



BEEKEEPING

RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE CAMEROON

ABOUT US

RUDEC is a developing non-profit organization geared toward reducing poverty and inequality through the efforts of professional volunteers, collaborative partnerships and compassionate donors. It strives to improve quality of rural life through the development of sustainable social economic and environmental projects.

BACKGROUND

Cameroon is a country in Western Africa where 48% of its 22 million population is living in poverty and in rural areas.

RUDEC, founded in 2006 by Joshua Chiamba, tries to provide the most vulnerable members of its community with means to access basic education and tools to empower their lives. Its head office is situated in Belo, a small rural town in the North Western Region of Cameroon.

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The Project

Bees are a vital, often overlooked chain in food production—approximately 70% of all food relies on bees to pollinate flowers in order to grow. Despite this, bees are becoming more and more endangered through deforestation, substitution of fields of flowers by mono-crops and the indiscriminate use of pesticides.

RUDEC's beekeeping project was initiated in October 2015 by Joshua Chiamba and an American volunteer, Michael Clounie. The



project serves to provide sus-

tainable income to enable RUDEC to sponsor orphans while simultaneously contributing to the health of the flora and fauna in and around Belo.

Currently, there are more than 50 hives on the one hectare of land that RUDEC owns, which is a 45 minutes drive from Belo.

So far, RUDEC has harvested about 50 liters of honey from 5 beehives which have been colonized so far.

In order to increase the number of colonized beehives quickly, RUDEC plans to plant a variety of trees and flowers that will attract more bees, such as the local 'Fusho', mangoes tree and avocado trees.

Additionally, RUDEC plans to increase the number of beehives



on the plot of land—The maximum capacity of one hectare of land is about 400 beehives.

The honey harvested from the hives is sold locally—the honey's medicinal, antibiotic properties provide a further benefit to the Belo community.

In the future, RUDEC plans to process the beeswax into candles and soap in order to provide those natural products to the community as well.



Sponsor a Beehive and Make a Change

If you want to help RUDEC develop this sustainable source of income that pays for orphans' school fees while also making the people and nature of Belo healthier, we have just the opportunity for you: **RUDEC's Sponsor a Beehive Initiative.**

A beehive costs **40€** to produce and transport to the farm. For a detailed breakdown of the costs, email info@rudec.org.

Each beehive sponsor is entitled

to a custom inscription on the beehive (max. 20 char.), a picture of the hive and its location on the farm as well as an update upon colonization or first harvest of the hive. For these purposes please *send us an email!*

Please transfer the money to RUDEC's German bank account (may be tax-deductible).

Contact us to find out more!



Bank: Volksbank Ulm Biberach
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