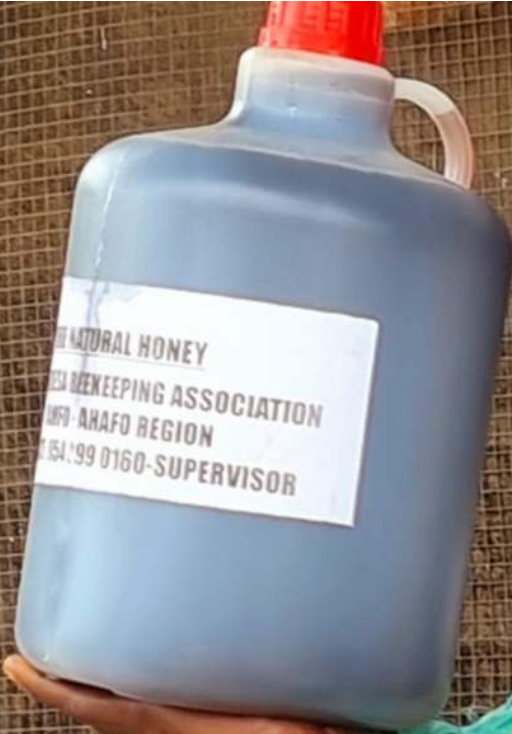




2023

Annual Review



Community Empowerment Through Sustainable Beekeeping

Introduction

Bees Abroad uses beekeeping as a tool to enable rural communities to empower themselves to achieve their own vision. We provide training and mentoring to communities through local partners on beekeeping, business skills and caring for the local environment.

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. Honeybees improve pollination which increases crop yields.

Over years we have built trusting relationships with our network of in-country delivery partners and trainers, continuously developing and improving ways of working.

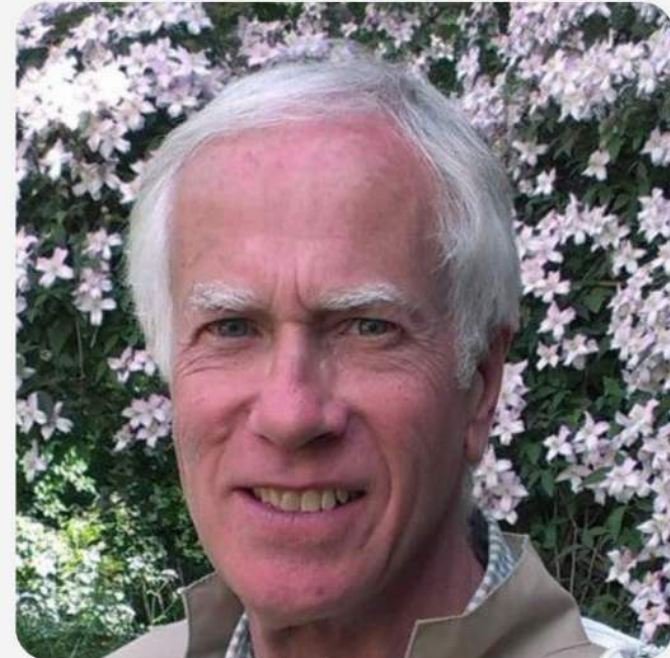
Working with local partners and experts is central to our approach and the key to our success. They deliver our projects, we provide light touch oversight from our Partnership Managers, a volunteer role. Our Partnership Managers are highly qualified in areas relevant to our projects including beekeeping and business skills. They provide guidance and advice to the projects.

We have been working with communities since 1999 and formalised as an organisation in 2005. We work with communities who seek our support and have a plan to continue activities after our support comes to an end.

We are proud to work at a grass roots level collaborating with communities and will continue to do so as we grow.

In 2023 we set the foundations to expand in order to meet the growing demand for support. We are seeing an increase in requests from communities around the world and an evolution in the nature of support needed. More of our past projects are developing to a point where they need support to establish as their own organisations and social enterprises. Supporting them to make this happen is part of our long term vision. We are developing our own team to ensure we can deliver on this.

To all those who supported us during 2023 a big thank you. Stay with us, there's a lot more people we can help together.



RICHARD RIDLER
Chair of Trustees

Joining Bees Abroad as CEO, in 2022, was one the most exciting and pivotal moments for both the organisation and for me.

We embarked on a journey that would honour and develop the vision and unwavering dedication of our small team of volunteers for a better future through beekeeping.

In 2023, we established a core team driving Fundraising, Communications and Donor Stewardship. We also improved tools and processes to better support our Partnership Managers deliver more projects. This is just the start.

With our foundations firmly in place, we look forward to being able to deliver more high quality training and mentorship to our beekeeping communities.

To all our supporters, donors and volunteers, thank you and we hope you choose to continue with us on our journey.



KATERINA PROKOPIOU
CEO

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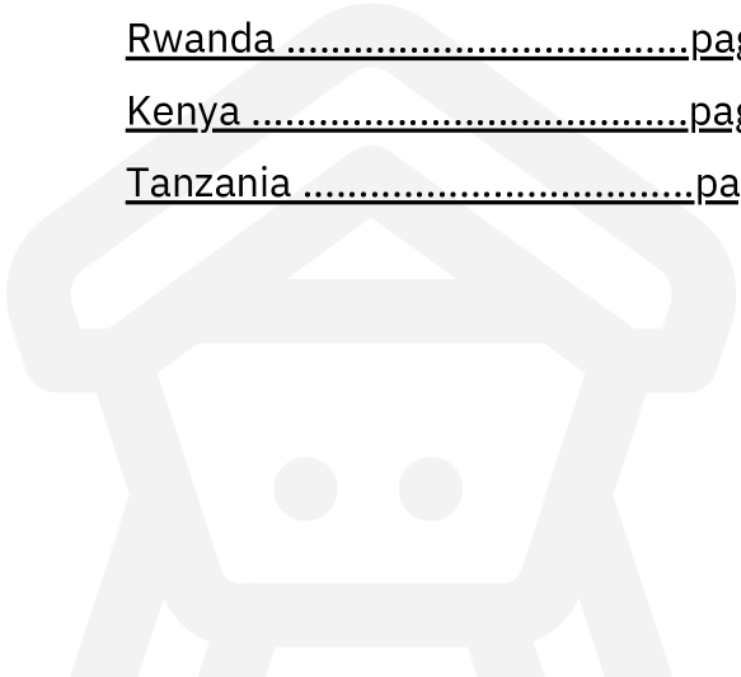
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2023 IN NUMBERS

