Bees for Development

Impact Report 2019

Making life better with bees

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Tiringo Endashaw with honeycomb,
Debranta Kebele, Ethiopia, October 2018

Welcome to our 2019 Impact Report

2019 was a wonderful year for Bees for Development, when we were able to expand the support we give to beekeepers in developing nations. We assist in two main ways: (1) by providing the beekeeping sectors of developing nations world-wide with reliable advice and information, always free of charge; and (2) by supporting community beekeeping projects. To achieve our second type of support, we work through our Centres of Excellence, run by our partner organisations - currently these are all in Africa: Bees for Development Ethiopia, Bees for Development Ghana and The Ugandan National Apiculture Development Organisation. In the following pages you can see news of the impact we are achieving.

Here at Bees for Development's HQ in UK we remain a small, growing organisation. In 2019 we were able to add to our team, strengthening our project management skills, and increasing our fundraising effort.

The pages of this Impact Report give glimpses of our work – please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to know more. We sincerely appreciate the support of all of our donors, without whom this work could not continue.

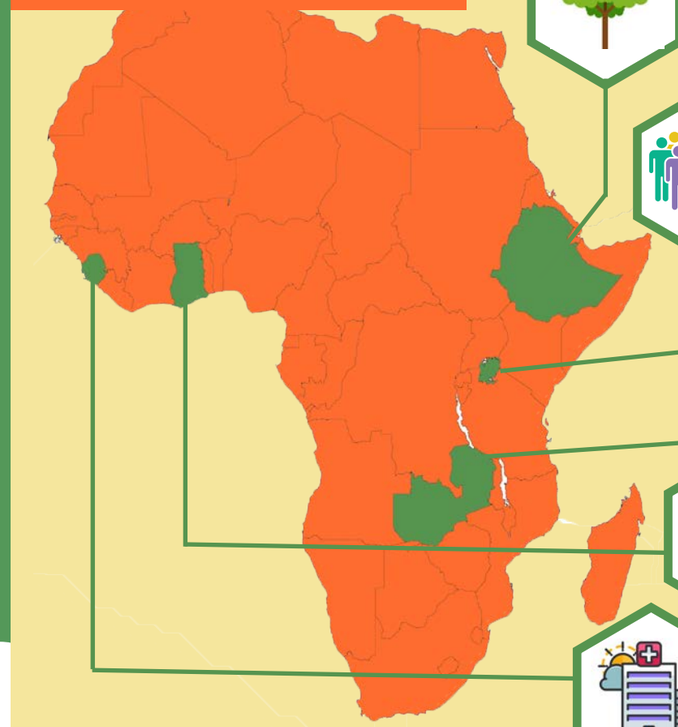
Nicola Bradbear
Director

Bees for Development

- Delivers training in beekeeping - often in highly challenging environments
- Builds on local skills and knowledge: a sustainable approach to development
- Helps people in poor situations and with few prospects to develop viable businesses
- Focusses on environmental sustainability - essential for the future of bees and people

Bees cost NOTHING to keep yet bring vital income to the poorest people

Our recent work in Africa



Ethiopia: 28,000 trees planted at Lake Tana, protecting people from floods and benefitting wildlife and bees

Uganda: 5,000+ people have benefitted from the results of beekeeping through Bees for Development

Zambia: 40 women trained in beekeeping, helping to protect forest and generate income for families

Ghana: 200+ cashew farmers trained to keep bees, increasing their crop yields by 48%

Sierra Leone: 500 patients at the Masanga Hospital now have access to honey for wound treatments following our training and support

Kindu Wubnesh Kindu began beekeeping with us, helping to fund her sister's schooling

Ethiopia

2019 saw the launch of our new project *Skills to enable beekeeping livelihoods for Village Saving and Loan Group (VSLG) members*. Members of VSLGs in Bahir Dar Zuria told us they needed new skills and expressed a wish to learn beekeeping. According to VSLG member Ato Adugnaw: "*The saving culture of our village is found to be good, but saving by itself is not our final goal and we want to get into beekeeping to earn money to save. Plus I want to see people with disabilities included. They are friends of mine and live with us*".

