



Africa Network for Animal Welfare

Annual Report 2020

Promoting Humane Treatment of All Animals



Executive Director's Message

I write this opening statement to our 2020 Annual Report, at a time when the world is facing one of the greatest health threats of all time – COVID-19. Indeed, this novel virus has caused indescribable suffering to humanity. Many people have died. Many who seemed to recover from the pandemic are still battling long-term effects. Many of us have lost family members, friends, and colleagues. Thousands of people, have lost their jobs and livelihoods. Economies are in chaos in most countries.. Like most sectors across the world, our work has not been spared by the COVID-19 pandemic. Cognizance of the unprecedented times we are living in, ANAW did adopt the global practice of the moment – reassessed our programmatic work to fit into this new paradigm and working from home to protect ourselves and those around us.

Complexities brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 did not, however, dampen our spirit; with the unyielding support of our partners, we strove with our last ounce of energy and courage and continued to safeguard the welfare of animals through our various programs. We reviewed our overall strategy highlighting the three thematic priorities – promoting harmonious human-wildlife coexistence; capacity building, education and awareness; and animal care to ensure we achieved maximum output even under the prevailing unfriendly circumstances. These priorities are discussed further in this report.

A significant outcome of the year was the Africa Animal Welfare Conference – Action 2020 (AAWC) held virtually on September 7-10, 2020 and attended by 524 delegates. The conference realized 23 resolutions and a policy brief shared with member states.

Further, the current pandemic has caused all of us to regroup and think about how animal welfare, wildlife and environmental conservation is run around the world. One thing is clear; it can never be business as usual. For wildlife to be secure and to thrive, it is imperative that the communities who coexist with this wildlife are resilient to external pressures that affect their livelihoods. In 2020, we did join hands with other wildlife conservationists and communities that neighbor wildlife habitation areas to protect the lives of fast declining species, in our continued campaign to end bush-meat for consumption and commercial trade by conducting routine de-snaring and animal rescue operations as you will read in this report.

Donkeys support livelihoods in many communities around the world, and should not be subjected to abuse, pain, or torture. Wanton donkey slaughter in the country has largely decimated the animals' population. In a joint campaign led by ANAW and The Brooke East Africa, a media workshop involving 25 journalists from both Kenya and Tanzania at the beginning of the year was held to sensitize the media in awareness creation and educating the masses on the plight of these donkeys. The initiative bore fruits soon after, when the Cabinet Secretary of Agriculture and Livestock, Hon. Peter Munya, instituted a ban of donkey trade and slaughter in the country in February 2020. And the donkey owning communities in Kenya celebrated.

The above highlights among others, you will find them in the pages of this Annual Report 2020. Please take time to read through what we were able to achieve and give us your thoughtful feedback.

Allow me, on behalf of the Chairman, Board and staff of ANAW and ANAW-USA, to sincerely thank all our partners, donors and friends for the support you extended to ANAW in 2020. You have made a great contribution to the welfare of animals and with your continued support, we are without a doubt that we will continue looking forward to the coming years with renewed energy for the work we do.

Sincerely,
Josphat Ngonyo.

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Who We Are

Africa Network for Animal welfare is an indigenous Pan-African nongovernmental organization which works to sustain animals as sentient beings through showing them compassion, care, and appreciation. We achieve this by influencing policy, community empowerment, advocacy and attitude change.

