



TERMS OF REFERENCE

BEEKEEPING TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY BEEKEEPING GROUPS IN KIRYANDONGO DISTRICT

Background and Context

Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is currently implementing a USAID funded project titled “USAID/Uganda Combating Wildlife Crime Activity”. In this activity, WCS aims to support community park adjacent communities to mitigate human wildlife conflict as well as develop and enhance income-generating activities to improve community livelihoods. Uganda Wildlife Authority, which manages Murchison Falls Conservation Area (MFCA), including Karuma Wildlife Reserve (KWR) has for long supported park adjacent communities with various income generation projects to reduce dependence on the protected areas and create community incentives to support wildlife conservation. Beekeeping is one of the most prominent enterprises promoted by park management authorities, NGOs and the local governments overlapping KWR. Currently, communities around KWR have received one thousand hives and have set up several apiaries along the park boundary. The apiaries are expected to generate income for the communities and act as deterrents to crop raiding animals, particularly the elephants. These efforts, however, have faced several challenges to the effect that beehives are sometimes abandoned or burned by the wildfires. Further, communities have complained of low bee colonization rates, honey theft and low returns on investment from the enterprise. On the other hand, beekeeping remains a highly favored, wildlife-friendly enterprise among park authorities, bee experts and NGOs owing to the value and importance attached to its products. Due to the low upfront costs associated with beekeeping, communities are eager to adopt this enterprise.

Scope of work

The local consultant will be responsible for conducting training in beekeeping to three (3) community beekeeping groups around Karuma Wildlife Reserve (KWR) in Kiryandongo District. Specifically, the consultant will cover the following modules among others;

- i. Introduction to beekeeping and its importance
- ii. Bee products & uses
- iii. Types of beehives (pros and cons), beehive tools
- iv. Bee forage and environmental conservation
- v. Apiary sitting and site selection
- vi. Life cycle of bees, colonization, and baiting
- vii. Management of beehives, hive inspection, safety & hygiene
- viii. Honey harvesting (& other bee products) and storage
- ix. Pests & diseases and their control

The consultant will train each of the community group independently.

Duration

The consultant is expected to spend a maximum of eighteen (18) days including preparation of training materials, travel days, training (3 days per group) and report writing. The consultant shall conduct a follow up visit during the swarming season (January – February 2021) to help the groups with colonization.



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Deliverables

A training report detailing the modules covered and an assessment of levels of comprehension of the topics.

Qualifications

A bachelor's degree in agriculture/apiculture or related field and at least 7 years of working experience in enterprise development and apiculture related activities.

Financial proposal

The applicant should submit a financial proposal for this work. The financial proposal must have adequate breakdown of expenses such as transport, accommodation etc.

How to Apply

Interested persons can send their proposals and one-page resume to Email: wcsuganda@wcs.org and copy to skamugisha@wcs.org by **Friday December 4, 2020**. The email subject should be "KWR Beekeeping Training".