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Project: Anthrax Protection in Virunga National Park

I. Project Objectives

General Objective	Protect the health of local populations and wildlife in Virunga National Park from the spread of anthrax.
Specific Objectives	1. Safely remove and dispose of contaminated hippopotamus carcasses. 2. Raise awareness among local communities about anthrax risks and preventive measures. 3. Reduce human cases related to anthrax through health education campaigns. 4. Establish a system for continuous surveillance and prevention of future outbreaks.

2. Main Activities and Schedule

Phase	Activity	Description	Duration	Timeline (Months)
1	Assessment & Mobilization	Field assessment, partner mobilization, team training	1 month	Month 1
2	Carcass Removal & Disposal	Search, recovery, and secure burial of hippopotamus carcasses	2 months	Months 2-3
3	Community Awareness	Information campaigns, distribution of materials, educational workshops	3 months	Months 2-4
4	Surveillance & Prevention	Implementation of a health monitoring system and case follow-up	6 months	Months 3-8
5	Final Evaluation & Reporting	Impact analysis and sustainability recommendations	1 month	Month 8

3. Detailed Budget (in USD)

Item	Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total USD
Personnel	Project Coordinator (8 months)	1	\$3,000/month	\$24,000
	Field Agents (4 agents x 8 months)	4	\$1,200/month	\$38,400
	Trainers/Awareness	2	\$1,000/month	\$8,000

	Facilitators (4 months)			
Field Equipment	Protective Gear (gloves, masks, suits)	50 sets	\$50	\$2,500
	Secure Burial Tools (shovels, disinfectants, etc.)	-	-	\$3,000
	Transportation (vehicle rental, 8 months)	1	\$1,000/month	\$8,000
Awareness	Printing brochures, posters, flyers	2,000 units	\$0.50	\$1,000
	Community Workshops & Meetings	20 sessions	\$200	\$4,000
Surveillance & Monitoring	Rapid diagnostic kits and tests	100 kits	\$30	\$3,000
	Training for Surveillance Agents	4 agents	\$500	\$2,000
Administrative Costs	Communication, phones, internet	8 months	\$300/month	\$2,400
	Reporting & Documentation	-	-	\$1,000
Contingencies (10%)	For unforeseen expenses	-	-	\$15,230
Total				\$150,000

4. Sustainability Plan

- **Capacity Building:** Permanently train local agents (health workers, park rangers) in anthrax surveillance and management.
- **Community Engagement:** Sustainably raise community awareness to change risky behaviors (e.g., avoiding consumption of meat from dead animals).
- **Local Partnerships:** Collaborate with health authorities, NGOs, and conservation bodies to ensure ongoing monitoring after project completion.
- **Surveillance System:** Establish a community-based health monitoring system integrated with existing structures.
- **Regular Reporting:** Implement documentation and feedback mechanisms to improve future response efforts.