Our Mission

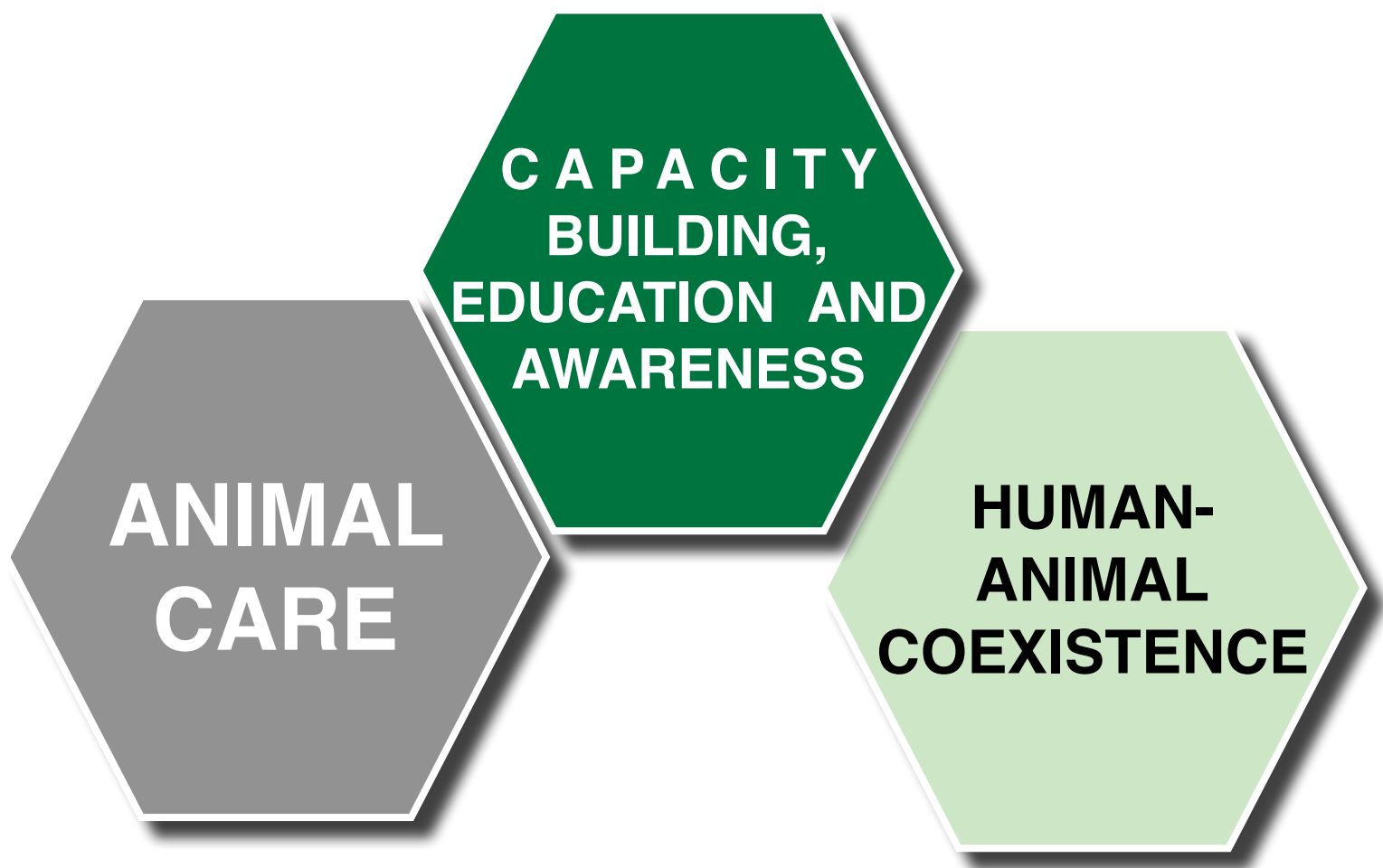
Our mission is to work together with communities, governments, and other stakeholders to promote animal welfare for better environmental and human health.

Our Vision

We envision a world where people show compassion, protection, and care for all animals.



