

Green Youth Beekeeping Enterprise Incubation (2023–2024)

1. Project Overview

- **Objective:** Support youth to establish sustainable beekeeping cooperatives through training, provision of hives, and market linkages as a pathway to green enterprise and income generation.
 - **Location:** Central & Lusaka Provinces, Zambia.
 - **Timeline:** July 2023 – June 2024.
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2. Background & Rationale

- **Context:** Rural and peri-urban youth often lack access to sustainable livelihood opportunities. Beekeeping offers an environmentally friendly enterprise that supports biodiversity through pollination while providing economic returns.
 - **Rationale:** By incubating youth-led beekeeping enterprises, Chistone aimed to strengthen climate-smart livelihoods while promoting conservation and entrepreneurship.
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3. Activity Components

a) Training & Capacity Building

- 20 youth (45% female) trained in modern beekeeping and cooperative management.

b) Provision of Start-up Inputs

- Distributed 100 beehives, protective gear, and honey extraction kits.

c) Business Development Support

- Conducted branding, packaging, and financial literacy workshops.
 - Facilitated cooperative registration and governance training.
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4. Detailed Execution Phases

Phase 1: Training & Cooperative Formation (Jul–Sep 2023)

- Trained youth in apiary management and cooperative governance.
- Supported registration of 2 youth-led cooperatives.

Phase 2: Apiary Establishment (Oct–Dec 2023)

- Distributed and installed 100 modern hives.
- Provided technical mentorship on hive maintenance.



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Phase 3: Harvesting & Market Linkages (Jan–Apr 2024)

- First honey harvest packaged and sold locally.
- Linked cooperatives to eco-markets and organic product retailers.

Phase 4: Evaluation & Scale-up Planning (May–Jun 2024)

- Conducted cooperative performance review.
- Developed scale-up strategy for 2025.

5. Implementation Timeline

Phase	Timeframe	Key Activities
Training & Cooperative Formation	Jul–Sep 2023	Training of 20 youth; 2 cooperatives registered
Apiary Establishment	Oct–Dec 2023	100 hives distributed & installed
Harvest & Marketing	Jan–Apr 2024	First harvest sold; market linkages created
Review & Planning	May–Jun 2024	Cooperative evaluation & scale-up strategy

6. Outcomes & Impact

- **Enterprises Created:** 2 youth-led beekeeping cooperatives established.
- **Production:** First harvest generated \$15,000 in revenue.
- **Livelihoods:** 12 youth earning consistent income from honey sales.
- **Conservation Impact:** Enhanced pollination services improved local biodiversity.
- **Sustainability:** Business plans developed for long-term operations.

7. Key Partners

- **Local Cooperative Union:** Supported registration and governance.
- **Eco-Business NGO:** Provided technical support and market linkages.
- **Private Sector Buyers:** Purchased honey and wax products.

8. Youth & Community Testimonials

- *“I never thought bees could change my life. Now I am earning from honey, and my community respects us as entrepreneurs.” — Emmanuel Simasiku, Cooperative Member*
- *“This program gave me both skills and confidence. We are not just keeping bees — we are building futures.” — Misozi Kabika, Youth Trainee*



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