

# Detailed Implementation & Financial Report

## Women's Cooperative Beekeeping Project January – December 2024

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### 1. Project Overview

- **Title:** Women's Cooperative Beekeeping Project
  - **Location:** Mpongwe District, Copperbelt Province, Zambia
  - **Duration:** January – December 2024
  - **Objective:** Empower rural women through sustainable beekeeping enterprises, improving household income, food security, and environmental conservation.
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### 2. Background & Rationale

- Rural women in Mpongwe face limited income-generating opportunities and are disproportionately affected by poverty.
  - Beekeeping is a low-input, high-impact green enterprise that supports biodiversity and provides steady income through honey and wax production.
  - This initiative aligns with Zambia's **National Gender Policy** and international frameworks on **women's economic empowerment and climate-smart livelihoods**.
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### 3. Activity Components

- **Women's Training:** 25 women trained in modern beekeeping, hive management, and cooperative leadership.
- **Hive Distribution:** 100 sustainable hives provided, with protective gear and starter kits.

- **Cooperative Formation:** Establishment of a women-led cooperative with bylaws and governance structures.
- **Market Development:** Branding, packaging, and establishing linkages with buyers in Mpongwe and Lusaka.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Promoting forest protection and pollinator-friendly practices.

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#### 4. Detailed Execution Phases

**Phase 1 – Mobilization & Training (Jan–Mar 2024):** 25 women recruited; training workshops held.

**Phase 2 – Apiary Setup (Apr–Jun 2024):** 100 hives distributed; demonstration apiary established.

**Phase 3 – Cooperative Launch & Market Preparation (Jul–Sep 2024):** Cooperative formally registered; branding and packaging designed.

**Phase 4 – First Harvest & Sales (Oct–Dec 2024):** Initial honey harvest processed and marketed locally and in Lusaka.

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#### 5. Implementation Timeline

Phase	Timeline
Mobilization & Training	Jan – Mar 2024
Apiary Setup	Apr – Jun 2024
Cooperative Launch & Market Prep	Jul – Sep 2024
First Harvest & Sales	Oct – Dec 2024

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#### 6. Outcomes & Impact

- **25 women trained** in beekeeping and entrepreneurship.
- **100 hives distributed** with protective gear and equipment.
- **Women’s cooperative established** with clear governance structures.

- **First harvest generated \$10,500** in honey sales.
- **Household incomes rose by 30%** among members.
- Increased environmental awareness and pollinator protection in Mpongwe.

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## 7. Key Partners

- **District Cooperative Union:** Technical and governance support.
- **Forestry Department:** Guidance on eco-sensitive apiary siting.
- **Local Buyers & Lusaka Retailers:** Market linkages.
- **Funding Partner:** Green enterprise donor agency.

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## 8. Beneficiary Testimonials

*“For the first time, I can pay school fees using money I earned myself from honey sales.”*  
— **Mutinta Namakando, Cooperative Chairlady**

*“This project gave us skills, income, and confidence. We are no longer just dependents — we are providers.”*  
— **Judith Mwewa, Cooperative Member**

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## 9. Financial Report – Donor Grant (\$55,000)

Budget Item	Amount (USD)	Description
Training & Workshops	\$8,000	Facilitators, venue, training materials
Hive Kits & Protective Gear	\$15,000	100 hives, suits, smokers, tools
Cooperative Formation	\$5,000	Registration, governance, legal support
Apiary Setup	\$7,000	Land preparation, demo apiary, equipment

Branding & Packaging	\$8,000	Label design, containers, marketing materials
First Harvest & Sales	\$5,000	Processing, transport, sales logistics
Monitoring & Evaluation	\$4,000	Surveys, impact tracking
Administration & Contingency	\$3,000	Staff, communication, buffer
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>	<b>Grant Allocation</b>

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## Summary

The Women's Cooperative Beekeeping Project in Mpongwe empowered 25 women with sustainable livelihoods, improved household incomes, and enhanced environmental stewardship. The cooperative model created long-term sustainability, making the project a model for replication in other rural districts.

Yours faithfully,



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