We are creating impact through our three strong strategic pillars



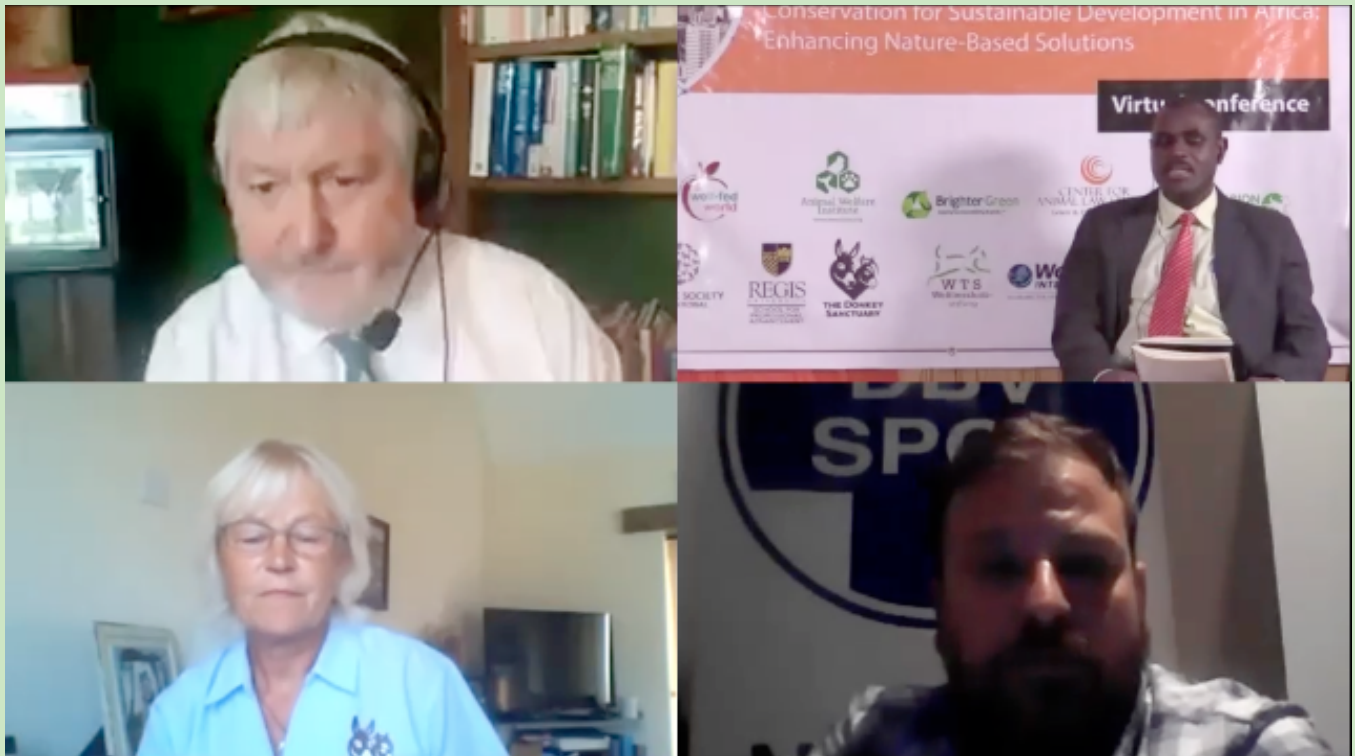
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CAPACITY BUILDING, EDUCATION AND AWARENESS



ANAW aims to provide animal welfare stakeholders, governments and communities with a platform to learn about animal welfare, exchange experiences, advocate for animal welfare issues and share information and lessons arising from their various efforts towards key animal welfare outcomes. The organization has committed to spearhead a number of animal welfare campaigns for policy and legislation changes that would effectively cater for the protection and care of animals at national and community levels.

The 4th Africa Animal Welfare Conference



A virtual conference session in progress

524

Number of delegates in the conference

54

Number of government officials represented in the conference

53

Number of countries represented in the conference

23

Number of African states represented in the conference

The 4th Africa Animal Welfare Conference – Action 2020 was held virtually in September bringing together 524 delegates from 53 countries who shared a rich mix of work experiences, research and study findings, as well as strategies, innovations and future opportunities in the disciplines of animal welfare, wildlife and environmental conservation.

The theme of the conference was: ‘Animal Welfare, Wildlife and Environmental Conservation for Sustainable Development in Africa: Enhancing Nature-Based Solutions.’ The regional event was co-hosted by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR), the Government of Kenya, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, and Africa Network for Animal Welfare (ANAW).

The conference which continues to expand in leaps and bounds had a diverse participation including representatives of government from 37 countries, 35 from Africa and 2 from Latin America. In addition, 54 government officials from 23 African states attended the conference. At the end of the conference, the delegates passed six resolutions that will be implemented in the continent.

Find the 2020 conference report at https://www.aawconference.org/2020/4th_Africa_Animal_Welfare_Conference_Action_2020_Report.pdf

Judicial Dialogues on Wildlife and Environmental Crimes

The 10th National Judicial Dialogue and Continuing Judicial Education on Wildlife and Environmental Crimes was for the first time held virtually in November 2020. The theme of the 2020 dialogue was, 'Emerging Issues and Trends in Adjudicating Wildlife and Environmental Crimes'.

A major outcome during the dialogue was a need for a detailed training manual for ease of reference in executing the day-to-day duties in law enforcement. The manual will also aid in ensuring sustainability of the dialogue process which would function as an annual monitoring tool. The manual development process is facilitated by financial support from Animal Welfare Institute.



Part of the dialogue presenters in Nairobi

Battery Cage Poultry Farming Infringes on Bird's Welfare



A battery cage farm

In June 2020, ANAW in partnership with Open Wing Alliance (OWA) commenced an advocacy campaign against use of battery cage system in poultry farming in Kenya. The use of battery cages in poultry farming is a system whereby poultry especially egg-laying chicken are reared in identical rows and columns of cages connected for easy feeding and collection of eggs. This is against the animal welfare standards as the birds in this system lack adequate space and have negative consequences on their health, behavior, and physiology.