This project is helping to improve the lives of 540 disadvantaged people in Bahir Dar Zuria, including 117 people with disabilities. We are delivering training in beekeeping and entrepreneurship. As members of village savings groups, beneficiaries will save, borrow and re-invest and become economically better-off, so helping themselves and their families.

Also in 2019 our work to restore damaged land in Ysala continues, with gully stabilisation and tree planting. Our project *Building resilient livelihoods for landless youth* is now in its second year, with the young people we are helping proving that beekeeping is a feasible livelihood for people without land.

Ghana

Bees for Development Ghana now promotes fixed comb hives, alongside top-bar hives, in a significant move developed this year. The use of fixed comb hives vastly reduces beekeeping set-up costs. This move underpinned the successful start of a new project near Digya National Park. As a result of training delivered in May 2019, 219 people in Apesika, Bondaso and Abomasarefo are now keeping bees for the first time, having built 276 hives (*Borassus* log and basket hives). This will reduce the need for people to enter Digya National Park to collect honey from wild bee nests.

Also in 2019, we started work with farmers in the south of Ghana, helping them to keep bees to diversify their livelihoods away from citrus growing, since the market for oranges and lemons had recently collapsed. We successfully graduated 20 pioneers of the Buzz Clubs at primary schools in Kranka and Agomeda. Ms. Lucy Benewaa, one of the cashew growers in the project Cashew, Bees and Livelihoods, has helped her church to start beekeeping at Offuman. Bees for Development Ghana achieved a significant milestone in 2019 with the opening of its office in Techiman.

Cashew growers developing skills in hive-making to keep bees in their orchards

Beautiful beeswax candles in Uganda, where we have helped develop the market for quality beeswax

Uganda

Following an important scoping study in 2018 exploring disability and beekeeping in Uganda, this year saw the launch of our project *Beekeeping to Economically Empower People with Disabilities* in partnership with TUNADO. This project is needed because people with disabilities in Uganda are poorer than those without disabilities and suffer from lack of employment, low incomes and marginalisation. The overall aim is to enable people with disabilities to benefit economically from beekeeping, and the project focusses on people with hearing and sight loss. This learning, multi-stakeholder, project is building organisational capacity, creating accessible resources and developing adapted training approaches; all with the goal of making it possible for people with disabilities to build better lives for themselves and their families.

COMMUNITY FUND

In Uganda, as elsewhere, the value of beeswax is not fully realised. We worked together with TUNADO to correct this through the delivery of an important training project *Training of honey processors in beeswax extraction & refining for the export market*. This project was funded by Private Sector Foundation Uganda, reached more than 30 beeswax processors and also included the fabrication of low-cost equipment.

A BfD Bee House *in situ* in a Monmouth garden

United Kingdom

We held the Monmouth Bee Festival in May, and worked with various groups and individuals to benefit pollinators around the town, and the wider Monmouthshire and South Wales area throughout 2019.

In June, we held our Bee Garden Party in the gardens of Marlborough House, London, with kind permission from HRH The Queen. Guests had the chance to bid for celebrity bee art, including work by renowned artists like Antony Gormley, Gilbert & George and many others, and 'doodles' by bee lovers like Judi Dench and Joanna Lumley.

Two representatives of organisations in India, Under The Mango Tree, and Keystone Foundation, spent eight weeks with us, organised through the Commonwealth Professional Fellowship Programme.

Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cornwall, attended the Bee Garden party in London.
She talked about beekeeping as a livelihood option with Dr Kwame Aidoo, Director of Bees for Development Ghana (main photo) .
Inset: The Duchess tasted honey brought from different parts of India by Dhanshree Chavan and Dr Shiny Rehel.

