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2021

Annual Review



Bees Abroad

Relieving Poverty through Beekeeping

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INTRODUCTION

Our passion to help those in the most disadvantaged rural communities continues...Micro beekeeping enterprises provide sustainable income long after our involvement ends. Money from the sale of honey and other products of the hive improves livelihoods by paying for improved nutrition, education, medicines and much more. Honey bees improve pollination which increases crop yields.

We very much depend on our network of in-country delivery partners and trainers for the success of our projects. Over past years we have built trusting relationships with them, continuously developing and improving ways of working.

They deliver our projects with light touch oversight from our UK based partnership managers. Because our partnership managers are expert beekeepers they readily relate to the challenges of making our projects successful.

During 2021, according to the UN, Covid pushed 30 million more people into poverty in Africa. Beekeeping continued along with all other animal husbandry as it did here in the UK. We suffered some disruption to training courses but with most people locked down many reported they were able to give more time to their bees.

In 2021 both our income and expenditure increased. Our structure enables us to spend a larger proportion of our income in country than many other charities. Our fundraising got a big boost from our Big Give matched funding campaign which exceeded its target by 50% and has given us the chance to invest for the future.

To all those who supported us during 2021 a big thank you. Stay with us, there's a lot more people we can help together.



RICHARD RIDLER
CHAIR OF TRUSTEES



Our Impact in 2021

FROM BEER TO HONEY

Meet Anastazia and find out how beekeeping is changing her life on Kome Island in Tanzania.

Anastazia is 57 years old with seven children and four grandchildren. She lives in the small village of Nyamkolechiwa on Kome Island on Lake Victoria and is now a member of the new Jikomboe Women's Beekeeping group. Before joining the beekeeping group, she relied on selling "pombe" (homemade beer) in her village. But she was unhappy, knowing that it was not a good thing to do, and often left women vulnerable and unsupported by alcoholic husbands. She is now delighted to be part of Jikomboe ("Self Liberation") group and looking forward to raising better capital, her own capital, through selling honey. From this income, she is already planning to start other small businesses. Her hope is that this will enable her children and her grandchildren to go to school.

Anastazia attended her first beekeeping training with the group of twenty other women from her small community on this island in Lake Victoria. There is very limited infrastructure on the island and most of its people (the 'Wazinza') are subsistence farmers. Faced with a continual decrease in their crop yields and degradation of their natural ecosystem along with other poverty-related issues affecting health and education, there is a need for change. Anastazia and the other women are excited about being empowered to enact this change!

They are working together to learn beekeeping skills with trainers from Bees Abroad local partner, Emmanuel International and have hung their first 40 hives. The women are taught to incorporate beekeeping with conservation agriculture techniques, which combined with bee pollination will increase their crop yield and food security. They are also receiving training and support to establish tree nurseries to improve their environment and raise extra income through sales.

Kome Island is remote, but surprisingly accessible and our project plan aims, over the next three years, to train 60 rural island women in all the skills required to become competent beekeepers. Over a period of three years, 60 women will be trained, 300 hives will be built and placed in crop fields and apiaries on the island. Over 1200 trees will be planted and 3 tree nurseries established – an important part of the programme from a forage perspective. By the end of the project, it is possible to envisage the production of over 1,000kg of honey a year, bringing cash, nutrition and empowerment to our programme participants, changing the lives of hundreds of dependants .

Beekeepers for Life



Help to Empower Women and
Alleviate Poverty, Through Beekeeping

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Women's Day
www.beekeepersforlife.org

 **Bees Abroad**
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Our campaign to empower a new
generation of female beekeepers in Africa
KENYA GHANA MALAWI NIGERIA TANZANIA UGANDA

A Bees Abroad initiative,
working to empower women
through beekeeping.

After our launch of the Bees Abroad initiative, Beekeepers for Life, in February we have had a number of online events telling the stories of our Beekeepers for Life. We launched our blog, where you can read about our work and events:

www.beekeepersforlife.org/blog

We celebrated International Women's Day, where we had support from a number of organisations and individuals. Our Corporate Partner, Go Ethical, interviewed 5 female led businesses to share what female empowerment means to them. LowTide Brewing Co donated 10% of online sales throughout the week.



“I dreamt very big and was determined to have impact”

We ran a ‘Meet the Beekeeper’ series across Instagram and through blog posts. We told stories of some of the women we are supporting through the initiative. These included Afuape Fadilat Abosedo (pictured), a Beekeeper for Life from the Abotokio Slow Food Beekeeping Community Women’s Group in Nigeria. Following the training she received in the Bees Abroad capacity building project, she has now set herself up as a honey producer, packer and marketer and creates valued added beeswax creams and soaps to sell.