A comprehensive welfare assessment of egg-laying chicken reared under the battery cage system was done which enabled the team to understand the farmers' perceptions and ideologies regarding the adoption of this system. In addition, it was noted that substantial knowledge gap exists among poultry farmers and battery cage suppliers regarding poultry sentience and welfarism. Farmers lack sensitization and education forums to learn on poultry welfare and its significance in enhancing productivity thus would benefit greatly from forums that educate them on animal welfarism, sentience and how this is linked to improved productivity.

A key highlight in 2020 was in a workshop held in December where the presentation of a study report done by ANAW on the status of battery cage farming in Kenya was shared. Participants in the one-day workshop resolved to build a credible, skilled and coordinated coalition for advocacy against caged chicken farming in Kenya, which was planned to be established in 2021.

Building Resilience And Capacity Of Donkey Owning Communities



Part of the community in Kajiado during a community awareness meeting

ANAW in partnership with Brooke East Africa continued to implement a donkey welfare project geared to building resilience and capacity of donkey owning communities residing along the Kenya-Tanzania border in both Kajiado and Narok Counties. Trust gap between the locals and the local authorities was identified as a major inhibitor to recover their stolen donkeys. To mitigate it, several community education and awareness meetings were held in Olposimoru and Oloolaimutia in Narok County as well as Magadi and Olmapinu, Rombo in Kajiado County. Further, capacity building meetings with selected youth, men and women, religious leaders, opinion leaders and community scouts, on monitoring of illegal donkey movement within their localities were held. Participants were sensitized on the importance of establishing links with the local authorities and law enforcers for better reporting.

A two-day media workshop was held at the beginning of the year to sensitize the media on the nature, and impacts of the cross-border movement and illegal trade of donkeys along the Kenya-Tanzania border. The aim of the workshop was to enhance partnership between the media fraternity and other stakeholders on the information flow on the trade's negative ramifications on communities that depend on donkeys for their livelihood. The workshop was attended by over 25 Journalists drawn from Kenya and Tanzania.

World Wildlife Day Celebrated

The annual World Wildlife Day event was celebrated on March 3 in Nairobi. ANAW in collaboration with World Animal Protection marshalled animal welfare enthusiasts and conservationists in commemorating the day under the theme, "Sustaining All Life on Earth".

This day accords all an opportunity to celebrate the many beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora and to raise awareness of the multitude of benefits that their conservation provides to people. Moreover, this special day serves a reminder to all, of the urgent need to step up the fight against wildlife crime and human-induced reduction of species, which have wide-ranging economic, environmental, and social impacts.



Participants take part in the World Wildlife Day walk

Conservation Outreach Amid Covid 19

In the wake of COVID-19 pandemic the Promoting Animal Welfare in Schools program was scaled down due to the closure of all primary schools. It became a challenge for the learners and the patrons to interact with the animal welfare knowledge as envisaged in our 2020 annual plan.

Not so with teacher Simon Kainga from Kabiria Primary School. Teacher Simon is in contact with his current learners as well as those who have passed through the animal welfare program. The learners take turn to visit a rabbit project that they introduced in the school since 2019.

In the month of July, teacher Simon together with the youth spearheaded an environmental initiative within the school and the neighborhood. Partnering with the area administration, they requested tree seedling support from ANAW. ANAW has been sourcing seedlings from Kenya Forest Service to support the PAWS program and promote animal welfare as well as conservation education.

The ANAW team responded to teacher Simon's call and delivered the seedlings. The seedlings were received by the Dagoreti North Chief Kahura who appreciated the work that ANAW has been undertaking through the animal welfare clubs in schools. She commented the willingness of ANAW to open up the program not only reaching out to the learners but also the communities that they live within. A total number of 150 assorted indigenous tree seedlings were planted.



