

### **Project Update: June 2005**

Preparation of the project activities began during the month of November 2004. Two apiary sites in different ecological zones were identified during the month. A total of 35 modern langstroth hives were made and provided to four groups. During the month of December 2004, 20 community leaders attended a three-day training workshop. The workshop theme was “Conserving Our Environment through Sustainable Livelihood Approach”.

The aim of the training was to create awareness among local community leaders on current threats to the region’s biodiversity and conservation measures to be taken. At the end of the workshop, participants recommendation that they would play facilitative role in re-awakening people to play active role in conservation of the environment.

The second training workshop was held in the month of April 2005. The aim of the workshop was to increase the skills of local beekeepers in modern beekeeping practices. A total of 20 participants attended the workshop. The five-day course covered topics on basic introduction to ecology and biology of bees; brief history of beekeeping in East Africa; operation of beekeeping equipment; and overview of honey extraction.