



BEES

Beekeeping Education Empowerment Sustainability

Turning poverty into Prosperity

Conservation Organisation for Afghan Mountain Areas – COAM

Aim To establish a long term on going community-managed profitable self-sustaining beekeeping industry in the Bamyan Area in order to support local economic resilience and female empowerment.

- Objectives**
1. To improve community self-sufficiency in the local beekeeping industry by establishing a local equipment production/supply scheme and provide technical training and assistance.
 2. To provide gainful employment for women in a culturally appropriate and sustainable manner and to establish institutional capacity to support the beekeepers with training, information and learning.
 3. To empower females to effectively manage their apiaries in order to ensure a sustainable beekeeping industry with high quality end products.
 4. To ensure the establishment and development of a long term on-going, community managed, self-sustaining beekeeping industry.
 5. To ensure the partnerships needed to ensure long-term sustainability of the project, build human resources and institutional capacity to in the area of apiculture.

Rationale

- Currently the Afghan honey market is underdeveloped with a potential yield increase from 120 metric tons to 10,000 metric tons (>800%), providing jobs to more than 10,000 people.
- A conservative estimate projects that each apiary will receive a net profit of \$657 by the end of year 1 and \$889 by year 3, by which time they will have paid back the amount required for a apiary set up.
- In Afghanistan beekeeping is one of the few culturally appropriate activities in which women can work and develop. When women are given a way of earning a living, the whole household benefits, for example through improved nutrition and childrens’ education.
- Bees provide an essential pollination service. Afghanistan’s 29 million hectares of rangelands and woodland are in need of improved ‘pollinator intensity’ in order to improve crop yields..

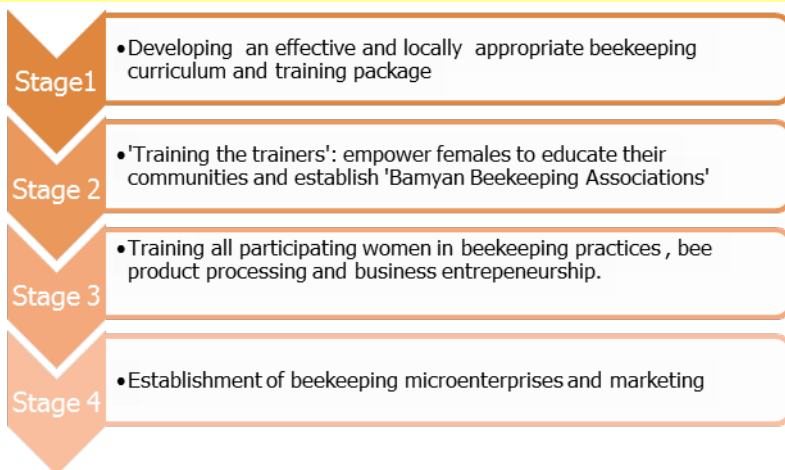
BEES in a nutshell

Time frame: 24 months

Project area: Two districts (Bamyan and Yakowlang) Koh-e-Baba mountain range, Bamyan, Afghanistan

Donor: New Zealand Aid / DIFID facilitated by Prime Consulting International

Activities



Expected results

An equipment production/supply mechanism

Two Beekeeping Associations in the two districts (Bamyan and Yawkalang) & 200 beekeeper participants (minimally 50% women)

A Training Package (curriculum) including a ‘train the trainer component’

A bee product Marketing Strategy

Capacity building and engaging with partner organisations including DAIL