Kabiria youth planting trees donated by ANAW

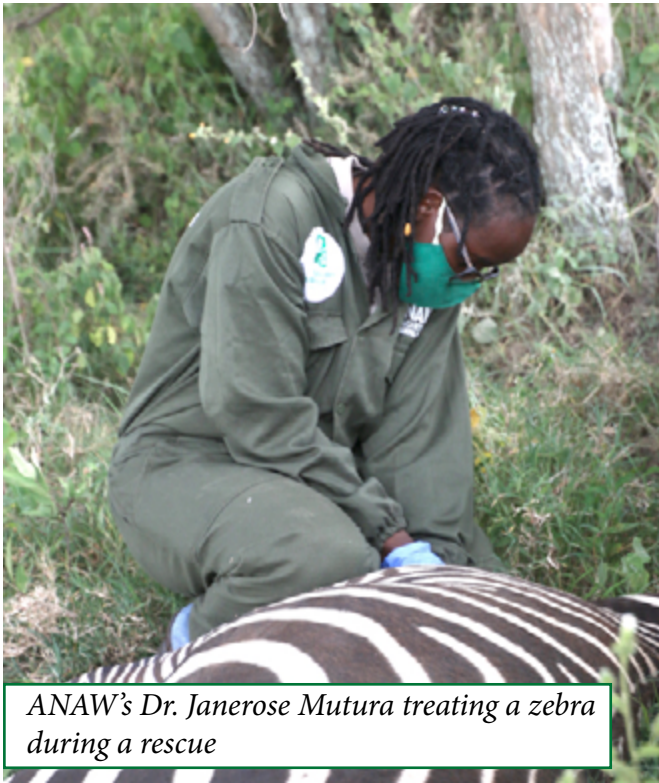
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ANIMAL CARE



ANAW's work is anchored on the appreciation that animals have intrinsic value and are sentient beings able to respond to physiological changes in the environment. Animal care is a vibrant program in ANAW that focuses on Anti-rabies Vaccinations, Responsible Pet Ownership, Dog Population Control, rescuing animals in distress and emergency response.

Rescuing Wire-trapped Wild Animals



ANAW's Dr. Janerose Mutura treating a zebra during a rescue

Despite the raging Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, ANAW's Wildlife Rescue Team ensured that they were on standby when a call came through for a distressed animal. The team swiftly responded to snared animals in 2020 from Machakos, Kajiado and Nakuru Counties.

ANAW's de-snaring team and Kenya Wildlife Service go through these experiences every so often as they seek to conserve Africa's wildlife in selected program areas. Indeed, in 2020 they have painstakingly given a new lease of life to 19 wild animals with snares or injuries through the help of KWS veterinarians and support from partners.

356 Number of snares lifted

19 Number of animals rescued

De-snaring

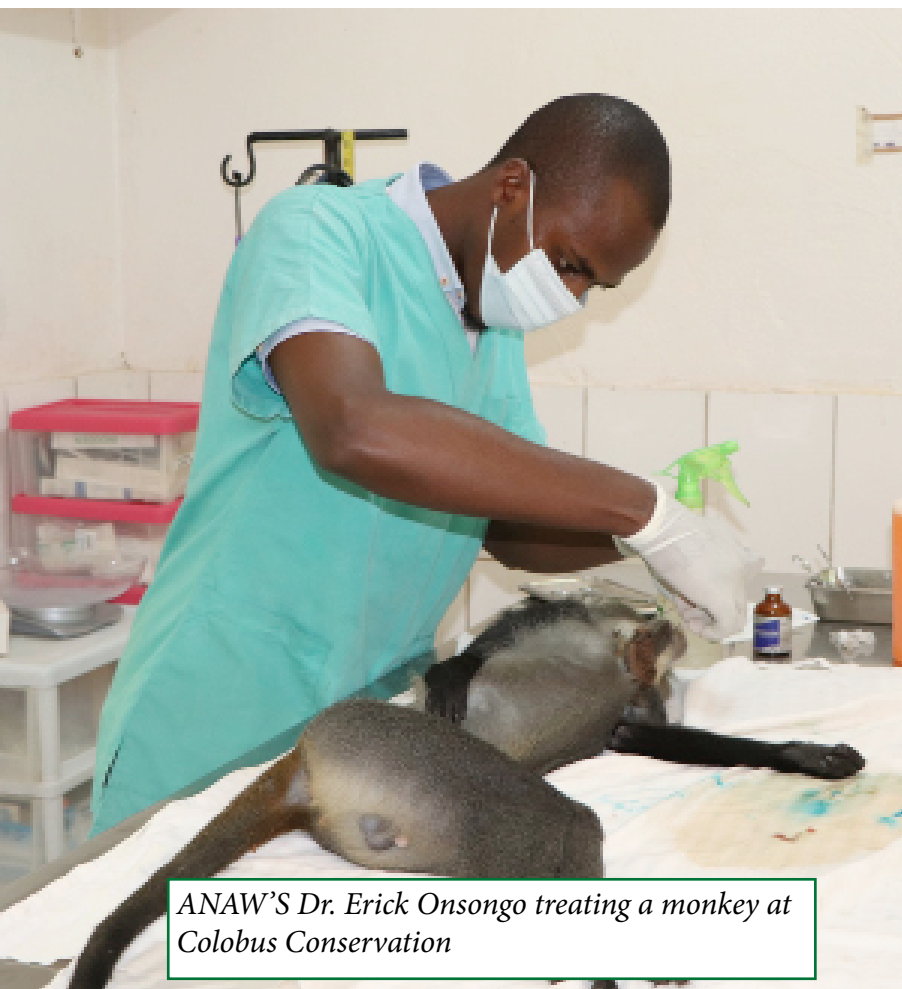
The economic effect of Covid-19 weakened the security patrols of private ranches and conservancies due to scarcity of funds making them vulnerable to bushmeat exploitation. This was evident through the findings of ANAW'S operations and collated corroborating data. It was noted that there has been an upsurge of bushmeat exploitation by 50% because of covid-19 pandemic. This realization depicts an immense threat to the survival of wildlife from bush meat poaching.

