

Apiary training and bee hives distribution to communities in Mubende.

The NAPE team comprised of Kureeba David and Betty Ninsiima together with the trainer met with women, men and youth groups, in Kabweyakiza to discuss the importance of bee keeping for income and biodiversity conservation. The groups that were met and trained included;

- 1) Men of God Development group (MOGOD).
- 2) Bethlehem women group (BWOOG) and Gift of God youth group (GOGYG) the identified beneficiaries(groups) were adjacent to Nabakazi wetland ecosystem.

The communities received bee hives after the training, which was spearheaded by Basiima Jorum (consultant)



Plate 1. Communities participating in bee keeping



Plate 2. Community groups with their families receiving bee hives.

What was done:

- 1 women's group, 1 youth group and 1 male group, received bee hives. and also wax for helping in colonization, brushes, perfumed oil, knives, barbed wire.
- Training on sustainable beekeeping and environmental conservation.

Expectations

- Income boost through honey sales
- Promotion of men, women and youth economic empowerment.
- Enhanced environmental conservation and biodiversity enrichment.
- Supported climate-resilient livelihoods.



Plate3. The trainer taking communities through bee keeping at site



Plate 4. Some of the bee hives put out for colonization

Community demands

The team further held discussions with communities on future bee management, including honey harvesting, and marketing. It was agreed that the community green radio would help in marketing the community products including honey and wax.

Communities demanded, 4 sets of honey harvesting equipment (2 bee suit/ jackets, veil and 2 hat, 2 bee keeping gloves, 2 bee smokers, 2 bee brush) for each group, at an appropriate time but most likely before the end of the 3rd quarter 2026.

Next Steps:

- Monitor bee hive management and honey production by communities with support from NAPE.
- Provide follow-up training and support for apiary.

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