

About beekeeping

Beekeeping is widely practised in the developing world yet is often overlooked as a poor-person's activity, unworthy of investment and support. As a result, in many developing countries, beekeepers lack the assistance and services that they need.

Beekeeping provides a reliable source of income for poor rural communities because it:

- Requires no land ownership, making it a useful income source for landless people
- Requires no money to get started: hives can be made from local materials and bees are free, living in the wild
- Is not time consuming and can fit around other respons
- Produces honey- a precious food, especially where diets lack diversity
- Creates honey and beeswax, valuable products for income generation
- Provides medicine: honey and propolis are used in many societies
- Ensures pollination, improving crop yields and profits for farmers
- Maintains biodiversity - by taking care of bees

We take care of our environment. Many beekeepers rely on profits from the sale of honey and beeswax to pay for children's schooling, or to cover hospital bills.

With encouragement and support, beekeeping can sustain whole communities.

What we do with your money

- Work to raise the profile of beekeeping in developing countries to ensure a sustainable future for bees, people and the environment
- Encourage the use of indigenous, local bees, local skills and local resources which are sustainable, feasible, cost-beneficial, and good for bees and beekeepers
- Provide resources and training for community beekeeping activities, to improve knowledge of marketing and business, and to support a wider, sustainable economy
- Answer dozens of enquiries each week, from beekeepers, projects, honey traders, schools, government institutions, NGOs and organisations worldwide
- Publish and send Bees for Development Journal, free of charge, to beekeepers in over 130 countries, keeping them informed and in touch.
- Maintain a global network of individuals and groups
- Provide an extensive online library of information covering all aspects of beekeeping, free to everyone



Have your say

"I would like to thank you very much for your great support, by providing essential up to date information on beekeeping. It has helped us greatly to upgrade our knowledge and skills in honey-bee management. The Journals are our permanent references. I have shared my information (knowledge) with 65 beekeepers at different levels. I hope it will continue. I want to work with bee forage activities. Thank you very much."

Abebaw Bekele, Ethiopia,
December 2010

"We are very thankful for the Journals. It has improved our knowledge on beekeeping as a business, an income generating activity and for environmental conservation. The content has tremendously encouraged some of our members who didn't like beekeeping and now, after reading the Journals, they have taken it up seriously."

Robert Okodia, Adyaka Rural Youth
Development Initiative Uganda,
January 2011

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www.beesfordevelopment.org

You can help

- We need your support
- Make a single donation today
- Become a regular supporter of the Trust by setting up a direct debit
- We all need bees, so why not attend one of our training days and learn to how to keep bees sustainably
- £3/month will help a beekeeper living in a developing country to access essential information to make their beekeeping more sustainable and profitable
- £4/month will provide enough teaching materials for 20 people in a developing country attending a five-day training-course
- £5/month will help a beekeeping group in a developing country become established and confident to provide support to the local community, helping more people to practise beekeeping
- £10/month will help a beekeeping group gain access to lucrative markets and transform a small subsistence enterprise into a sustainable business. Whole communities can be transformed through this focused capacity-building work
- You may also support the Trust, subscribe to *Bees for Development Journal*, and find out more at: www.beesfordevelopment.org



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