Bees Abroad

2021 HIGHLIGHTS

Bees Abroad has much to celebrate from 2021! Despite the challenges of COVID both in the UK and our project countries, we have continued to support beekeepers worldwide, start new beekeeping groups and raise funds for more projects.



At the end of the year, we participated for the first time in the Big Give Christmas Challenge, a one-week national matched funds campaign. We received matched funds from the Coles Medlock Foundation and were able to raise over £30,000 for Bees Abroad projects! We were thrilled to connect with new supporters through this initiative and received donations from 79 new donors, which made up half of our total donations.

Our target	£20,000
Matched Funds	£10,000
Online Donations	£20,300
No. of Gifts	126
New Donors	79

Our total result
£30,300



"Caring for God's creation is a spiritual commission requiring a response of commitment. Our children's future and the future of our common home depend on it."

(Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury)

Archbishop Justin Welby Supports Bees Abroad with a Gift to Pope Francis

Another highlight of 2021 was the gift of beekeeping given by Archbishop Welby to Pope Francis. On his visit to the Vatican in the lead up to COP26, the Archbishop of Canterbury presented Pope Francis with the gift of supporting the Bees Abroad Jikombe Women's Beekeeping project on Kome Island, Tanzania.

It is an incredible honour for Bees Abroad to be acknowledged and supported by these key leaders and we are proud to share in this commitment to action in caring for our world through grassroots development.

2021 Finances

Bees Abroad Shop

Bees Abroad gets a significant income from the sale of bee-related items. In 2021, our online shop contributed £3,393 to funding our projects. We are expanding our range in 2022, so please visit www.beesabroad.org.uk/shop to see our range of cards, gifts and beekeeping resources.