The team is cognizant of the fact that community conservation education for the communities neighboring wildlife areas is more necessary now, than ever before. They, however, acknowledge the prevailing restriction protocols to mitigate Covid-19, as a limitation to what they can be done and are therefore, exploiting more innovative ways of awareness creation such as digital messaging. By the end of 2020 a total of 356 lethal snares had been lifted with 269 live and 87 dead snares. This translate to the number of wild animals spared from suffering and eventual death.



Isaac Maina removing a snare

Relief for Colobus Monkeys Amid Covid-19 Restrictions



ANAW'S Dr. Erick Onsongo treating a monkey at Colobus Conservation

ANAW continued with their partnership with Colobus Conservation to promote the conservation, preservation and protection of threatened primates at the coastal forest habitat. Since 2015, ANAW has been partnering with Colobus Conservation through secondment of a Veterinary doctor, helping build a recovery hospital for the primates as well as helping build aerial ladders (Colo-bridges) across the road.

The clinic was established in 1997 to cater for wild colobus troops and other wild monkeys who reside in the expansive coral rag forest along Indian Ocean, on Kenya's south eastern coast region as tourism activities reduced decimally.

In 2020, the clinic attended to a total of 188 welfare cases including Vervets, Colobus, Sykes, Baboons, Hadada Ibis and Bush Babies. A total number of 38 animals have been successfully released back to the wild. Comparatively, these welfare cases especially arising from the primates being knocked down by speeding vehicles are way low compared to pre-covid-19 pandemic when tourists flocked the many beach hotels along the Diani Beach Road.

Vaccination Support

In the ongoing focus on Machakos County, ANAW donated 600 doses of anti-rabies vaccines to Machakos County in 2020 to support the Rabies Eradication Campaign in Machakos County.

At the beginning of 2020, the organization in collaboration with Action for Cheetahs in Kenya, Ewaso Lions, Samburu County Government, TNR Trust and Kenya Veterinary Association (KVA) held a successful anti-rabies vaccination and sterilization campaign in Meibae Community Conservancy, Samburu County. A team of 15 veterinarians and 12 assistants set out on a three-day vaccination drive in Meibae Community Conservancy to inoculate dogs and cats. A total of 912 animals (759 dogs, 152 cats, 1 donkey) were vaccinated.

ANAW continued with vaccination support by providing 500 needles and syringes for a vaccination campaign in Kasarani sub county as part of the anti-rabies work.

The vaccination campaigns are anchored on the Strategic Plan for the Elimination of Human Rabies in Kenya 2014 – 2030. This strategy highlights Kenya's plan and focus for the elimination of human dog-mediated rabies, an invariably fatal disease in humans, livestock, and other mammals by 2030.





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HUMAN-ANIMAL COEXISTENCE

ANAW is focused on establishing animal welfare as a community-driven responsibility that is owned and driven at grassroots level. Through our community networks, local governments, media and other institutions, we promote harmonious coexistence of humans and animals in our activities including, alternative livelihoods development, ecological monitoring during e-snaring, community-based conservation, promoting local networks for deterring wildlife crime and peaceful demonstrations.

