

PROJECT REPORT: BEEKEEPING FOR THE FUTURE

Sustainable Beekeeping and Youth Empowerment in 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 Partner / Organizations:	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:	3 months
Total Funding / Budget:	EUR 10,500.00

2. BACKGROUND & CHALLENGES

"Beekeeping leverages Ghana's rich biodiversity to provide young adults with sustainable income opportunities locally, effectively countering rural-urban migration."

Situation Before Project Launch:

- **High Youth Unemployment:** Although Ghana is among the more economically and politically stable countries in West Africa, the nation struggles with high youth unemployment in rural areas.
- **Lack of Opportunities & Migration:** A lack of local economic prospects leads to increased rural exodus. Young adults migrate to major cities where they face gentrification, extremely high living costs, and precarious housing conditions.
- **Unused Natural Potential:** Rural areas such as the Oti and Eastern regions offer rich biodiversity in trees and flowering plants, providing ideal natural conditions for apiculture and honey production.

3. PROJECT APPROACH & CONTEXT

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

- **Locally Embedded Knowledge:** Nana David operates a training center, a honey processing facility, and an on-site carpentry and tailoring workshop in Nkwanta where beehives and protective suits are produced directly.
- **Adapted Methods:** Honey harvesting utilizes techniques adapted to available financial and technical resources—ranging from manual straining methods to modern centrifugal honey extractors.
- **Successful Cooperative Model:** Over the years, a cooperative managing around 3,000 beehives was developed, securing a stable income for numerous local families.

4. OBJECTIVES & IMPLEMENTATION

The objective of this joint project between contribYOUte and the Amediewu Honey Foundation was to scale this proven model to additional rural communities:

- **Practical Training:** An intensive three-month beekeeping training course was conducted in Frankadua, a region particularly affected by youth unemployment.
- **Participants:** 30 young adults successfully completed theoretical and practical training in beekeeping.
- **Transfer of Expertise:** Utilizing local expertise, participants learned proper bee handling, hive maintenance, and honey/wax processing.

5. CONCLUSION & IMPACT

- **Sustainable Livelihoods:** 30 young adults were equipped with the tools and knowledge required to operate independent beekeeping businesses and generate sustainable income.
- **Curbing Rural Migration:** The learned craft creates financial security and incentives for young people to remain in their home communities.
- **Strengthening the Local Economy:** Establishing new micro-enterprises sustainably strengthens the regional value chain in beekeeping.