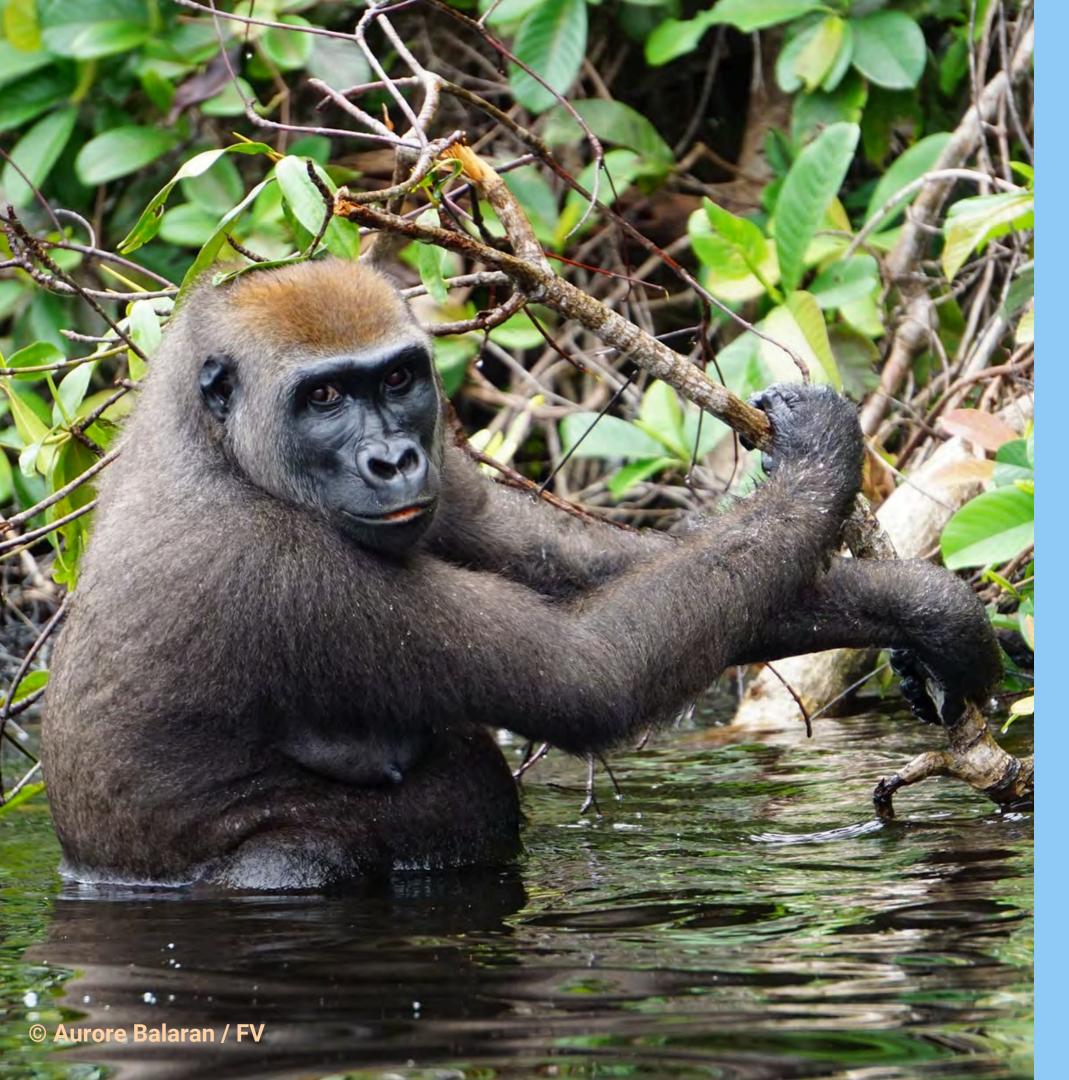
## **Liabilities & Equity**

Liabilities	\$1,232,510
A/P & Accrued Expenses	\$45,709
Deferred Revenue	\$1,186,801
Equity	\$84,798
Retained Earnings	\$131,970
Net Revenue	-\$42,889
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$1,317,308

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