



Emergency Funding Request 2009

THE ROBIN HURT WILDLIFE FOUNDATION: EMERGENCY FUNDING REQUEST.

1.0 - Background

Tanzania is amongst the poorest countries in the world, currently ranked 159 out of 177 on the UNDP Human development index. Tanzania's population is approximately 40 million people with an annual growth rate of 2.09%. 70 % of the population relies on the country's natural resources to sustain them. Tanzania's economy has evolved from essentially a barter economy and is now almost entirely cash based. This has resulted in exponential growth of the pressure on the country's natural resources, and they are being utilized faster than they can be replenished.

It is, therefore, of vital importance that rural Tanzanians living in proximity to wildlife and protected habitats are given access to experiences that broaden their understanding of the long term implications of current practices, as well as to development and opportunities that elevate them beyond a subsistence existence, which will subsequently alleviate the unsustainable pressure on the country's natural resources.

2.0 - The Foundation

The Robin Hurt Wildlife Foundation (RHWF) has been operating in Tanzania since 1992. The Foundation aims to conserve and protect the country's natural heritage – its wildlife and wilderness - through enabling and facilitating sustainable Community-Based Natural Resources Management.

3.0 - Activities and projects

The Foundation currently works with the communities in 33 villages bordering some 21,000 square kilometers of Protected Area throughout Tanzania. Emphasis is given to capacity building of government and community institutions and services - enabling them to better plan, finance and implement policies and strategies in the field of natural resources management. There is also a strong emphasis, throughout all of the projects undertaken by the Foundation, on the linking of conservation of wildlife and wilderness through sustainable utilization to poverty reduction.

3.1 - RHWF Components:

3.1.2 - Community focused development projects: Water Projects (Rainwater harvesting tanks at schools and health units and dam construction). Educational Facilities (schools/classrooms construction, sanitary facilities and teacher's housing) Medical facilities (dispensaries, clinics, staff houses and rehabilitation).

3.1.3 - Food Production Facilities: provision of maize mills, tractors, plus emergency food relief when required.

3.1.4 - Conservation Awareness Training: Projector film screenings, establishing tree nurseries, provision of fuel-efficient stoves.

3.1.5 - Capacity Building: Enabling village leadership and local government institutions to take ownership of projects.

3.1.6 - Primary Health Care: Material support and capacity building for Village Health Workers (VHW).

3.1.7 - Micro-industry and income generation: establishing sustainable natural resource based industries such as beekeeping and silk moth harvesting.

3.1.8 - Village Game Scouts (VGS): Funding, equipping, training and coordinating Anti-Poaching Units to work in the Protected Areas alongside the Tanzanian Government's Wildlife Division – VGS are all recruited from within the communities with which we work.

4.0 - Foundation Costs

In order to execute its goals and objectives The Robin Hurt Wildlife Foundation needs to maintain a full-time, staffed office in Arusha, Tanzania, and employs 10 full-time professional staff and in excess of 30 contract staff in the field. The tables below give a full break down of the actual costs for 2008, and represent the minimum annual funding required for current projects and operations:

4.1 - Program Management and Administration costs in 2008:

USD \$100,600

4.1.2: Table 1 – program admin and management costs breakdown

Salaries and wages	\$78,072
Office administration	\$3,728
Community liaison and project management	\$12,200
Rent	\$3000
communications	\$3,600
Total	\$100,600

4.2 - Village Development Funds in 2008:

USD \$91,051

4.2.1: Table 2 – Village Development Funding Breakdown by Area & Village

Area	Total Generated	Number of Villages	Funds per Village
Burko-Monduli	US\$ 16,939.00	13	US\$ 1,303.00
Maswa-Makao	US\$ 24,546.97	7	US\$ 3,506.71
Mlele	US\$ 11,814.00	5	US\$ 2,362.80
Niensi	US\$ 2,936.00	1	US\$ 2,936.00
Luganzo	US\$ 14,046.99	3	US\$ 4,682.33
Rungwa	US\$ 8,047.00	2	US\$ 4,023.50
Inyonga	US\$ 12,721.00	2	US\$ 6,360.50

**4.3 - Capacity Building and Health Care costs in 2008:
USD \$46,433**

4.3.1: Table 3 –Health and Wellness Program costs breakdown

Operational Costs	Amount
Field Admin costs	\$7,800
Travel Expenses	\$6,140
Lodging and Food	\$3000
Salaries and Wages	\$15,303
Motor Vehicle Costs	\$14,190
Total	\$46,433

**4.4 - Village Game Scouts and Anti-Poaching costs in 2008:
USD \$154,211**

4.4.1: Table 4 – Break down of RHWF Anti- Poaching costs

Vehicle Fleet running costs (Field and Workshop)	\$80,000
Fuel	\$26,400
Operations	\$48,211
Total	\$154,611

4.4.2: Table 5 – RHWF 2008 Patrol Statistics and funds spent by Area

Block	Burko	Maswa-Makao	Luganzo	Mlele	Rungwa	Total
Days Deployed	254	305	223	62	112	894
Poachers	5	21	21	0	63	110
Snares	1	210	2	0	0	213
Firearms	0	16	3	0	9	28
Other weapons	0	79	33	0	42	154
Bicycle	0	2	24	0	3	29
Ammunition	0	0	127	0	5	132
Timber	0	0	80	0	3,430	3,510
Wildlife	14	14	6	0	4	38
Vehicles	4	0	0	0	2	6
Funds Spent in US\$	40,323.19	46,699.01	36,447.98	8,570.02	22,571.04	154,611.24

4.5 - Total RHWF costs in 2008:
USD \$392,695

4.5.1: Table 6 – Breakdown of RHWF expenditure in 2008

Village Development	\$91,051
Capacity Building and Health Care	\$46,433
Village Game Scouts and Anti-Poaching	\$154,611
Program Management and administration	\$100,600
TOTAL	\$392,695

5.0 - 2009 Funding Requirements

Due to the current global financial climate the Foundation has, to date, seen funding commitments totaling \$170,000 completely withdrawn, representing some 43% of the 2009 basic budget. To date RHWF anticipates raising \$310,000 of the required minimum of US\$393,000, by the end of 2009.

At present, these levels of underfunding threaten the continued viability of some of the Foundation's core components. If this immediate shortfall of **\$83,000** cannot be recovered in the near future, the impact on the Foundation's ability to continue its efforts to protect and conserve Tanzania's wildlife and wilderness, and its assistance - to both the Tanzanian Government and the estimated 130,000 rural Tanzanians with whom we have been working for the last 16 years - could be devastating.

The Robin Hurt Wildlife Foundation urgently requires emergency funding for 2009 to make up for this shortfall – no grant or donation is too small.

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