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### *Summary:*

To set up 50 local women beekeeping organizations to provide food and income in ONURA Sub Boma – Sudan. Each organization will have 50 local members.

Beekeeping is a very successful agriculture practice for local women in rural Omilling Boma. Not only does beekeeping have intrinsic health benefits through providing a food source of great nutritional value which is lacking in the rural areas, but it requires few inputs and capitalizes on a ready supply of pollen.

This project aims to establish and distribute 500 beehives to 50 different women beekeeping organizations on Omilling Boma in Magwi County Sudan. These hives and the initial training of 100 local women will be used as a platform for training 200 local women who are interested in beekeeping per year.

The major goals of this project are twofold:

- To provide a new stream of income to local women
- To alleviate poverty through and support of local women in the practice of beekeeping

### *Project needs and beneficiaries:*

Apiculture is a powerful way of tackling poverty at grassroots level. HOPE OFIRIHA in partnership with Onura women beekeeping organization (OWBO) will establish 500 beehives as a platform for training and adoption of beekeeping practice in Magwi County Sudan. Forest doesn't offer communities much, when they see an area of trees, rather than keeping it they cut down and grow cassava. Bee-keeping can hopefully change this. The project will provide loans to 100 women beneficiaries who head 50 local women beekeeping organizations.

***Project activities:***

Linda Acen will pre-screen, train and issue loans of \$50 - \$100 per woman, distribute beehives, suits, tools, and organize monthly meetings with local organizations, conduct site visits and provide ongoing training in beekeeping practice.

***Donation values:***

\$10 – contributes in buying smoke machines

\$25 - contributes in buying for initial colonies for 50 beehives

\$3500 - buys materials for one beekeeping organization

***Project budget:***

**\$21,783**

***Long term potential impacts:***

Providing high –energy food source for local ONURA sub Bomas, sustainable incomes for local women and their organizations, and presence of 500 beehives in forest areas would lower the risks of deforestation, and improve health to the local people.

***Quote:***

The only way we can save marginalized women is training them fishing. Give a woman life skills in doing her practical locally and earn “a light in dark”.

By – Fred Mawanda, manager, Beekeeping project.

***Project personnel:***

Fred Mawanda has a Bachelor of Science majoring in Agro forestry and a Masters in Agro. Fred has worked extensively in this industry for a number of national organizations. In his area of specialty Fred has been project manager and has championed the start of three successful cooperatives. Fred has great skills in organization, management and planning which he brings to Hope ofiriha and to assist the local women of Omilling Sudan. Fred is a Ugandan, and will be volunteering for a year travelling to project site once each month from Uganda.

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