98

Requests for support

14

New projects
approved

10

Projects
completed

507

Project participants
(people trained)*

44%

Women

*Based on data from 9 of 10 completed projects

Bees Abroad Country Map

We currently (2024) have projects in eight countries:

- Uganda (16)
- Kenya (8)
- Nigeria (6)
- Ghana (12)
- Tanzania (2)
- Sierra Leone (2)
- Rwanda (2)
- South Sudan (1)*



*Participants from South Sudan trained in Uganda

Project Activity

We have a dynamic portfolio of projects. These projects represent communities of people striving to improve their circumstances with beekeeping as a tool for change. These communities are the reason for our existence and we are proud to work with so many impressive and motivated groups and individuals.

The composition of the portfolio changes year to year with shifts in the number of closed, live and newly approved projects. There are also changes in the countries we work in depending on demand and availability of qualified Partnership Managers, a role for which people donate their time.

In this report, we have chosen to focus on projects that closed in 2023. Projects are closed when they are successfully completed or stopped. Projects are stopped on occasion if assessments show they are not viable. This allows us to divert our funds to viable projects in need of resources.

In addition to reporting on closed projects, we have included a case study for each country that had live projects in 2023.

Uganda

15
Live/in progress



7
Projects
completed/closed
in 2023

195
Participants trained

58%
Women

Uganda completed projects

The following projects were successfully completed in 2023:

1. Kinyamaseke Youth In Development (KYID) (P18-06-RR-KYID)
2. Ibanda Development Association for Persons with Disabilities (P18-14-RR-IDAPPWD)
3. Jireh Women's group Kisoro (P19-18-RR-Jireh Women)
4. Africa Ray of Hope Organisation (ARHO) (P19-15-RR-Ray of Hope)
5. Kitabu Integrated Development Association (P19-14-RR-Kitabu IDA)

A mini profile of each successful project can be found on the proceeding pages. Two projects were stopped.



Kinyamaseke Youth In Development (KYID)

50 participants trained
20% female

This project established a teaching apiary for members to experience and learn about beekeeping so that they have it as a vocational skill to use in later life to generate income. Also, to provide a source of income to fund the group's activities.



Ibanda Development Association for Persons with Disabilities (IDAPD)

12 participants trained
10% female

This project aims to improve the life chances of disabled members. A small apiary of 20 hives was built along with providing skills in beekeeping. The 10 hives produce honey to a value of ~80,000 Ugandan Shillings (minimum monthly wage set in 2017 is 130,000).



Jireh Women's Group, Kisoro

54 participants trained
100% female

Jireh Women's Group aims to alleviate poverty locally. They were established by beekeepers that requested support to improve their practices and access to essential beekeeping equipment. We also provided training on value-add beeswax products.



Africa Ray of Hope Organisation (ARHO)

40 participants trained
40% female

The main goal of ARHO is to improve the health, education and living conditions of local underprivileged communities. We provided training and support to build on the beekeeping work they had started following the donation of five hives from their patron.



Kitabu Integrated Development Association

27 participants trained

73% female

Their main purpose is to generate sources of income which enable their community to avoid dependence on illegal poaching in the adjacent national park. In addition to successful honey harvests, the group reported increased income from increased crop yields (from bee pollination).

A big thank you to our Partnership Managers for Uganda, Richard Ridler, Jane Ridler, Ali Hollingberry, David Holloway, Dave Bonner, Katerina Prokopiou and Niki Backes for donating their time and significant expertise to make these projects happen.

Our local partner in Uganda is the Liberty Development Foundation (LIDEFO). We also work with independent trainers.

Uganda Case Study

Road Barrier Widows - project approved in 2023

Being a widow is a challenge at the best of times. The loss of a spouse and parent is of course heart-breaking and creates significant pressure on household finances as an income is lost. In rural Uganda these pressures are compounded by social stigma.

The 'Road Barrier Widows' is a registered community group in Uganda. Registered community groups (CBOs) are official organizations formed by individuals who share common goals and objectives. These groups, recognised by the Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB), play a crucial role in community development.



By formalising their organisation, CBOs gain credibility, access to funding, legal recognition, and opportunities for collaboration with government agencies and NGOs. Knowing this, the Road Barrier Women formed their own CBO made up of 32 women united in widowhood and all the challenges that come with that.



