

Project Update: February 2024

Introduction

The project started on 5th February 2024, with data collection from 200 participants (semi-structured questionnaires), four key informants, and four groups (focus discussion groups). Site visitation and communication with the community around the study areas were conducted with the help of the district beekeeping officers. During the organization of the data collection activities, different households of interest were identified, and communication was made to the wards and village government officials as part of the introduction.



Figure 1: Project team members.

Data Collection Process

The data was collected for 20 days, from 5 February to 24 February 2024. Days were spent at each study site to meet the targeted number of participants, especially for questioners; five days were spent in each ward of interest.

Some of the pictures were taken during the data collection.



Figure 2: One of the participants during data collection



Figure 3: Some of the participants during data collection (questionnaires)



Figure 4: Some of the participants during data collection



Figure 5: Some participants with researchers during data collection



Figure 6: Some participants with researchers during data collection



Figure 7: Some participants with researchers during data collection



Figure 8: Some participants with researchers during data collection



Figure 9: Some participants with researchers during data collection

Modern beekeeping Training

As part of the project, the skills and knowledge of modern beekeeping practices were provided to the local communities in theory and practical models to ensure the project's aim was precisely achieved. In the practical session, the participants (local communities) participated hands-on in modern hive-making with the knowledge acquired during the theoretical session and expert guidance. The training was conducted separately in each project area. The participants were also allowed to share their understanding of the issues in all training sessions.

Some of the pictures were taken during training sessions.



Figure 10: Some pictures taken during the preparation of materials for practical sessions



Figure 11: Some pictures taken during the preparation of materials for practical sessions



Figure 12: Some pictures during theoretical training sessions



Figure 13: Some pictures during theoretical training sessions



Figure 14: Some pictures during theoretical training sessions



Figure 15: Some pictures during practical training sessions



Figure 16: Some pictures during practical training sessions



Figure 17: Some pictures during practical training sessions



Figure 18: Some pictures during practical training sessions



Figure 19: Some pictures during practical training sessions



Figure 20: Some pictures during practical training sessions

The ongoing activities.

- i. I am currently analyzing collected data from study areas.
- ii. I have also started developing the manuscript, which will be submitted to the journal for publication.
- iii. I have started to prepare the final detailed reports and evaluation forms to be submitted to RUFFORD based on the project activities.

Conclusion.

Data collection and training on modern beekeeping technologies were successfully conducted; more details and related information will be reported in the detailed project report and final evaluation form to be submitted to The Rufford Foundation.