

Project Update: September 2013

In January 2013, 15 members of JYAMBERE Cooperative who were trained in modern beekeeping in December 2012, trained other members of JYAMBERE cooperative in modern beekeeping. The training went very well.

In March 2013, UNICOAPIGI assisted JYAMBERE cooperative to buy beehives and other equipment. These include 100 modern beehives (Langstroths), 45 traditional beehives, one honey extractor, four smokers, four hand tools, four bee brushes, five capping scratchers, 100 queen excluders, four bee suits, four buckets and four pairs of gloves.

There was a delay to install the beehives because it took time to finalise the construction of the overhangs (apiaries), the activity that was not under this grant. It is in August 2013 that UNICOAPIGI assisted JYAMBERE cooperative to settle the beehives in apiaries. Currently, the beekeeping site is operational. There are bees in the beehives and we hope that the members of the cooperative will be able to extract honey for the first round during the period of January- March 2014. UNICOAPIGI continues to orient JYAMBERE cooperative members in caring for bees and the hives.

