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MOUNTAIN GORILLAS



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CHAPTER
ONE

**THE
EMERGENCY**



Mountain gorillas kept getting sick. A young gorilla had died. Even one death meant an emergency. The mountain gorilla was one of the world's most **endangered** species.

Gladys Kalema-Zikusoka worked at Bwindi Impenetrable National Park. She had become the first woman wildlife veterinarian in Uganda. Almost half of the world's mountain gorillas lived inside Bwindi. Kalema-Zikusoka treated them. She soon solved the mystery. A skin disease had sickened the rare apes.

The disease had crossed over from humans. Kalema-Zikusoka realized local people needed health care. That way no person would infect a mountain gorilla. She founded **Conservation** Through Public Health. The group connected people near the park with doctors and nurses.

THE EMERGENCY



Shy mountain gorillas keep their distance from humans at Bwindi Impenetrable National Park

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