

KISII RURAL EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT COALITION (KiReeCo)

“Better to take up a challenge rather than to keep talking about it”

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This document is a memorandum of understanding between:

Kisii Rural Education and Empowerment Coalition (KiReeco), a registered non-governmental organization operating in the Kisii region of Kenya, and the Lewis County Beekeepers Association (LCBA) of Centralia, Washington, United States.

The two parties have agreed, in good faith, to work in partnership together for the common purpose of:

1. Training farmers in humane beekeeping and honey production using Langstroth hives.
2. Assisting KiReeCo and St. Theresa's OVC Centre Secondary School set up a hive production program and workshop on the school campus as part of St. Theresa's job skills program.
3. Assisting KiReeCo in designing and producing a commercial extractor with assistance from KiReeCo volunteer technicians.
4. Working together in developing a link between Lewis County beekeepers and Kisii beekeepers to share information, experiences, and data on beekeeping, honey production, livelihood impact, and other areas of concern to both.

In order to achieve this common purpose the *Kisii Rural Education and Empowerment Coalition (KiReeco)* agrees to:

1. Host visiting skilled beekeepers, recommended by the LCBA Board, who are interested in visiting Kisii for the purpose of assisting in training farmers or conducting research on bees, honey production, or other related areas, such as wood- and metalworking to aid in hive or extractor production.
2. Provide information and stories on a regular basis to LCBA members about KiReeCo's work with beekeepers and other related information.

In order to achieve this common purpose the Lewis County Beekeepers Association agrees to:

1. Develop a Board-administered approval process through which LCBA members would propose how they would serve the common purposes identified above.
2. Ensure that LCBA members understand that those approved for service pay their own travel and personal expenses and receive no wages.
3. Report to LCBA on experiences of those members who visit Kisii.

The time frame that the two parties shall work together in the above-described partnership shall be from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014, to be renewed annually, pending approval of both Boards.