

Honey Making Money!



Chimanimani, Zimbabwe



Economic Empowerment

Year 2 Budget \$20,305

Project Timeline

FULLY FUNDED

NOV 19

NOV 22

Overview

Our partners seek to support impoverished and marginalised rural communities in Chimanimani in eastern Zimbabwe where a bee-keeping pilot project was established. The project is ready to expand into two other villages who received training in 2019. A model apiary has been established in Rusape to be used as a training and research centre. The project aims to establish another in Rusitu, near the bee-keeping communities. This project will alleviate poverty through economically empowering farmers to engage in beekeeping as a sustainable, income-generating activity that will also improve the environment. The budget for Year 3 is \$19,000 and begins 1/5/22.

Impact for May - October 2021

140 Our partners trained 140 out-grower farmers (70 already active)



in the Manicaland Province as soon as restrictions from COVID-19 allowed. Two new outgrower groups were established with quarterly visits to help with set-up.

The honey processing and packaging centre in Bulawayo is fully functional and growing.

It has a FT worker, some casuals and is growing. Four tonnes of pure honey has been processed in 2021 alone, taking the total to 6.5 tonnes so far - this translates into \$21,000 for the community through honey purchase.

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The set-up of the new model apiary in Risitu has been completed



near where the bee-keepers live. Each bee-house has 20 Langstroth hives. It should produce around 500 kg of honey per harvest.

Honey is being supplied to some of the biggest supermarkets and pharmacies

in Bulawayo. The aim is to increase product supply in other cities and neighbouring countries. Honey was displayed at the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair with good exposure.

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- A community share ownership scheme has begun resulting in improved commitment and ownership, with farmers fully invested
- Two new areas have been identified and planned for model apiaries



Partson's story

When the out-grower (bee keeping) scheme was put to the community of Rusitu, Partson was one of the first to register. Involved in bee-keeping since he was a boy, he struggled to sell more than a few jars of honey each year. He was provided with training, mentoring and some bee hives to get started. He was delighted! In January he is scheduled to receive three more hives. Our partners say his honey is clean and well sorted. His apiary produced 50kg of honey this year! Partson aims to increase his production with the new hives. He is on a pathway that brings income, hope and joy!

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Thank you for making a difference