The first ACEF Beneficiary set to join college



Jenta Hagaya the first ACEF beneficiary

The year 2020 marked a milestone in the Africa Conservation Education Fund (ACEF) program when the first beneficiary was identified. Jenta Hagaya will be joining college in 2021 with support from ACEF.

The program was created to address inequalities in the society through community engagement and education, and to increase community participation and involvement in wildlife protection, nature conservation, and climate change adaptation. The initiative supports education of school-going children and empowerment of unemployed youth through vocational training and skills development to ensure job creation and wildlife protection. ANAW opines that this strategy would see decreased poaching and increase for wildlife care.

The ACEF program began by focusing on the Watha community, an indigenous community that lives near Tsavo East National Park, co-exists with wildlife, and who have a rich history on their interaction with nature. Only 25% of this target community are literate and opportunities for education particularly in the remote rural locations indicate a dire need for education support for individual learners and schools. A database of primary and high school leavers as well as youth dropouts from the community, was put together as a baseline in preparation for them to benefit from the recently launched, 'Africa Conservation Education Fund' (ACEF) program. Although learning institutions remained closed most of the year due to the covid pandemic, the database was intended to help the program come up with different projects that are suitable for each cadre.

Kasighau Ranch Program

ANAW's Wildlife Guardians in Kasighau continued to patrol the expansive ranch in their efforts to ensure that the welfare of the wildlife was safeguarded. The team covered a total of 259 daily patrols and 6 border patrols. The expansive community property is a critical seasonal wildlife dispersal area between three contiguous national parks, namely: Kenya's Tsavo East, Tsavo West and Tanzania's Mkomazi.

The hunting for wildlife bushmeat has escalated since the onset of Covid-19. The ranch management recently consolidated the scouts' workforce for effective response to the growing threat exacerbated by both poverty and the prevailing pandemic.

In the month of September Kasighau guardians joined a team of 50 rangers drawn from both Kasighau ranch and the neighboring ranches to participate in a rigorous 21-day consolidated training at Kasighau ranch, that was sponsored by the African wildlife Foundation (AWF).

The training included patrol techniques, security reporting, communication, first aid, wildlife tracking, human-wildlife conflict monitoring, wildlife ecological monitoring and basic community wildlife extension.

