

Project Update: February 2010

The following activities have been undertaken, since October 2009.

Tree Planting

Tree seedlings were supplied and planted in following villages:

- Nabinonya
- Kakuuto
- Kooki
- Kabonela
- Kyotera

The following species of trees have been planted so far:

Tree species	Quantity
<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	2,500
Mango trees	4,000
<i>Ficus</i> spp.	6,000
<i>Pinus</i> spp.	3,000

A number of nurseries are still being erected. Five new nurseries have been erected, so far, in Kakuto, Kabonela and Kooki. The tree planting process is ongoing. The beneficiaries were well trained and can now effectively transfer and plant seedlings on their own, as well as managing them till maturity.

Honey Bee Production

Farm forestry extension agents were trained about purchase of bee colonies, their management and production. Bee hives and bee colonies were supplied to the trained farmers who previously participated in our first and second projects, and have evidence of grown trees. The honey bee *Apis mellifera* is the species that was supplied and encouraged to be adopted. It is evident that the improved flora in the villages is providing a good environment for the bees.

We are now in the process of preparing a business plan for the bee keepers in the region. Design of a bee production manual to be distributed to the farmers is underway.

Market Research

Market research to identify market niches for various FF produce, including honey, is ongoing. The structure and function will be drawn at a later stage in the final report.