



Toposa Beekeeper Peace Village -Kuron

Eat honey, my son, for it is good; honey from the comb is sweet to your taste.” Proverbs 24: 13



Figure 1 Toposa have traditionally produced honey

Honey production has a long history with the Toposa people. They have been cultivating bees and collecting honey as long as any of the elders can remember. What is new is that there is a market now in South Sudan and the sale of honey can be a lucrative business.

Mr. Nakii is from Gumariang village. He has been living in this area his whole life. He has always had cattle. When he was younger, he often went on cattle raids. He was lucky to never

be wounded during these dangerous raids. Now he has decided to stop that and concentrate on agriculture. He has been active in many of the previous programs HTPVK has promoted.

Mr. Nakii Lomor has become interested in the agricultural activities through the constant presence of the Kuron Peace Village Agriculturalist, Mr. Juma Chelimo. When bees were discussed at a past workshop, Mr. Nakii liked the idea. It made sense to his entrepreneurial thinking. “I have always tried to think of ways to get money to support my family. I am especially keen on bee keeping.”



Figure 2 Beekeeper, Mr. Nakii Lomor with his hand made hives

Recently, he came to HTPVK Agricultural Officer, Juma Chelimo, for advice and help on building beehives.

While working on his hives Mr. Nakii said, “I have seen this can make money. Selling honey would really help my family. I could buy food that I don’t grow. I could send my children to school. I want to try this.”

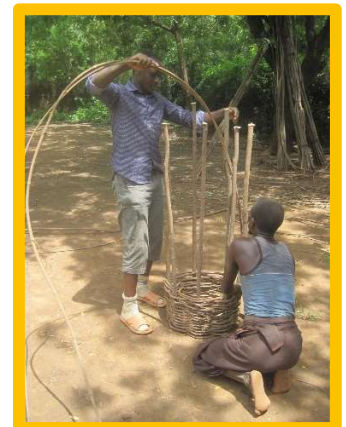


Figure 3 Program Officer, Juma Chelimo, assists Mr. Nakii to make a beehive.

In the Kuron area, there are others also interested in beekeeping. The future impacts will be seen as more and more farmers turn to this form of income generation. HTPVK continues to assist in training, development and workshops on Marketing Local Productions.

(Source: Interview with Mr. Nakii and Mr. Juma Chelimo. Edited by: Gabe Hurrish, Sept.2022)