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- Illiteracy, not enough medical infrastructure, lack income and gender inequality allow low knowledge of risk factors, skills and dangerous behaviors on unsafe family nutrition.
- Forest doesn't offer communities much, when they see an area of trees, rather than keeping it they cut down and grow cassavas which take a year to have the production of cassava.
- TPG project have the goal of tackling poverty at grassroots in rural underprivileged Rwandan women by providing high energy source food and income generation creation through cooperatives.
- Apiculture, in its local context of beekeeping, is a low-investment and low-input business enterprise that directly generates economic gains for its participants, creating employment opportunities.
- TPG project Give a woman life skills in doing her practical locally and earn a light in dark.

TACKLE POVERTY AT GRASSROOTS PROJECT

2.INNOVATION



- Providing a food source of great nutritional value which is lacking in the rural areas and enable to build income cooperative for underprivileged women who live around the Nyungwe national park/Rwanda.
- TPG project provide a new stream of income generation to 20 marginalized local women around Nyungwe National park/Rwanda through a loan ranging from 100-500 US dollars.

We enable women to initiate apiculture income (beekeeping) as a low-investment and low-input business enterprise that directly generates economic gains for its participants and creating employment.

3.Social Impact Mantras

- Tackle poverty at grassroots created 5 cooperatives of 100 women which enabled them to exchange ideas on income generation.
- 70 children rejoined schools that were malnourished and had previously abandoned schools due to loss of materials and uniforms.
- Each cooperative member saves \$5 US dollars/week in the cooperative that is deposited in the bank.
- A presence of beehives in Nyungwe national park lowers the risks of deforestation, and improves health to the local people as a way to save marginalized women.

4. ENVIRONMENT AND RESSOURCES

- TPG project under Rwanda pharmaceutical student association received a grant of 10,000US dollars which is used to provide loan and buy initial materials for women.
- We work in collaboration with 10 agriculture faculty students in animal production department to provide technical support of beekeeping for women.
- We have a collaboration with Honey Rwanda ltd which give TPG materials support (beehives , suits...) to provide to women cooperatives.
- The project have 5 staff which come from pharmacy, Medicine, economics and management and agriculture which work for different areas of the project including nutrition education, income initiation and beekeeping productivity.
- Women uses the forest of Nyungwe national park and around it to practice beekeeping.

5. SOCIAL IMPACT BASELINES AND MILESTONES

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6. INNOVATOR CAPACITY AND READINESS

- TPG project is a project which work with people since 2010, it have an experience of working with underprivileged communities at village level. TPG project is a multidisciplinary which involve students from different faculties in Rwanda, USA, Austria and Sweden.
- Since 2010, the project team manager worked in different villages and district of Rwanda in projects which aimed at improving maternal and child health especially vulnerable families of HIV positive people, Genocide orphans, widows and poor families.
- The project have received a grant which enable the project to donate through loans, a startup to start the income generation cooperative.
- The project work with interns and lecturers from National university of Rwanda in animal production department, national institute of animal production/Rwanda who provide technical support to women on quality honey production.

7.DONORS AND INVESTORS 8.ASSUMPTIONS

- Donors of the TPG project are:- a grant received from International network on pharmacy and HIV of 10,000 US dollars;
 - \$3,000 grant received from International pharmaceutical student federation grant, individual donations;
 - customers and clients of cooperatives who buy honey and other products from honey used for cosmetic and pharmaceutical value, honey Rwanda Ltd which provide beehives and other materials to the cooperative.
 - The cooperative sells honey to honey Rwanda Ltd
- Tackle poverty at grassroots project have to raise money to be used as money which will help us to provide loans for underprivileged women as a startup of an income generation cooperative for women.
 - TPG rely on grants and donations, we have to make sure that reimbursable loan is obtained effectively in the provided period.

9. PROJECT IMPLEMENTING MODELS

- TACKLE POVERTY AT GRASSROOTS is a non profit operating project which aim to address the problem of nutrition and microenterprises to its beneficiaries.
- TPG project fundraise for the low-investment and low-input business and jobs creation among underprivileged target communities in rural Rwanda.

10. PARTNERS AND COLLABORATIONS

- We have following partners and collaborators to ensure project success:
 - National university of Rwanda/faculty of agriculture
 - Rwanda agriculture board/Ruhande station
 - International network on pharmacy and HIV
 - International pharmacy federation
 - Honey Rwanda ltd
 - Youth service organization/Rwanda
 - Nyamagabe district of Rwanda in its beekeeping promotion project.

11.PROJECT TEAM AND CORE EXPERTISE

- **Pacifique Ndayishimiye:** project team manager, outreach director at international network on pharmacy and HIV,member of international association of public health logisticians since 2011.he have an experience in public health promotion, especially in hygiene,sanitation,maternal health,TB and HIV prevention. He is an event planner and organizer at different organizations including Rwanda pharmaceutical student association, National university of Rwanda anti HIV/AIDS youth club and project leader at global giving .He is an active member of Rwanda village concept project since 2010 and director of hygiene,water and sanitation program since 2011 and project manager of Enable Rwandan mother to farm project since July 2012.He is also a president of Challenge future national university of Rwanda chapter since January 2013.



Peter Ishimwe:He is a level 5 undergraduate pharmacist student at National University of Rwanda. He is a vice president of Rwanda pharmaceutical student association since 2012 and Vice coordinator of Rwanda village concept project. He has an experience of 4 years of working with vulnerable youth at village level especially in the HIV prevention through income generation activities initiation. He is a member of medicine awareness Campaign member at international pharmaceutical student federation.



- **Gloria Kamaliza:** She is member of INYAMIBWA, a National university of Rwanda traditional troupe since 2010.she was an international relation officer at Rwanda village concept project for 2 years where she was in charge of both national and international volunteers integration in the Rwandan community. She was a volunteer at sustaining Rwanda youth organization for 2 months where she worked in remote area of Nyamagabe district to provide people improved stoves for low energy utilization for environmental management. She have an 4 years experience in maternal and child health improvement and education.



Abdou Gakara Niyitegeka: He is an undergraduate student at national university of Rwanda, He was a director of income generation program in Rwanda village concept project in 2011 and project manager of Pigs project which is an income generation activity for orphans of HIV/AIDS.



- **Thacien Munyamahame:**A 4th year student in the faculty of agriculture at National university of Rwanda. He was working with women since 2011 where he provide technical support women cooperative on agri-business and beekeeping project. He have a 3 years experience of rural development working with local leaders as an advisor for village development.