Financial report for the year ended April 2019

Income

Restricted Grants	175,838
Gifts from Individuals, Associations, Trusts and Foundations	212,174
Total	**388,012**

Expenditure

Project work in Ethiopia	127,402
Project work in Ghana	33,020
Project work in Uganda	25,754
Other projects	1,917
Unrestricted expenditure including BfD Journal, Resource Boxes Information Service, Project design and delivery	65,387
Costs of raising voluntary income	81,529
Total	**335,009**

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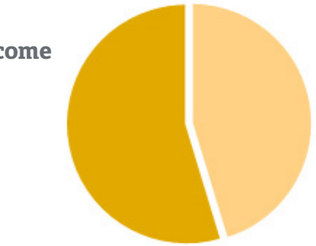
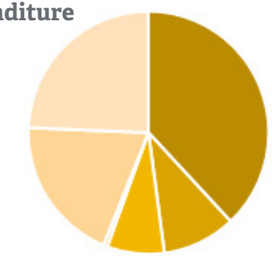


Expenditure



Thank you

We thank all the businesses, associations and organisations large and small, who supported our work with funds in 2019.

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And we thank everyone who kindly donated funds, their time and expertise to help our Charity

For their support of The Bee Garden Party 2019:

Artemis, Rowse Honey, Lycetts Insurance, McQueens Flowers, Cawston Press, Fortnum & Mason, Seedlip, Beeble, The London Honey Company, Bermondsey Street Bees, Alex Monroe, Alex Hirtzel, Katharine Hamnett, Hive & Keeper, Jen Buckley Art, Sophie Allport The Wax Chandlers Livery, Neal's Yard Remedies, Unbeelievable Health, Beechworth Honey, St Ermins Hotel, Therapi, Marlborough House, Sainsburys and EH Thornes (Beehives) Ltd, plus all those who donated artworks and prizes.

Winner of Wales-Africa Overall Impact Award 2018

The Big Give ChristmasChallenge 2019
Winner of Best Environmental/ Climate Change Charity

Left to Right: Tilahun Gebey, Director of BFD Ethiopia; Dickson Biryomumaisho, Director of TUNADO; Milan Wiercx van Rhijn, Project Manager; Nicola Bradbear, Director; Janet Lowore, Programme Manager; Megan Denver, Director BFD North America; and Gladstone Solomo, Trustee of Bees for Development.

Bees for Development was well represented at the 46th Apimondia International Apicultural Congress which took place in September 2019, Montréal, Canada. Colleagues from Ethiopia, UK, Uganda, USA and Tobago made presentations about their work to assembled delegates, and Bees for Development and Hudson Valley Bee Supplies hosted a reception under the auspices of the Apimondia Scientific Commission for Beekeeping for Rural Development.

Who we are

Trustees
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Secretary Suzie Shaw
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Gladstone Solomon

Ambassadors
Alex Hirtzel
Peter Lead
Hilary Russell

Bees for Development North America

Board of Directors
Megan Denver
Jorik Phillips
Professor Tom Seeley

We have established Centres of Excellence - organisations that share our philosophy and approach to beekeeping development. Bees for Development Ethiopia was established in 2012, and Bees for Development Ghana was established in 2015.

Our staff team UK

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Programme Manager
Janet Lowore
Project Manager
Milan Wiercx van Rhijn
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Richard Harrington
Project Manager
Sean Lawson
Project Manager
Giacomo Ciriello
Accounts
Cindy Smith
Coordinator
Helen Jackson
Shop Manager
Donna Regan

We work mainly from our offices in Monmouth, South Wales, supported by many volunteers without whom our capacity would be much diminished.

Partnerships
We enjoy close connections with many national and regional beekeeping associations, and like-minded NGOs. Our work internationally can only be achieved by working in tandem with others, achieving mutually beneficial results with organisations such as Apimondia, The World Federation of Beekeepers' Associations and ACBO, The Association of Caribbean Beekeeping Organisations.

Bees for Development

Bees for Development shows people how to keep bees, how to market their produce and how to a build a sustainable living. Many people benefit; individuals and their families and the community around them. We harness the power of bees to combat poverty by building sustainable, resilient livelihoods and help protect biodiversity.

www.beesfordevelopment.org

Patrons

Bill Turnbull, Monty Don, Martha Kearney,
Sting (Gordon Sumner), Baroness Anita Gale, Professor Tom Seeley

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£5 per month
helps produce and distribute accessible disability-specific guides and training manuals

£10 per month
helps us to train one person for a whole year

£20 per month
provides support for a family starting with bees

A £50 donation
provides tools for training in beehive making

Thank you

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