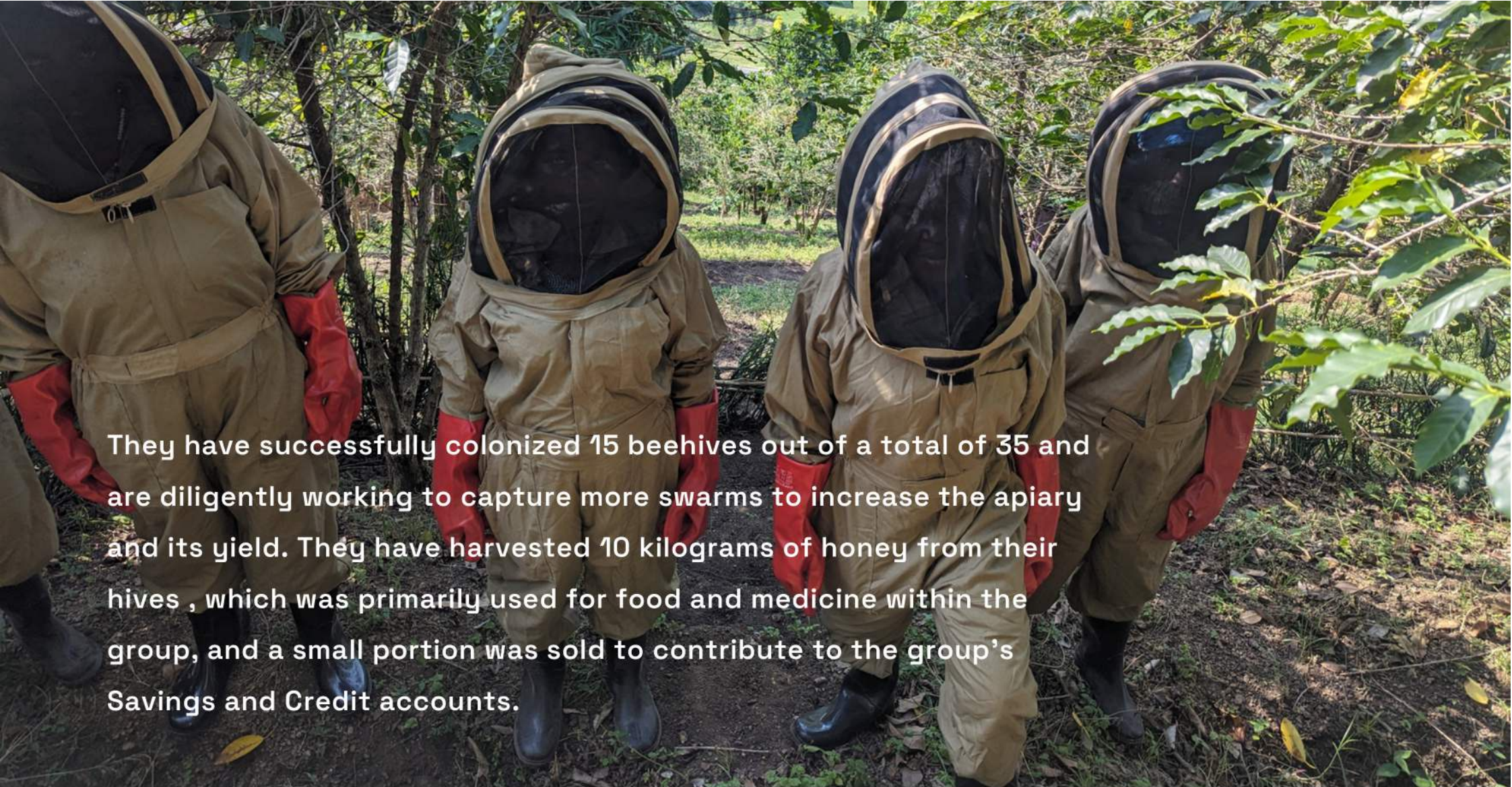
The Road Barrier Widows live in an area that boasts an abundance of mango trees, ample forest tree cover, and a diverse range of flowering plants, providing abundant pollen and nectar. The women grow various crops in the area too, including coffee, and keeping bees will enhance pollination supporting crop production.

Motivated to improve their circumstances, the 'Road Barrier Widows' chose beekeeping as one of their group activities, alongside keeping chickens and making handicrafts.

The group is organised group and enterprising: they built their own top bar hives and started beekeeping through self-teaching. With a desire to improve the group contacted Bees Abroad for support.

Working with our local partner, LIDEFO we will support the group to learn best practices for keeping bees. Our training also covers how to make quality honey can be sold locally and fetches a much higher price than the other crops and items they produce.

In the group it was determined that 17 of the 32 women would lead the beekeeping enterprises while the additional members of the group would offer support.



They have successfully colonized 15 beehives out of a total of 35 and are diligently working to capture more swarms to increase the apiary and its yield. They have harvested 10 kilograms of honey from their hives , which was primarily used for food and medicine within the group, and a small portion was sold to contribute to the group's Savings and Credit accounts.

In parallel to beekeeping, the widows are addressing challenges by expanding educational opportunities in poultry and goat farming. They are also focusing on tailoring and teaching basic bookkeeping skills.

Nigeria

6

Live/in progress

1

Projects
completed/closed
in 2023

72

Participants trained

100%

Women

Nigeria Completed Projects

In 2023 the project with the Women Agricultural Development Forum (WADF) was successfully completed. The leader of the project, Dr Sakina, remains passionately committed to the project and is actively exploring avenues for continued support.

We work across Nigeria with ongoing projects in both the North and South. The WADF project is based in Northern Nigeria. As detailed in the following pages, the case study on the Ori-eru beekeepers showcases one of our projects in Southern Nigeria.

We currently manage six active projects in Nigeria. It is one of the most in demand countries in terms of new project applications.



Women Agricultural Development Forum (WADF)

72 participants trained
100% female

Dr Sakina founded Women Agricultural Development Forum (WADF) to help other women. Many of the women in WADF are illiterate. The WADF has been a lifeline and beekeeping is the only source of income for many members of the group.



Nigeria Case Study

The unstoppable Ori-eru women beekeepers - live project

Nigeria's progress on gender equality is a mixed bag, in some areas Nigeria is a top performer but overall Nigeria has a low ranking in gender equality placing 139 out

of 156 countries in the World Economic Forum's Gender Gap Index. Amidst these challenges, the Ori-eru (Iwo) beekeepers have emerged as a beacon of hope. This group of Muslim women, facing the difficulties of securing employment, decided to take matters into their own hands.



The group, with diverse skills ranging from farming to tailoring, identified beekeeping as a valuable addition. The Ori-eru beekeepers have not only sustained their enterprise but expanded it significantly from an initial 5 hives to 43 hives.

A key aspect of their success lies in a collaborative approach to production and sales. While each member tends to a specific number of hives, the women work together to produce high-quality bees wax products under a single label. The profits are then reinvested or distributed among the group, fostering sustainable growth.

In 2023, tragedy struck when their apiary was raided and hives destroyed by fire, reflecting the broader economic challenges in Nigeria. Undeterred, the Ori-eru beekeepers responded with determination.

They salvaged what they could and set to work devising a solution. However, their assessment was they only had sufficient reserves to replace 10 hives – an insufficient number to generate an adequate level of income for the group. They reached out to Bees Abroad for support.

Bees Abroad swiftly responded by funding 25 replacement hives which were received in October 2023. The Ori-eru beekeepers, showcasing resilience and innovation, built and sited these hives in record time meaning they could make use of the remaining swarming season. By November 7th, eight out of the 25 Bees Abroad sponsored hives were colonised.



A big thank you to our Partnership Managers for Nigeria, Bisi New and Bolu Durogbola for donating their time and significant expertise to make these projects happen.

