

Project Update: November 2014

In August 2014, the FHA Coordinator and I organised a meeting with members of JYAMBERE cooperative to explain them the components of the project and we renewed the agreement about the utilisation of the revenue from the beekeeping business. Also during this month, we contacted the union of beekeeping cooperatives (UNICOAPIGI) to explain them the components of the project and planned together the trainings for JYAMBERE members.

In September 2014, three beekeepers from the local beekeeping cooperatives and the Executive Secretary of UNICOAPIGI trained 15 JYAMBERE cooperative members in improving honey quality. The training focused on techniques of harvesting honey, how to store, mix and process honey and the standards of hygiene.

In October 2014, the 15 trainees trained other members of JYAMBERE. Both training sessions were successful. Theory and practical were included in the training. The project activities continue progressing well and we will start improving the apiaries this month.

I attach three photos to this report.



Left: Group photo of trainers and 15 trainees. Middle: Practical training on improving honey quality. Right: Theoretical training on improving honey quality

Also if you are interested you can watch my three videos on CNN and there is a piece on beekeeping. These are the links:

Nyiratuza: Protecting Rwanda's forests <http://edition.cnn.com/video/data/2...>

Eco-guards patrol Rwandan forest <http://edition.cnn.com/video/data/2...>

Rwandan children attend 'Eco-clubs' <http://edition.cnn.com/video/data/2...>