

## Project Update: May 2017

Implementation of the project is underway. Unfortunately, the start of the activities was somehow delayed. This was attributed to the prolonged rains hence accessibility to the project area became challenging.

The project grantee had worked with the Muheza District Council officials (District Forest Officer and beekeeping focal point) to agree on the modalities for the implementation of the planned activities. The grantee was also introduced to the new beekeeping focal person following retirement of the District Beekeeping Officer. Planned activities were discussed and the implementation modalities were agreed amicably. Subsequently, the project was officially introduced in the respective villages of Kimbo and Shembekeza where meetings were held with members of village governments.

Besides introduction of the project and activities to be implemented in the next year, feedback in terms of progress and challenges of the ongoing activities was given by members of the existing beekeeping groups. This was important for capturing some lessons prior to embarking into actual activities of the current project. Village government officials will now organise meetings at the sub-village levels to inform community/village members accordingly about the project and what the project entails and indeed their obligations.

The grantee did the introduction of the project with the support of the new beekeeping officer (focal point) who will be the key player in the subsequent project activities from the district council side. Subsequent activities include formation of four new beekeeping groups (two in each village) and training of the new beekeeping members among other activities.



The project grantee speaking to the members of Kimbo Village Government and representatives of the on-going beekeeping groups: the lady is the district beekeeping focal point; the first right is Kimbo village Chairman and second right is the Kimbo Village Executive Officer



Village Government members listening attentively during introduction of the project at Kimbo Village



One of the exiting beekeepers making a point during introduction of the project



A group picture with Kimbo village government members and beekeepers' representatives at Kimbo Village



The Chairman of Shembekeza village speaking with the village government members during introduction of the project. On his left is the Village Executive Officer



The District beekeeping focal point speaking with members during project introduction meeting at Shembekeza village



A group photo after project introduction meeting at Shembekeza village



Bees needs water - Mkurumuzi River, one of the important sources of water for bees in the project villages