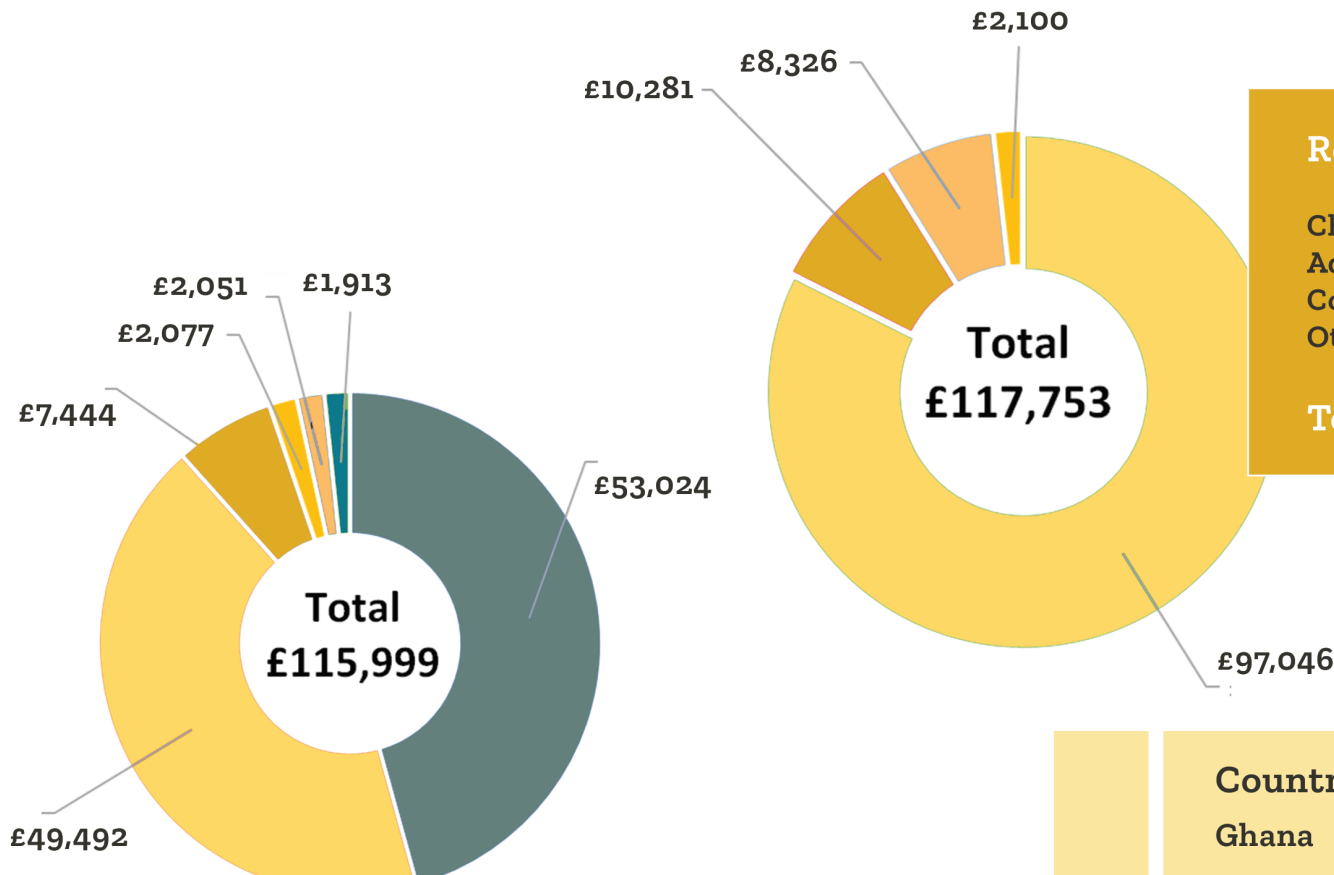
Year on Year

Our projects are funded through a range of regular donors, one-off donations, trusts and grants. Despite the constraints imposed by Covid our income and expenditure both grew during 2021. We are making changes to our systems, processes and procedures necessary to underpin further growth.

Income:

2018	£95,687	2019	£103,841
2020	£93,856	2021	£115,604





Incoming Resources	
Individual Donations	£53,024
Trusts & Foundations	£49,492
Other Income	£7,444
Churches	£2,077
Beekeeping Associations	£2,051
Companies & Institutions	£1,913
Total	£115,999

Resources Expended	
Charitable Spending on Projects	£97,046
Administration & Governance	£10,281
Costs of Generating funds	£8,326
Other	£2,100
Total	£117,753

Our Bee Projects	Country	Projects	Expenditure
	Ghana	11	£19,338
	Kenya	11	£13,173
	Malawi	1	£6,246
	Nepal	1	£4,000
	Nigeria	11	£10,482
	Rwanda	4	£1,660
	Sierra Leone	2	£6,880
	Tanzania	2	£8,220
	Uganda	12	£27,048

Volunteer Spotlight

We are so grateful for our volunteers—

Thank you Anne and Rob Mason for £15,000 raised since 2013.

My husband Rob and I first came to hear about Bees Abroad (BA) at a talk given by Jo Hiscox (BA Partnership Manager in Cameroon) in November 2013. Having recently retired my mind started ticking and I offered to help Jo with her fundraising after the meeting ... the rest is all history as they say!

I began running a Bees Abroad shop at the monthly Nottingham Beekeepers' Association meetings and the members have been a constant source of support and we would like to thank them in particular for their help and generosity. I also started volunteering on the BA stand at special events to try and raise funds specifically for Jo's project. I had a go at creating my own bee knitting pattern, selling my knitted bees as badges, bookmarks, finger puppets or key rings. Later I adapted my pattern to make 'lavender bag bees' or yummy bees with small chocolate treats inside and tea cosies on a bee theme. I must have knitted hundreds of bees over the years!

My enthusiasm for Bees Abroad opened new doors, such as running a BA stand at the 'Bit of a Do' beekeeping convention during our annual Cornish holidays, as well as joining the Derbyshire BKA's Pre-Season Annual Conference.

We have raised funds for BA by opening our garden as part of a local Garden Trail and been part of World Bee Day celebrations held at the nearby Canalside Heritage Centre, home to its own apiary.

Rob and I have thoroughly enjoyed giving talks about bees and beekeeping to all ages, from pre-schoolers to the retired. There is a growing interest in bees and a wide variety of local groups have requested us to talk to their meetings giving us the opportunity to donate our talk fees to Bees Abroad as well as including the charity's work in our presentations. Over time the 'BA Shop team' inspired by Mary and John Home have sourced numerous items to sell, often with honeybees in mind, appealing to beekeepers and the public alike.

Since I decided to become one of BA's fundraising team, I am thrilled that with Rob's help my fundraising efforts have totalled approximately £15,000 for the charity.

Rob and I continue to support Bees Abroad and will be giving a talk to a local club for retirees shortly. I have joined the Woodland Trust and we are currently helping to grow tree seedlings as part of a local initiative.