Our local partners in Nigeria are the Beekeeping Extension Society and BeeFriendly Agricultural Extension Services. We also work with independent trainers.

Sierra Leone

2
Live/in progress

2
Projects
completed/closed
in 2023

185
Participants trained

50%
Women

Sierra Leone Completed Projects

In 2023 two projects came to a close in Sierra Leone. One project was stopped, the other, Poteru - Barri Chiefdom, was completed. Although 32 people were trained in the project that was stopped, it was classified as unsuccessful as during assessment visits by our local partner it was determined that the project was unlikely to be self-sustaining.

There have been many significant achievements in Sierra Leone this year. One of the major developments was the success of the pilot with the project 'Bee Farmers on Crutches' which is featured in the Sierra Leone Case Study.



Poteru - Barri Chiefdom

153 participants trained
50% female

A cluster of 42 villages mainly in three sections of Barri Chiefdom. There were six main objectives of the project including developing markets for honey and value-added products and establishing a training and processing centre.



Sierra Leone Case Study

Bee farmers on Crutches - live project

The civil war in Sierra Leone lasted for over 10 years between 1991 and 2002 and left an estimated 27,000 people with an amputation or disability.

Having an amputation or a disability in Sierra Leone is a catch-22. People with disabilities are discriminated against making it difficult to get a job then are stigmatised for not contributing to society. Having a way to earn a livelihood not only improves amputees' quality of life but their standing in society.

A local NGO and our partner, Single Leg Sports Association (SLASA) started supporting amputees via football. They are now involved in providing training opportunities such as permaculture farming and beekeeping.

Beekeeping is a fantastic complementary activity to farming, it doesn't take up much land, it's not as time intensive as other types of farming and it offers a different source of revenue through products that are high value such as honey and wax-based products. Bees Abroad was asked to provide support to the permaculture course to add beekeeping to the curriculum.

In November 2023, our Partnership Manager for Sierra Leone, Neil Brent, visited the project to support a three day training and workshop.



The aim of the workshop was to develop work with 12 amputees to develop a training course accessible to people living with amputations. Neil reported great success from the three days with participants being highly engaged and problem solving around adapting to accommodate amputations.



The workshop covered hive construction, inspecting hives, honey extraction and quality control and making value-added products from bees wax.

Following the successful workshop the group developed a proposal for the next stage. The aim is to make the adapted course available in the three permaculture course farms that serve three major towns and cities across Sierra Leone.

A big thank you to our Partnership Manager for Sierra Leone, Neil Brent for donating their time and significant expertise to make these projects happen.

Our local partners in Sierra Leone are PAD-SL and SLASA. We also work with Rory's Well.

Ghana

No projects came to a conclusion in Ghana in 2023 but there was lots of activity in our 14 live projects and prospective new projects. One of the live projects that is close to completion is featured in the case study on the proceeding page.

Our local partners in Ghana are GRTN (Ghana Regional Trainers Network), Gyieba Ayeboo and Ashanti Development.

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Live/in progress

A big thank you to our Partnership Managers for Ghana: Trisha Marlow, Brian Durk, Dawn Williams and Paul Bloch. Who donate their time and significant expertise to make these projects happen.

Ghana Case Study

Atudorobesa Women's Co-operative - live project

This project is in its finishing stages with just the value-add training to be finalised in 2024. In 2019 a group of 30 women were trained and an apiary of 15 hives was established . Now the group has over 100 hives which they keep in several aiparies around the forest.

The community is highly dependant on environmentally-damaging fire wood collection and charcoal production for cash income to supplement small excess production from subsistent farming. Honey is not only healthier and better for the environment and pollination of crops - but it makes more money.



In 2018 the Ghanaian government zoned large amounts of family and other farmland in this community for gold exploration, cutting off much of their independence in growing food and making them dependent on market prices – along with massive inflation there is a supply-demand premium locally for food. These factors meant honey became even more important for these women.



“I had five acres I farmed for 40 years from a child and grew cocoa and banana and yam. It was family land. When the government bought my land they did not pay, even now. We were lucky the children had completed school. Now buying food is hard as prices are higher as the market women know we do not have.

The honey money will help to support the six grand-children as their parents have the same challenges as they also lost family land and independence to support the families.”

-Elizabeth (photo left)

Atudorobesa women beekeepers see beekeeping as their financial future and are blessed through their commitment and forage with 95% colonisation. The land where the hives are is very good for bees. At the time of writing no prospecting has taken place in the five years and no cultivation or replanting is allowed.

Rwanda

No projects came to a conclusion in Rwanda in 2023.

Rwanda has two live projects, one of which is the Umutara Deaf School, which is featured in the case study. Two projects successfully completed in recent years, mini-profiles of each can be found on the proceeding pages.

We work via independent trainers in Rwanda.

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Live/in progress

A big thank you to our Partnership Managers for Rwanda, Dawn Williamson and Paul Bloch for donating their time and significant expertise to make these projects happen.



Ngororere Farmers Cooperatives - past project

60 participants trained
20% female

The project gave several farming / beekeeping cooperatives advanced training in beekeeping, including top bar hives and local cylindrical hives. In addition to training, we supported them with funds for a new apiary site, additional hives and protective clothing.



Kabarore Apiculture Development Cooperative (KADCO) - past project

50 participants trained
51% female

A community group of fifty beekeepers who worked with Bees Abroad to increase their knowledge of bees and beekeeping, and to develop strategies to deal with the current threats to beekeeping in Rwanda. This included top bar hives and local cylindrical hives.

Rwanda Case Study

Umutara Deaf School (Stage 1)
- open project

In Rwanda, people with disabilities often face challenges in achieving societal recognition. Since its inception in 2018, the Umutara Deaf School beekeeping project has been dedicated to training deaf children and young people to become skilled beekeepers.

This project aims to equip young people with the necessary knowledge and skills to establish a sustainable source of income. This not only provides them with financial independence but also fosters confidence and respect within their home villages.



Students in their last year at school are taught beekeeping and those who show enthusiasm and ability are provided with hives and protective clothing when they graduate. Mentoring of these students continues in their home villages for three years after graduation. Twelve students had graduated as beekeepers by June 2023.

