

Progress Report: Beekeeping Initiative (Project ID: 64634)

Introduction

This report presents the progress made on the project, “Beekeeping Initiative,” between the months of January 2026 to April 2026 at the Palpa Project site of PA Nepal. The main focus was on providing essential support to the Beekeeping Initiative Project. Out of the 42 available hives, 38 are currently occupied by bees. However, during this period, some hives experienced minor damage due to heavy rainfall and strong winds, which required additional care and monitoring.

Objectives of the Reporting Period

- Monitor and Assess Hive Health: Focus on protecting the hives and preparing for hive restoration efforts.
- Bee Re-Population Plan: Enable repopulation of the empty hives.
- Sustain Hive Health: Ensure existing bee colonies remain healthy despite seasonal challenges.

Goals

Expanding the Beekeeping Initiative Project into a pilot honey-selling project.

Funds Received

Our organization did not receive any disbursement for the Beekeeping Initiative during the reporting period. However, we are addressing some of the basic and urgent needs of the project through alternative funding sources. Despite the lack of donations, we are continuously working towards making the project more sustainable through careful resource management and internal support.

Allocation of Funds

Although no disbursement was received during this reporting period, PA Nepal prioritized the most essential needs such as providing food for the bees and repairing minor hive damages caused by weather conditions by utilizing alternative funding sources.

Challenges

During the month of April, the Beekeeping Initiative faced challenges primarily due to external factors such as insect attacks from nearby wild forests, especially due to the harsh weather conditions, heavy rainfall and strong winds and damaged our hives.



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Children's Well-being:

Receiving organic honey from the Beekeeping Initiative has positively impacted the children's health and supported their uninterrupted access to education. During this period, almost 5 kg of honey was extracted, however, it was utilized internally for the children rather than for business purposes.



Community Support:

Strong support from the local community continues to help us maintain the day-to-day operations and care for the children.

Plan for the Next Months

For the upcoming reporting period, we have two options for the beekeeping project:

1. **Increasing the Number of Bees for Sale:**

This option focuses on expanding the bee population to enhance sales. However, we currently lack sufficient empty hives to accommodate the additional bees required for this expansion.

2. **Maximizing Honey Production for Sale:**

This option aims to increase honey production for market sales. However, with the winter season approaching, it is essential to leave enough honey in the hives to sustain the bees through the colder months. As a result, this approach will limit the amount of honey available for sale, and we may not be able to extract a significant quantity.

Both options have their advantages, but each comes with its own challenges that need careful consideration for the next period.

Looking Ahead

We are hopeful that we will continue receiving donations through Global Giving, which will help us further strengthen and improve the Beekeeping Initiative. At the same time, we are committed to making the project more sustainable by optimizing available resources and gradually building its capacity for self-reliance. This project continues to play an important role in improving the lives of the children in our care.

Conclusion

During this reporting period, while some challenges such as weather-related damage were encountered, overall progress has remained positive. Most of the hives have been successfully repopulated, reflecting good recovery and stability. Our primary focus moving forward is to maintain hive health, strengthen bee colonies, increase the bee population for future commercial opportunities, and protect the hives from diseases, fungal infections, and environmental risks. Regular monitoring and protective measures remain in place to safeguard the hives from insect attacks and changing weather conditions.