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Wuchi Wami, Zambia

Providing raw, organic, unpasteurised honey and creating a sustainable livelihood



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Organisation description

Wuchi Wami packages, brands, markets and distributes local raw and organic Honey. The honey is sourced from the wild Miombo forests of Northern Zambia. It is processed through its registered cooperative that has 2,500 farmers participating in training and sustainable beekeeping through an out-growers scheme model. It cuts across north western with 500 farmers fully trained, equipped with modern beehives, PPE and buckets.

They use modern beehives made from easy to plant pine, preserving the miombo trees that are destroyed in the traditional beehive production. Deforestation is further reduced by providing an alternative income source for women and men engaged in charcoal burning.

The model provides an alternative income to women from charcoal burning. Wuchi Wami processes, brands and distributes this locally produced raw, organic and unpasteurised honey by an out-growers scheme registered under Kwasha indimi cooperative in Mwinilunga. This honey is then distributed to their clients through the chain stores country wide.

Enterprise facts:

Location: Mwinilunga, Zambia

Year founded: 2018

Sector: Biodiversity

Product / Service: Honey

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SDG contribution



Social impact

- Creating sustainable livelihoods through an out-grower scheme with over 2,500 small scale farmers
- Working with soft wood modern beehives that are easy to manage and are less labour intense and allows women and youth to participate in beekeeping
- Support honey bee health research and deliver practical training and information

Environmental impact

- Preserving forests with modern soft wood beehives; replacing the traditional model which involves cutting down miombo trees to make beehives and charcoal
- With 2,500 farmers practicing beekeeping with modern beehives, they are saving +125,000 trees

Economic impact

- Generating income for over 2,500 small scale farmers (2021)