

Project Update: September 2008

a) Nursery bed establishment

Katanda II community established a nursery bed of 4,000 seedlings while Bitereko community established a nursery bed of 3,000 seedlings each member in the respective groups is expected to plant at least 20 trees at the beginning of rains in November 2008. Although *Prunus africana* seed was not available at National Forestry Authority (NFA) between March and May 2008, NFA allowed communities to pick seed and wildings of *Prunus africana* from neighbouring protected forests which were transferred to the nursery beds.

b) Training in Beekeeping and establishment of apiaries

Trainings were conducted by Bushenyi district entomologist officer James Mujuruzi. The project bought and gave each community group six beehives and full pairs of harvesting gears for apiary demonstrations. Bitereko members contributed two beehives and Katanda II members contributed six beehives to the apiary. It is anticipated that each beehive will produce 8-12kg of honey per annum.

