

Detailed Implementation & Financial Report

Youth Green Enterprises – Beekeeping & Honey Processing January 2023 – December 2024

1. Project Overview

- **Title:** Youth Green Enterprises – Beekeeping & Honey Processing
 - **Location:** Kalabo District, Western Province, Zambia
 - **Duration:** January 2023 – December 2024
 - **Objective:** Establish youth-led beekeeping cooperatives and support value addition through honey processing, branding, and market linkages for sustainable incomes and biodiversity protection.
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2. Background & Rationale

- Rural youth in Kalabo face unemployment and limited access to sustainable income opportunities.
 - Traditional beekeeping methods degrade forests by cutting down trees for hives.
 - Modern beekeeping with value chain development provides eco-friendly livelihoods, supports pollination, and enhances climate resilience.
 - This aligns with Zambia's Green Growth Strategy and SDG 8 (Decent Work & Economic Growth).
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3. Activity Components



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- **Beekeeping Training:** 20 youth trained in modern hive management, honey harvesting, and cooperative business models.
- **Hive Distribution:** 100 modern hives and protective gear provided.
- **Processing & Branding:** Established small-scale honey processing unit; developed “Kemgelesa Gold” brand.
- **Market Linkages:** Connected youth producers to local and urban buyers.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Promoted non-destructive hive practices to protect forests.

4. Detailed Execution Phases

- **Phase 1 – Recruitment & Training (Jan – Apr 2023):** Selected 20 youth; conducted workshops on apiculture and entrepreneurship.
- **Phase 2 – Apiary Setup (May – Sep 2023):** Distributed 100 hives and gear; set up 2 apiary demonstration sites.
- **Phase 3 – Honey Harvesting & Processing (Oct 2023 – Jun 2024):** First harvest processed and branded; local sales initiated.
- **Phase 4 – Market Expansion & Branding (Jul – Nov 2024):** Expanded processing unit, developed packaging, secured urban outlets.
- **Phase 5 – Sustainability Planning (Dec 2024):** Developed cooperative business plan and reinvestment strategy.

5. Implementation Timeline

Phase	Timeline
Recruitment & Training	Jan – Apr 2023



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Apiary Setup	May – Sep 2023
Harvesting & Processing	Oct 2023 – Jun 2024
Market Expansion	Jul – Nov 2024
Sustainability Planning	Dec 2024

6. Outcomes & Impact

- **Livelihoods:** 20 youth engaged in cooperative; 15 generating consistent income.
 - **Production:** 800 liters of honey harvested and processed.
 - **Revenue:** First sales generated approx. **\$25,000**.
 - **Environment:** Reduced tree-cutting by promoting modern hives.
 - **Skills:** Youth trained in apiculture, branding, and cooperative governance.
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7. Key Partners

- **Local Cooperative Union:** Support for cooperative structuring and local sales.
 - **SNV Netherlands:** Technical support in green enterprise incubation.
 - **District Forestry Office:** Ensured eco-friendly apiary siting.
 - **Youth Cooperative Members:** Direct implementers and entrepreneurs.
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8. Youth/Community Testimonials



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“Before, I had no work. Now I produce honey and sell in town. I feel proud as a business owner and as a forest protector.”

— Joseph Mulenga, Cooperative Member

9. Financial Report – Donor Grant (\$65,000)

Budget Item	Amount (USD)	Description
Training & Recruitment	\$8,000	Trainers, materials, allowances
Hive Kits & Apiary Setup	\$20,000	100 hives, protective gear, demo sites
Processing Unit Setup	\$12,000	Equipment, facility preparation
Branding & Packaging	\$10,000	Product design, labels, marketing
Market Development	\$5,000	Transport, buyer engagement
Monitoring & Evaluation	\$5,000	Data collection, reporting
Administration & Contingency	\$5,000	Coordination, overhead
Total	\$65,000	

10. Summary

The Youth Green Enterprises Beekeeping Initiative created sustainable livelihoods for rural youth while promoting biodiversity protection. By linking apiculture with value addition and market development, the cooperative achieved both environmental and economic impact. The model provides a scalable approach for rural youth empowerment across Zambia.

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