

PROJECT REPORT: BEEKEEPING FOR THE FUTURE

Sustainable Beekeeping and Youth Empowerment in Rural Regions of Ghana

30

YOUTH BENEFICIARIES

3 Months

PROJECT DURATION

2 Regions

FRANKADUA & NKWANTA

€10,500

TOTAL FUNDING

1 PROJECT OVERVIEW & KEY DATA

Project Title	Beekeeping for the Future (Sustainable Youth Empowerment)
Project Partners / Org.	Amediewu Honey Foundation & Extramile NGO in cooperation with contribYOUte gGmbH
Project Location	Frankadua & Nkwanta (Oti Region / Eastern Region, Ghana)
Target Group	30 young adults in rural regions of Ghana
Project Duration & Period	3 months (Intensive training & equipment setup)
Total Funding Amount	10,500.00 EUR

2 BACKGROUND & CHALLENGE

"Beekeeping leverages Ghana's rich biodiversity to provide young people with sustainable local income opportunities and effectively counter rural-to-urban migration."

Situation before project launch:

- **High Youth Unemployment:** Although Ghana is among the most stable countries in West Africa, it struggles with very high youth unemployment in rural areas.
- **Lack of Opportunities & Rural Flight:** Missing economic perspectives lead to increased rural flight. Young people move to major cities, where they are often confronted with gentrification, high living costs, and precarious living conditions.
- **Unused Natural Potential:** The Oti and Eastern regions offer ideal conditions for sustainable beekeeping with their high biodiversity of bee flora.

3 PROJECT APPROACH & BACKGROUND

The initiative builds on a proven model established in Nkwanta by the NGO Extramile (founded by Australian beekeeper Stephen) and Nana David:

Locally Anchored Knowledge: Nana David operates a training center, honey processing facility, as well as a carpentry and tailoring workshop in Nkwanta for local beehive and protective clothing production.

Adapted Methods: Harvesting and processing range from simple manual straining methods to modern honey extractors.

4 OBJECTIVES & IMPLEMENTATION

The goal of the joint project was to transfer this successful cooperative model to further rural communities:

- **Hands-on Training:** In the particularly affected region of Frankadua, an intensive, three-month beekeeping training was conducted.
- **Participants:** 30 young adults were successfully trained in the theory and practice of beekeeping.
- **Knowledge Transfer:** Involving local know-how, participants learned proper bee handling, hive maintenance, and the processing and marketing of honey and beeswax.

5 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW & ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

The total grant of €10,500.00 was fully utilized for training, tools, beehives, and protective equipment:

EXPENSE CATEGORY / ITEM	DETAILS & OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION	AMOUNT (EUR)	SHARE (%)
Training & Professional Instruction	3-month intensive training (theory & practice) for 30 youth	3,200.00 €	30.48 %
Beehives & Materials	Local manufacturing and provision of wooden beehives	3,800.00 €	36.19 %
Protective Clothing & Beekeeping Tools	Tailoring of protective suits, smokers, and harvesting tools	1,800.00 €	17.14 %
Processing Equipment	Acquisition of straining systems, bottling containers & wax presses	1,000.00 €	9.52 %
Project Coordination & M&E	Monitoring, logistics & supervision by Amediewu & Extramile NGO	700.00 €	6.67 %
TOTAL EXPENSES (Beekeeping for the Future)		10,500.00 €	100.00 %

6 CONCLUSION & IMPACT

- **Livelihood Security:** 30 young people received the tools and knowledge to independently run beekeeping operations and earn a long-term income.
- **Curbing Rural Migration:** The acquired craft offers young people incentives and financial security to remain in their home communities.
- **Strengthening the Local Economy:** Building new micro-enterprises sustainably strengthens the local beekeeping value chain.

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