

BEEKEEPING PROJECT REPORT

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SAITU MEMBERS RECEIVING 10 BEEHIVES
FROM SAFINA WOMEN ASSOCIATION

Dear friends,

In the year 2011/2012 our organization conducted seminars on the right of women to own land and property in Imalinyi Division. Among the results of those seminars is the establishment of three groups of widows. These groups are Tupendane from Moronga village which has 40 members, Upendo from Imalinyi village with 30 members and SAITU from Ilulu village with 30 members. These widows were ransacked of all their wealth and property, sacked from their houses by their diseased husbands' relatives and some were even denied custody of their children after their husbands death. In 2012 during our evaluation program of the project, that's when we met the three groups that had been established. As an organization we were thrilled and motivated by their zeal to be self reliant, thus we decided to help them.

In 2012/2013 members of these groups decided to put more effort in agriculture after their village government offered them some land to cultivate. However they ended up with very poor harvest due to lack of proper agro inputs. In 2013 they requested our organization to help them establish beekeeping projects because their environments are very conducive for the project and that it needs only initial inputs whilst recurring running costs are minimal. On top of that it can easily be run by women.

Programs for 2014/2015:

In January 2014 we wrote a project proposal and sent it to Global Giving for fundraising. During the March fundraising we received a total of US \$ 348.55. The money has been used to manufacture 10 beehives that have been provided to SAITU group. The project is doing well because large colonies of bees have already moved into them and some have already made some honeycombs within. Our goal is to provide them with 5 days training on proper beekeeping and preparations of honey and its byproducts to the 100 widows. Initially each widow to have 5 beehives, however all beehives would be professionally, jointly cared together by each group. This will give each widow at least 150 to 200 liters of honey valuing at US \$ 900 to 1200 annually right there at their village. This is such a great liberation for poor widows.

We are very grateful to all who extend their hands towards this cause that we may reach our goal. We applaud all those who contributed last March and enabled us to acquire the 10 beehives given to the widows. Once again we will be at Global Giving seeking to raise the remaining funds to accomplish the target for the three groups. Do contribute to break the poverty circle of the 100 impoverished widows.



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