Kenya

No projects came to a conclusion in Kenya in 2023 however there were many achievements in the eight live projects.

Our local partner in Kenya is Bees 4 Kenya (under the local NGO, CERA Rights).

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Live/in progress

A big thank you to our Partnership Managers for Kenya, John & Mary Home, David Evans and Geoff Redwood, and volunteer Veronica Brown who donate their time and significant expertise to make these projects happen.

Kenya Case Study

Kisembe Women Self Help Group - live project

The Kisembe Women Self Help Group, located in Navakholo, Bunyala West, Kenya, has been registered with the Ministry of Gender, Children, and Social Development since 2013.

The group consists of 52 members, 45 of whom are women. They engage in various activities, including table banking, tree nurseries, joint farming, poultry keeping, fruit growing, and the creation and sale of fireless cookers. Initially, the group started with four beekeepers and a few hives.



Bees Abroad supported them by providing 20 beehives, three suits, and five training manuals. The group's goal is to produce their own hives and suits, aiming to have 90 hives and produce 400 kg of honey in the second and third years of their project, with an estimated annual value of £1,867. Some of the honey will be retained by the group for food and medicinal purposes.

Tanzania

No projects came to a conclusion in Tanzania however there were many achievements in the live projects, Kome Island and Mama Hive. Kome Island became one of the first projects available to twin with in our new Hive Twinning program.

Our local partner in Tanzania are Emmanuel International and BMCC (Mama Hive).

2

Live/in progress

A big thank you to our Partnership Manager for Tanzania, Rachel Monger and Emyr Jenkins who donated their time and significant expertise to make these projects happen.

Tanzania Case Study

Mama Hive - live project

Mama Hive is a social enterprise supporting women and children with albinism, a genetic skin condition for which they have faced intense discrimination and attacks

They began as a support group in 2016 and started working on income-generating projects in order to provide for their children. They moved on to form their own business selling handicrafts and through links with local beekeepers, bought their beeswax and learned how to make beeswax balms and candles. By 2020 they were making a wide variety of balms, soaps, polish, Nyuki Stix, batiks and all kinds of candles.



They started buying honey from beekeeping groups and labelling and bottling it for sale locally.

In 2023, with support from Bees Abroad, they began the process of registering and building their own national NGO “Mama Hive”, a honey and beeswax value-added product social enterprise.



With a managing director and sales and marketing manager, they are looking to take their business to a new level, selling quality honey and artisanal beeswax products more widely.

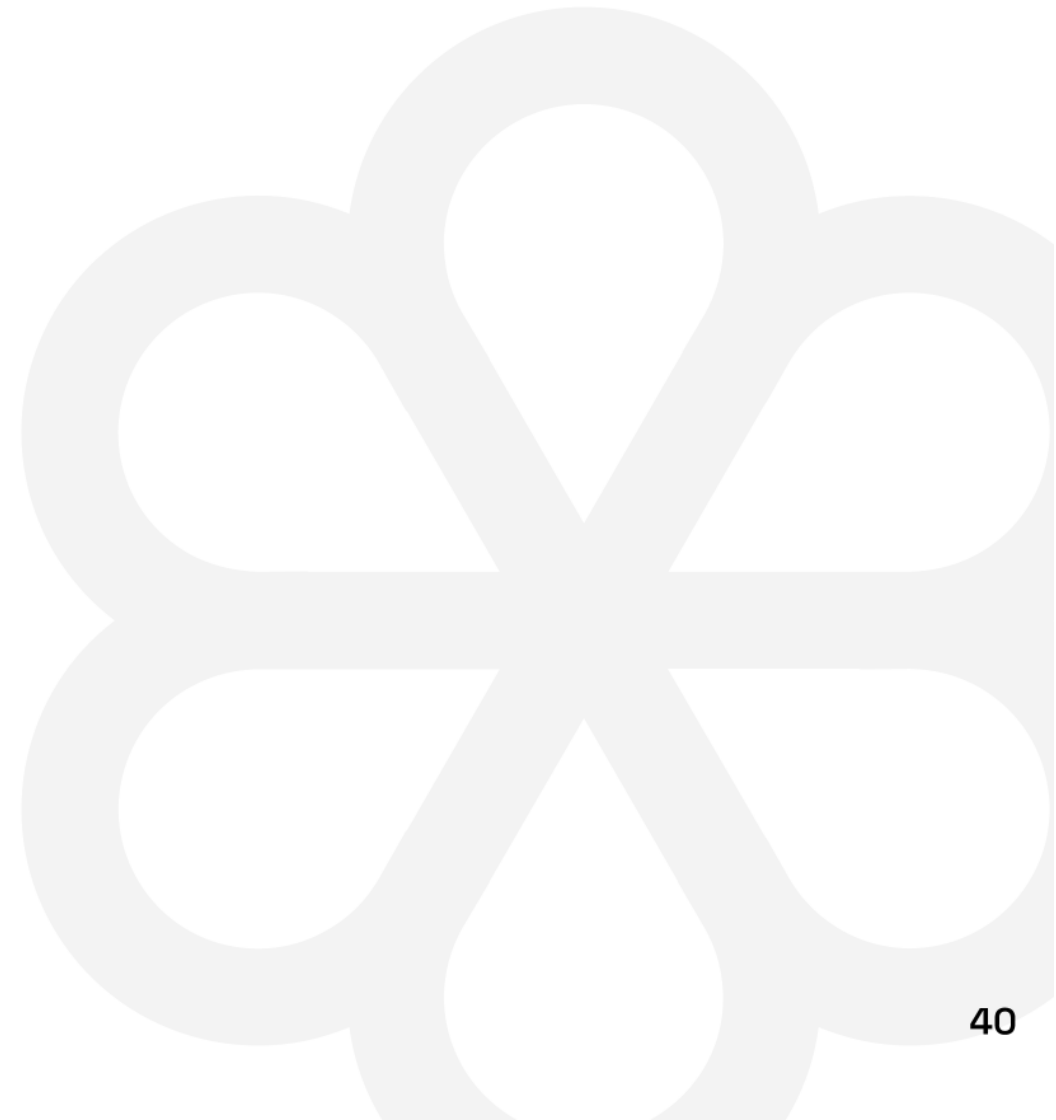
Mama Hive also seeks to become a means of vocational training and support for other marginalised women and girls, giving opportunities for building skills and self-confidence and changing mindsets against differently-abled people in their communities.



