

Newsletter *no.4*

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First Harvest for Mother's Union Group



One of our projects is the Mother's Union group in Rushere Village, Uganda. Their objectives are:

- To eradicate poverty in the community by empowering women through income generating activities.
- To enable women be self-sustaining through vocational skills.

They had in place a small apiary with 6 standard Langstroth hives and four traditional hives, but lacked training. Early in 2006 four of their members undertook training with Hives Save Lives, and they were then given 20 of our 'long Langstroth' hives. This picture was taken in April during an inspection visit, and shows a very strong colony and a hive full of honey

Training Developments

Pictured here is Kato, a District Entomologist based at the Mukono Agricultural Research and Development Centre, the latest venue for our 7-day residential training course. The centre showed enormous interest in our projects, and they will now include a number of HSLA hives in their apiary to be used for research and training purposes. There are twelve such centres, one in each of the major Agro - Ecological Zones of Uganda, and could be a major research support resource for our projects



Uganda Breweries Ltd Supports HSLA

HSLA recently received a generous donation from Uganda Breweries Ltd, which was particularly significant for us as it demonstrated support from the private sector in Uganda itself. The photograph shows our manager, Brian Mugisha, explaining the finer points of an extractor to Brenda Mbathi, the External Affairs and Communications Director.

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An Integrated Approach to Income Generating Activities

The NWESE cooperative is a conservation-focused women's group in Ntungamo District that is growing lemon grass to halt soil degradation. Dried lemon grass leaves are steam distilled to make essential oil, which is used in a variety of products, including candles. The lemon grass additive acts as a natural mosquito repellent when the candles are burning. We will shortly be supplying them with beehives to create their own apiary, which will enhance their existing activities by pollinating the lemon grass, providing their own source of beeswax to make the candles, and creating another income stream through the sale of honey.



Lemon grass



Candle moulds

New Website!

Our new website is about to be launched. Please log on to www.hivessavelives.com at the end of May and give us your feedback. The site will include a section called 'The Honey Pot' which will include recipes, remedies and beauty hints from the hive, and if you would like to contribute to this section, please email details to info@hivessavelives.com, not forgetting to include your details so that we can give you the necessary credit!



On the Way to Market

This has been the traditional method of selling honey in Uganda. 20 litre plastic jerrycans are used by households as multipurpose containers for everything from water to paraffin – and honey. The honey is then sold 'at the gate' or carried on foot to the local market and fetches around 50p per kg. To improve producer prices, we plan to establish a mobile extraction and collection unit. Modern extraction will improve the quality of the honey, raising the price, and fundraising this year will focus on buying the vehicle and extractors so that the honey can be extracted and paid for on site, and delivered directly to a bottling facility.

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