Anne Mason
Bees Abroad Volunteer

Donor Thanks

Thanks & Acknowledgements —

Individual Donations:

Bees Abroad received at least 1,200 individual donations at an average of £42. Included in individual donations there are 56 supporters who give with a monthly, quarterly, bi-annual or annual standing order.

Beekeeping Associations

including:

Bedfordshire BKA

Cheshire Beekeepers

Derbyshire BKA

Halifax BKA

Montgomery BKA

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North Hertfordshire BKA

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Gibbs Trust

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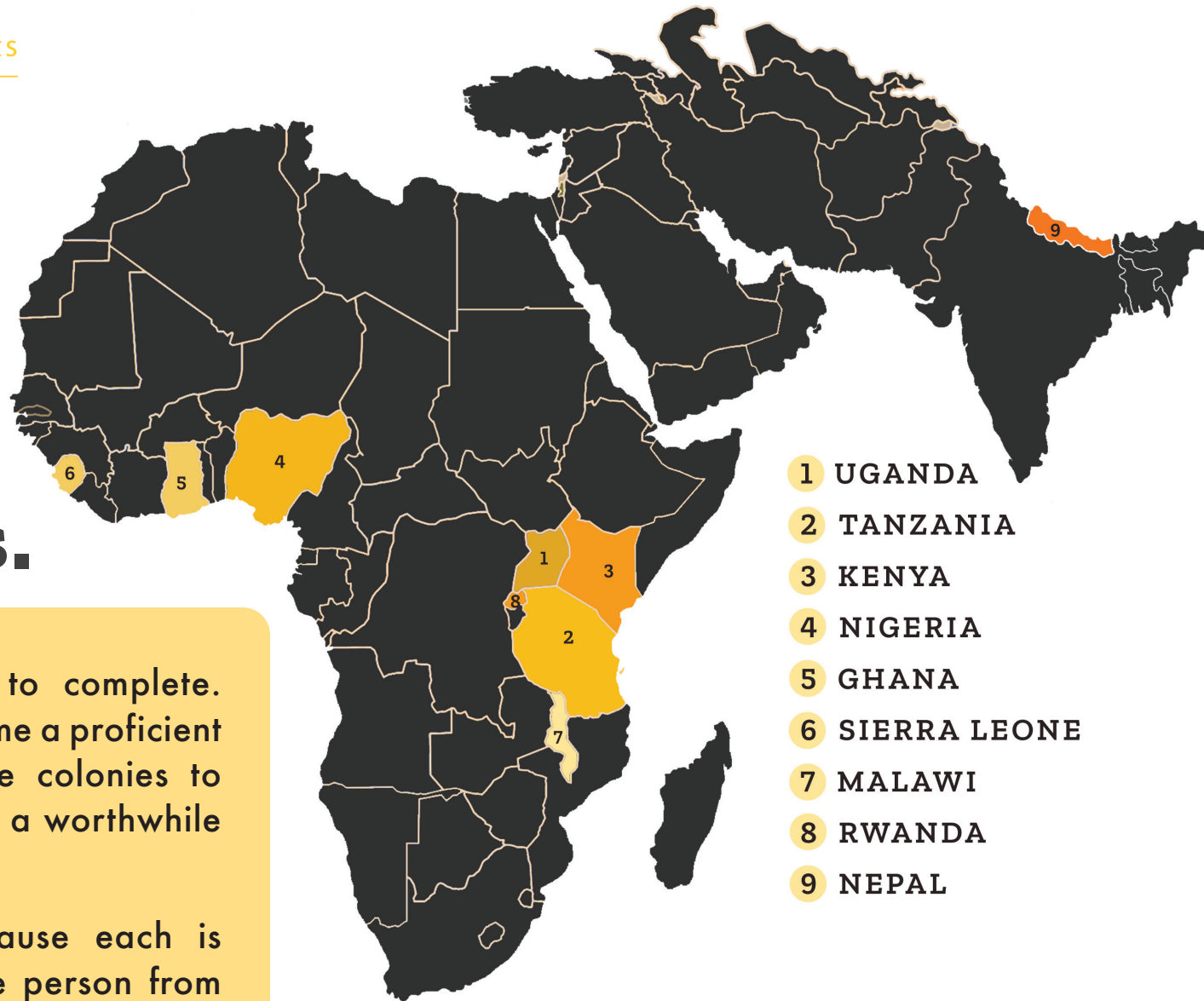
[Find out more about these projects
on our website](#)

Looking to 2022

Our Projects.