Organisational Activity

We are developing as an organisation. This work includes running new fundraising campaigns, creating new programs that offer different ways to support and engage with our projects, and putting in place the structures and processes needed to keep everything running smoothly.

As we've transitioned from an all volunteer organisation to one with paid staff, we have been able to lay the foundation to access more funding and support for projects. That is the name of the game, we exist to enable communities to empower themselves. Our organisational developments will help us reach more communities.



Our Team is Growing

A strategic decision was made at the 2022 AGM to bring on board paid staff to enable the growth and development of Bees Abroad as an organisation. We furthered our efforts in this area in 2023.

The CEO, Katerina Prokopiou, joined Bees Abroad in September 2022 with Rachel Monger also transitioning from volunteer to Key Supporter Relations and Ambassador (part-time role). In January 2023 Christine Ratcliffe joined the team as Fundraising Campaigns Manager, a part-time role, followed by Niki Backes joining as the Supporter Care Manager in September, also part-time.

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS MANAGER

The role of the Fundraising Campaigns Manager is to manage the campaigns from the application to messaging, promotion and engagement with supporters. This role also covers Bees Abroad's general communications and grant support.

SUPPORTER CARE MANAGER

The role of Supporter Care Manager was created to ensure that our supporters are properly stewarded. Through this role we aim to build a stronger relationship with our supporters, properly thank them for their donations and keep them updated with what their support has helped achieved.

Hive Twinning Launch

The Hive Twinning program was launched in September 2023. The program was established to provide a way to directly connect supporters and Bees Abroad beekeeping communities and secure dedicated funding for projects.

The program gained immediate interest with prestigious hotels, the Royal Lancaster and The Grand, York becoming the first Hive Twins.

The aim in 2024 is to grow the program to 20 individual Hive Twins and six corporate or business Hive Twins.

For £60 a year individual supporters can become a Hive Twin and chose which project(s) they twin with.

A Hive Twinning membership comes with the following benefits:

- A personalised certificate.
- Hive Twin sticker pack.
- Direct, exclusive updates relating to the chosen project.
- Our care and support as a member of the hive twin community.

A corporate Hive Twinning package is also available, this is bespoke to the business or corporate.



Green Match Fund

This year we applied to join the Green Match Fund for the first time. We were accepted, with a target of £10,000, £5,000 of which coming from public donations.

We have a holistic approach to sustainable beekeeping that covers the three pillars of sustainability: environment, social, economic. Supporting the local environment is a key part of our approach to sustainable beekeeping. After all, the health of a bee colony, and quality of honey harvest is inextricable to the health of the local environment.

**Green
Match
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**THE ENVIRONMENTAL
SIDE OF OUR
SUSTAINABLE
BEEKEEPING**



**LOCALLY
APPROPRIATE**

**IS AT THE HEART OF
WHAT WE DO**

...based on local forage,
climate and guided by the
knowledge and experience
of local trainers...



**SUPPORTING THE
LOCAL ENVIRONMENT
BY PROVIDING
ECOLOGICAL
TRAINING**

...we provide information on
the impact of
unsustainable practices...



**BEEES NATURALLY
INCREASE
CROP YIELD**

...beekeepers with Cerana
boxes saw a 282% increase
in cashew production...



**IMPROVING THE
LOCAL
ENVIRONMENT BY
PROVIDING FORAGE**

...in these cases, we will
adapt our core training to
include recommendations
on how to improve forage...



**BUILDING LOCALLY
APPROPRIATE
SUSTAINABLE
HIVES**

...offering options for hive
types and hive production
that are appropriate to the
area and can last...





Author and Honey Sommelier,
Sarah Wyndham Lewis



Bees Abroad Patron,
Professor Adam Hart



Biologist and author,
Thor Hanson

The Green Match Fund campaign was integrated into a longer Spring Campaign that ran up to World Bee Day on May 20th (see section on World Bee Day event). For this campaign we ran two online events, one with biologist and author Thor Hanson on World Earth Day (20th April) and a second with two guest speakers, author and Honey Sommelier Sarah Wyndham Lewis and Bees Abroad Patron, Professor Adam Hart. Both events were live, and recordings can be found on our YouTube channel.



We ran our first ever photography competition as part of this campaign. We secured a corporate partner, Wildlife Photographic Magazine, who volunteered the editor's time to select the winner, granted us a free copy of the magazine (digital) to all entrants and published the winner's photo. The competition was £5 to enter. The theme 'Bees in Nature' attracted entries from all over the World including U.K., U.S.A., Singapore, Hong Kong, and Bulgaria.

Photo: winning image from the competition. "The fighting *Centris Pallida*" by Abhik Manna



World Bee Day at Wax Chandlers' Hall

Bees Abroad hosted a luncheon at the royal Wax Chandler's Hall in London to celebrate World Bee Day. This special event was a chance to share stories, ideas, raise donations and strengthen connections for our on-going work.

Guests were warmly welcomed to the event by Bees Abroad Patron, Timothy Maile, the Master of Wax Chandlers.



Guest speakers, Anne Rowberry, President of the BBKA and Professor Dave Goulson spoke about the critical importance of bees and other pollinators for ensuring food security and maintaining a healthy environment. Bisi New, Bees Abroad Partnership Manager for Nigeria shared a story close to her heart about an individual she had worked with, Mrs Afuape, who had capitalised on the support of Bees Abroad to become a successful small-scale entrepreneur.

Photos from left to right: Anne Rowberry, BBKA president; Timothy Maile, deputy Master of the Wax Chandlers'; Bisi New, Nigeria Partnership Manager; Professor Dave Goulson

Supporter Spotlight



Passionate honey expert, ecologist, writer and speaker, Sarah Wyndham Lewis is an internationally renowned Honey Sommelier, working with artisan beekeepers all over the world.

Co-founder of the sustainable beekeeping practice Bermondsey Street Bees, she is a member of the Guild of Food Writers and Slow Food UK. Deeply concerned with the lives of honeybees, Sarah also champions the wild bee species which underpin biodiversity. Her latest book is 'The Wild Bee Handbook' (Quadrille, 2023).

