The involvement of local communities and the integration of traditional knowledge are essential components of successful mountain gorilla conservation strategies we use. These approaches not only contribute to the well-being of the gorillas but also promote sustainable development and community resilience. We engage local communities in the conservation process to fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility and they feel a direct connection to the gorillas and their habitat, and actively participate in protection efforts.

Indigenous and local communities possess valuable traditional ecological knowledge about the environment, including the behaviour of wildlife, medicinal plants, and sustainable resource management. We established community-based conservation initiatives which empowers local people to actively participate in the protection of mountain gorillas and this includes training community members as wildlife monitors, guides and involving them in habitat restoration programs.