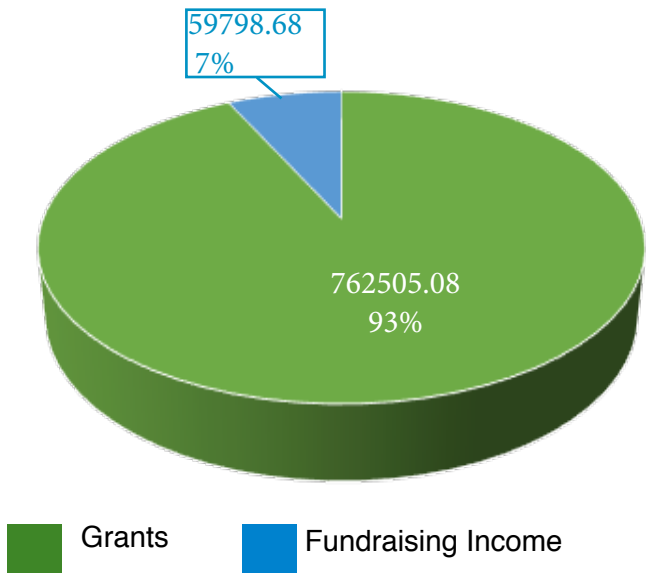


Kasighau guardians graduation

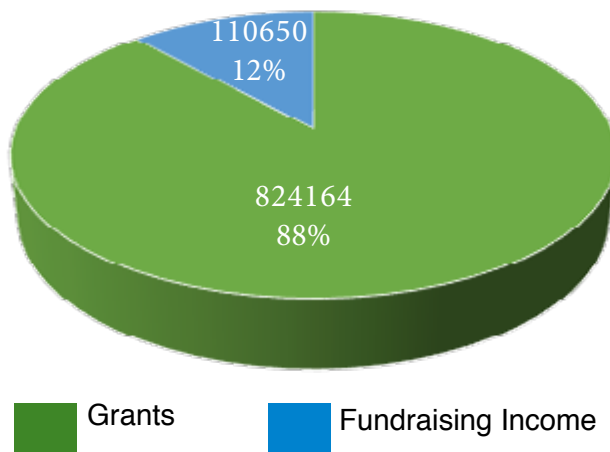
Our Audited Financials

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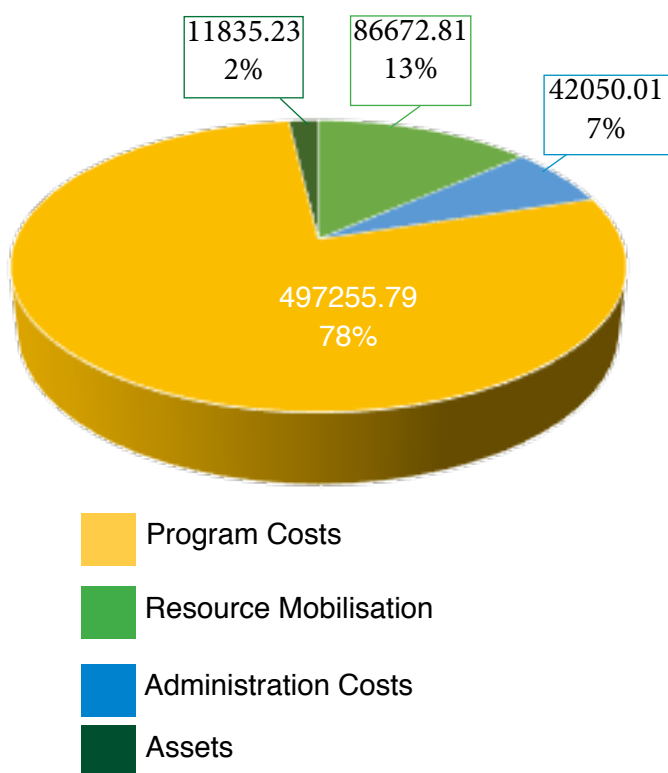


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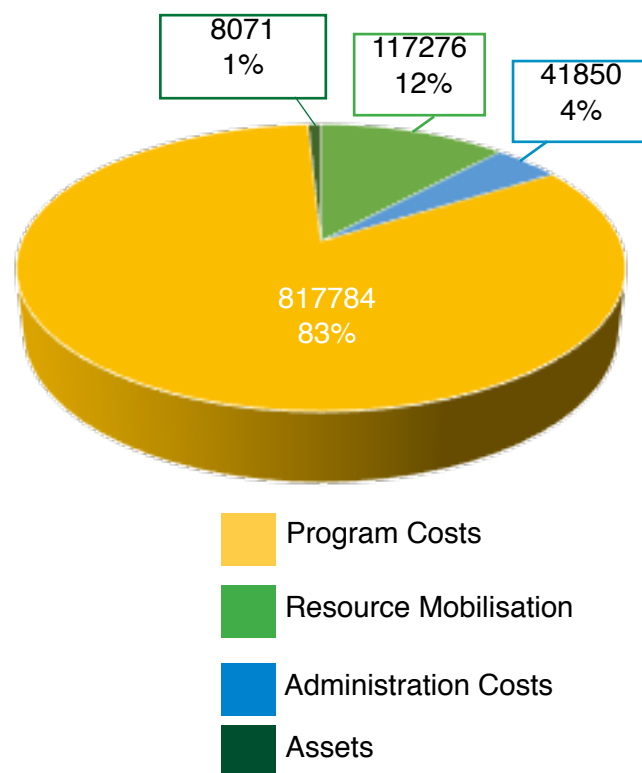


Expenditure

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Currency:USD

Thank you our 2020 Partners

Our achievements this year are all thanks to you, our supporters, partners and friends. We deeply appreciate your continued support towards ANAW's programs. We specifically thank the following organizations and individuals for their generous support financially, technically and/or in kind in the year 2020 (alphabetically)

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- A Well Fed World
- African Union Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources (AU-IBAR)
- ANAW USA
- Animal Law and Policy Program – Harvard Law School
- Animal People Forum
- Animal Welfare Institute
- Anonymous Donor
- Brighter Green Foundation
- Brooke East Africa
- Center for Animal Law Studies - Lewis & Clark Law Schools
- Colorado Gives
- Compassion in World Farming
- FOUR PAWS
- Humane Society International
- International Development Law Organization (IDLO)
- Judiciary Training Institute (JTI)
- Kenya Government – Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Co-operatives
- Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS)
- Network for Good
- Regis University
- The Donkey Sanctuary
- The Humane League
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Wellbeing International
- Welttierschutzgesellschaft e.v. (WTG)
- Welttierschutzstiftung (WTS)
- World animal protection

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