Our projects take 3-4 years to complete. That's how long it takes to become a proficient beekeeper and for honey bee colonies to grow to a size where they give a worthwhile honey crop.

We have many projects because each is small. In a typical project, one person from several households in a community are given; materials to make hives and protective clothing, training and most importantly, ongoing support.



- 1 UGANDA
- 2 TANZANIA
- 3 KENYA
- 4 NIGERIA
- 5 GHANA
- 6 SIERRA LEONE
- 7 MALAWI
- 8 RWANDA
- 9 NEPAL

GHANA

Cashew Farmers
Bees for Livelihood
Boabeng – Fiema ECO
Amomosa – Adom
Atudorobeso
Bia Eco
Ekye BKU
Hekenofom BKA
New Levite
Sukum Amankya
Twifo Praso Beekeepers

NEPAL

Livelihood
Improvements of
Community People
through Beekeeping
in Suklagandaki
Municipality Ward no.
1&2, Tanahun, Nepal

SIERRA LEONE

Poteru
Gbensa

NIGERIA

WGAD
Dangera Farm Co-op
Value Seeds
Gombe Nigeria
Samdek Agro-
Beekeeping for Farmers
Excel Bee Farmers
Okunwa
Abotokia Agro Village
CorrFac
Ketu
Slow Food Nigeria

RWANDA

KADCO
Umatara School for the
Deaf
Ngororere
Mwogo
Rwanda advisor

MALAWI

Dowa Women
Beekeeping Project

UGANDA

Jireh Women Beekeepers
- Kisoro
Kasese Women's Cluster
(4 communities) - Kasese
Mt Rwenzori Women's
Honey Bee Farmers'
Co-op - Kasese
Rwenzori Rural Talent
- Kasese
Beekeeping
for Community
Empowerment - Kasese
Africa Ray of Hope
- Ft Portal
Banyatereza Sisters
- Ft Portal
Kitabu Development
Association - Kasese
Women Resource
Centre for Community
Development (3
communities) - Kasese
Serere Local Fish
Farming Initiative
Young Framers &
Entrepreneurs Network
Bed I Gen Beekeepers

KENYA

Cheptebo
Nyakach Women
Beekeepers
Nakhuba Young
Farmers Group
Kisii Projects
Kahoho Evironmental
Water Conservation
and Beekeeping Self-
help Group
Nzeveni Beekeepers
Local Delivery
Partnership Sevices in
Kenya
Mothers Union ACK
Kiini Sustainable
Initiative (KISI)
Kirigani
Palmy
Taita Hill Value
Addition Training

TANZANIA

Kome Island Women's
Cluster (3 communities)
Mwamugongo
beekeepers - Kigoma

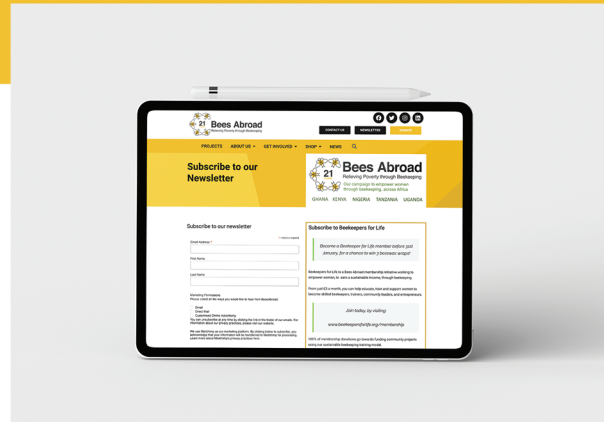
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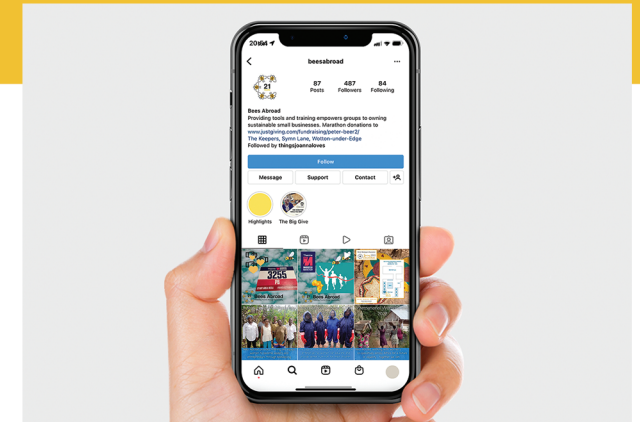
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