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I feel privileged to work with Bees Abroad, helping support the unique communities they build. There are so many lessons we can learn from each other across the global beekeeping community – I always come away humbled by the practical vision behind BA's projects and the life-changing outcomes.

Sarah Wyndham Lewis

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2023 Donors Thanks

We're so very grateful for all the support we get. It's difficult to thank everyone properly, we've tried our best to cover the headliners below:

Individuals

To our individual donors, we really couldn't do it without you. We received at least 500 unique individual donations. Individual donations accounted for 40% of our 2023 income.

Trusts, foundations and other charities

In total, donations from Trusts, foundations and other charities account for 47% of our funding in 2023. We rely on your support, thank you for making our work possible.

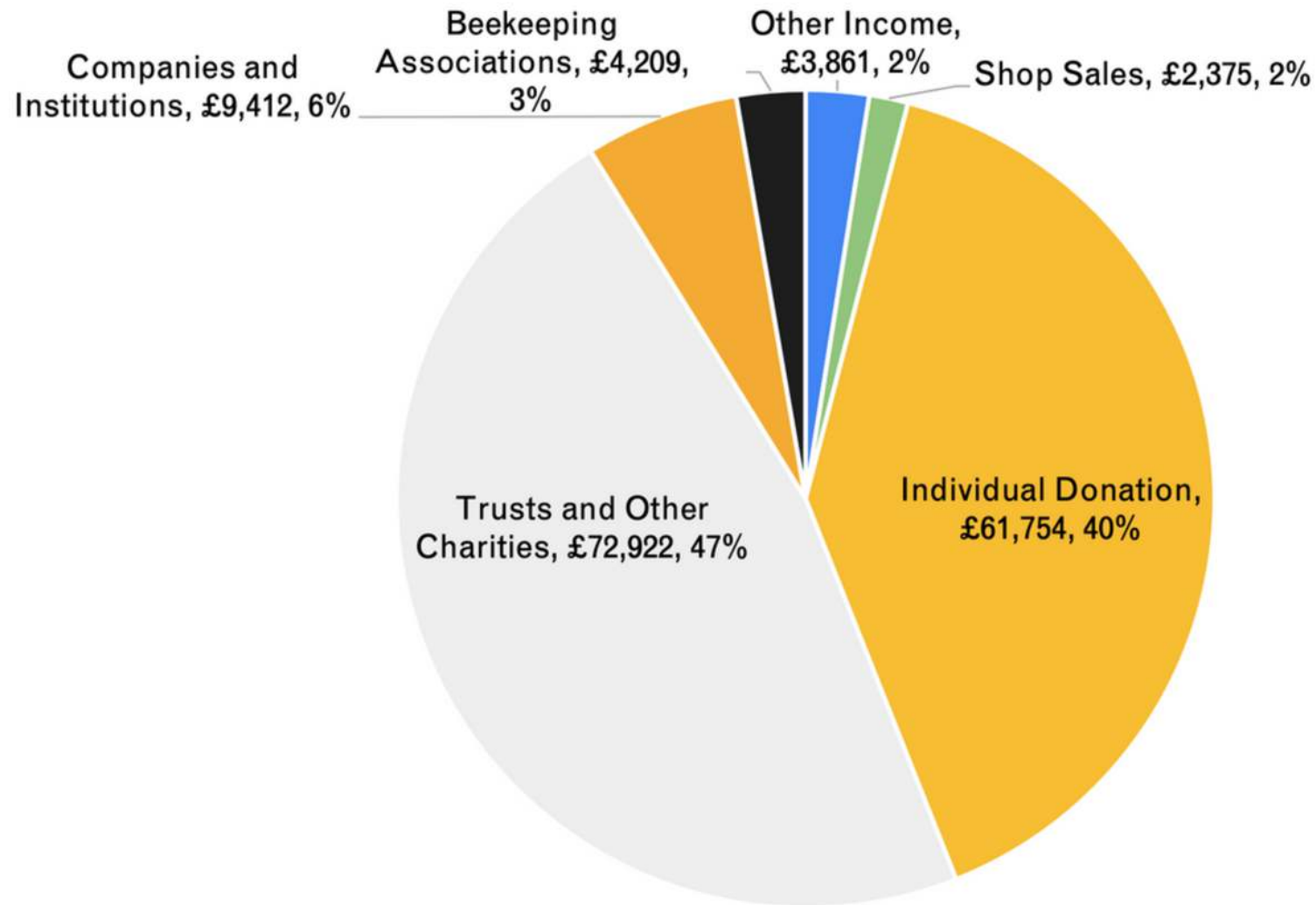
Beekeeping Associations BKAs

We received donations from BKAs around the country including the ones listed. We're very grateful for the support from fellow beeks, a big thank you to all of you.

