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**AFRIDOCS PRESENTS
THE OFFICIAL AFRICAN PREMIERE OF**

VIRUNGA

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AfriDocs is proud to announce the official African broadcast premiere of the BAFTA and Academy Award® nominated VIRUNGA in all 49 countries across sub-Saharan Africa.

From Netflix Originals and Executive Producer, Leonardo DiCaprio, feature documentary VIRUNGA has won over 40 international awards since its World Premiere at the Tribeca Film Festival in 2014.

VIRUNGA will air at 8pm (CAT) on May 21st 2015 on DSTV ED satellite channel 190 and terrestrially on GOtv channel 65.

The incredible true story of a group of brave people risking their lives to build a better future in eastern Congo, VIRUNGA is a gripping expose of the realities of life in the region.

The film features as yet unresolved allegations about London based FTSE 250 oil company SOCO International, whose illegal exploration for oil within World Heritage Site, Virunga National Park, is threatening one of the world's most unique and bio-diverse habitats; home to the last remaining mountain gorillas.

In this wild, but enchanted environment, a small and embattled team of park rangers - including an ex-child soldier turned ranger, a caretaker of orphan gorillas and a dedicated conservationist - protect this UNESCO world heritage site from armed militia, poachers and forces struggling to control Congo's rich natural resources.

Following the AfriDocs broadcast there will be a series of public and private screenings in a number of African cities including Cape Town, Johannesburg, Durban, Nairobi, Bujumbura, Mayotte and Goma.

[Watch the VIRUNGA trailer here](#) and follow @Afri_Docs and @VirungaMovie on Twitter for up-to-date information about the broadcast and screening tour.

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Please note new screening days: AfriDocs now screens every MONDAY and THURSDAY at 8pm (CAT) on DStv ED Channel 190 & GoTV channel 65 across sub-Saharan Africa.

For the full programme schedule and synopses of the films, please go to www.afridocs.net

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Notes to the editor:

Virunga National Park, Africa's oldest national park (established in 1925) and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979, is home to 210 of the world's critically endangered mountain gorillas. Formerly known as Albert National Park, Virunga lies in eastern DR Congo and covers 7,800 square kilometres. The park is managed by the Congolese Institute for the Conservation of Nature, the Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature (ICCN). For more information about the park: www.virunga.org

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