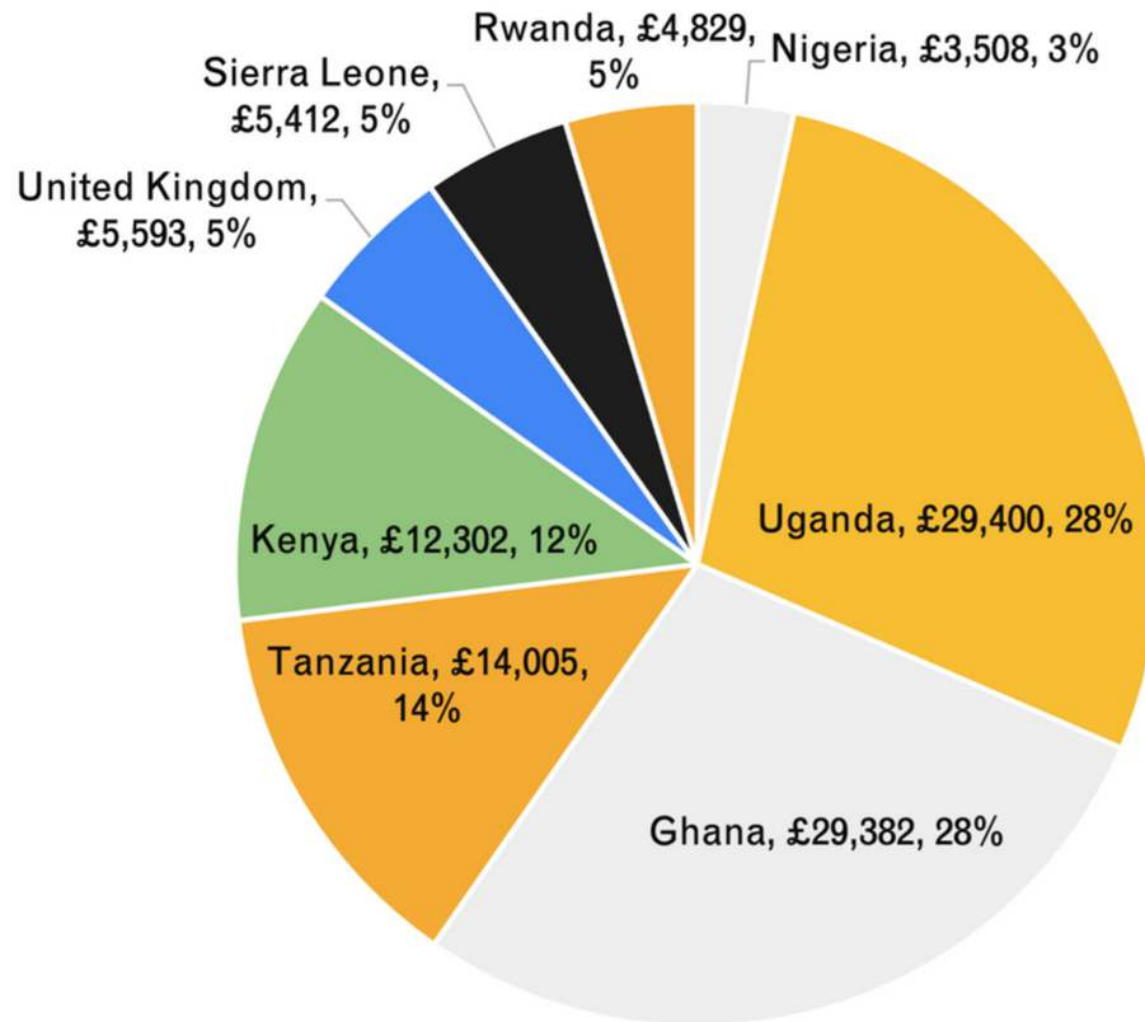
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19. West Sussex BKA

2023 Income by Source



2023 Project Spend by Country



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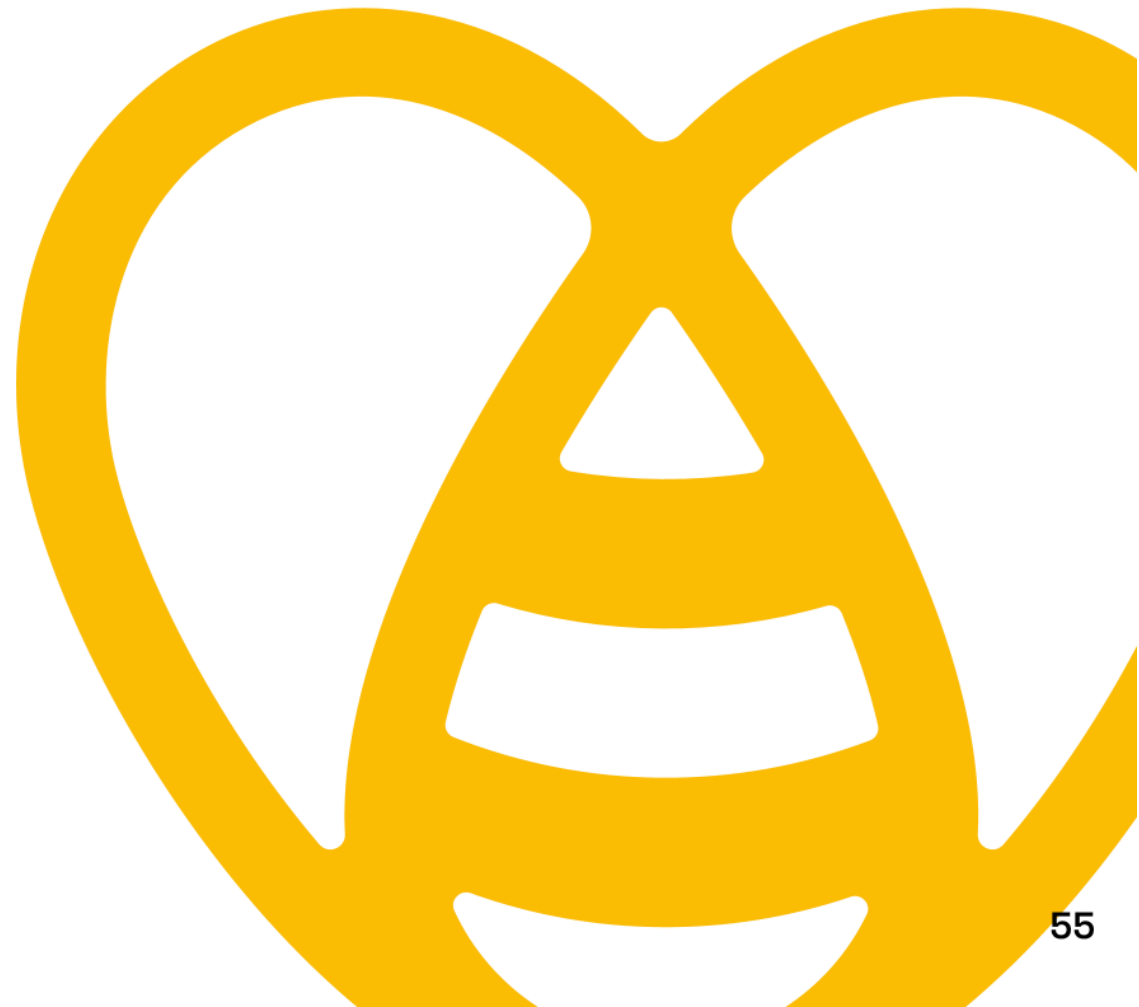
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