

# The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

## Bees Abroad

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### 1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

We are seeking a grant of £3,078 to support a beekeeping training project in Dome, central Ghana. The project aims to promote peace and collaboration between climate refugees from northern Ghana, Burkina Faso, Mali and the indigenous Ashanto of the region, who are also suffering from dry climate. The funding will provide training, equipment and mentorship to a local group of mixed ethnicities, generating sustainable income, increased crop yields and ongoing collaboration between the communities.

### Tell us more about your project and the impact it will have on those it aims to help, and how it will bring about significant change

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#### Background

Dome is in central Ghana, an area that is increasingly dry due to climate change. In addition, it is on one of the main routes from northern Ghana and the Sahel countries into southern Ghana.

In recent years, it has received a large number of climate refugees who have migrated from northern Ghana, Burkina Faso and Mali. They left their home areas due to climate change making traditional farming methods unviable and leading to extreme poverty, seeking a better life further south.

Consequently, Dome is now a multiethnic, multi-religious community with high tension and frequent conflict made worse due to resource scarcity.

Through this project we will be partnering with Ashanti Development, a local NGO focused on improving health and farming methods. Our project will provide beekeeping training to participants who are subsistence farmers growing maize, cassava, tomatoes, paw paws and who represent all ethnicities present in Dome.

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#### About the Project

The project will be delivered over three years, starting with a pilot phase (pilot phase started earlier in 2025) and will include a total of 30 trainees.

The pilot phase included initial beekeeping training and the preparation of a group apiary. Key evaluation criteria include participant attendance both in theory and practical sessions during the apiary set up. Success of the pilot was dependant on attendance, collaboration, engagement and beehive colonisation.

After the pilot phase, the group will be provided with materials for additional hives for each engaged member, further training on honey harvest and creation of value-added products.

Finally, throughout the project, our local trainer will be visiting the group monthly, reporting on both the performance of the apiary and beekeepers, but also on the group cohesion and dynamics.

By the end of the project, we aim to have trained 30 beekeepers of mixed ethnic backgrounds and gender, who will work together to produce up to 150kg of honey per year, generating £700 per year for their community and families. In addition, we aim to have trained the group on producing value-added products, creating additional income streams that utilise beeswax and propolis.

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## The Impact

### Promote Peace & Collaboration

As the project focuses on encouraging group teamwork through the creation of a group apiary and shared equipment, this will also encourage people from multiple ethnic groups and gender to work together. Support and equipment are also provided in phases, given certain milestones are met, further promoting commitment to the success of the group.

### Build Climate Resilience

Beekeeping will help increase crop yields through crop pollination, fighting against the effect of dry climate. Sales of honey and other hive products will provide an alternative source of income which can be used to buy food, further ensuring food security in the event of crop failure.

We aim to build beekeeping into an improved farming system that is also sustainable. Apart from crop pollination, engagement in beekeeping promotes advocacy against pesticides and deforestation, further supporting the natural environment and fighting against climate change.

### **1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?**

B - Peace-building and conflict resolution

D - Peace work connected with climate breakdown

#### **1.3b Peace-building and conflict resolution**

This three-year project is designed so that success depends on collaboration between the communities. It includes classroom and practical training with attendance as an evaluation metric, setting up a group apiary and providing shared protective and harvesting sets. Equipment is also provided in phases, further encouraging commitment towards the group's success over time.

#### **1.3d Peace work connected with climate breakdown**

Climate refugees from northern Ghana, Burkino Faso and Mali have migrated to Dome, which itself suffers from dry climate. As families are subsistence farmers, low crop yields and poverty lead to conflict between the indigenous Ashanto and immigrants. Beekeeping can offer both higher crop yields, and hence food, as well as alternative, sustainable income helping to promote peace amongst all.

### **1.4 Which country is the project based in?**

Ghana (GH)

### **1.5 Will the project continue after initial funding has ended?**

Yes

#### **1.5b Please give details of how you plan to continue after initial funding has ended**

This project is only working with one of the multiple communities in the Ashanti region. Upon the success and learnings of this project, we will seek to continue the project by supporting a new community in the region and replicate the success. Each new group that will be trained will be a designed as a new, tailored project and we will seek funding from other grant giving bodies and individual donors.

### **1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?**

Monthly visits by the local delivery partner will provide regular updates on the progress of the group. Bi-annual monitoring visits by the local Project Manager will provide formal reports. Our UK Partnership Managers will remain in close communication with the local delivery partner. Evaluation criteria will include both quantitative data (e.g. beehive colonisation rates, honey harvested and sold, etc) and qualitative data (e.g. participant testimonials).

## 2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Year 1 - Training & Mentorship	£372	Includes initial training, hive and stand building, apiary preparation, as well as monthly visits for practical mentorship
Year 1 - Equipment	£833	Materials for 15 hives and stands, 15 sets of protective gear, 2 smokers and one honey harvesting kit
Year 1 - Monitoring & Evaluation	£177	Includes baseline survey and bi-annual visits by the local Project Manager
Year 2 - Training & Mentorship	£360	Includes monthly visits for practical mentorship
Year 2 - Equipment	£1,378	Includes materials for 50 beehives and stands, 2 smokers and one honey harvesting kit
Year 2 - Monitoring & Evaluation	£207	Includes bi-annual visits by the local Project Manager
Year 3 - Training & Mentorship	£288	Includes value-add product training and monthly visits for practical mentorship
Year 3 - Materials for Value-add products	£129	e.g. ingredients for beeswax balms
Year 3 - Monitoring & Evaluation	£276	Includes bi-annual visits by the local Project Manager
Year 4 - Final Project Evaluation	£440	Includes local Project Manager visit and evaluation, as well as inclusion of final report in Bees Abroad annual report and donor communication of impact stories
TOTALS	£4,460	

## 2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
Honey sales (per annum)	£700	£0	Target after project completion
Value-added product sales (per annum)	£100	£0	After project completion. Indicative amount, because this is the first time we are implementing this training in a project in Rwanda.
TOTALS	£800	£0	

## 2.3 What is the total amount (in £ sterling) your organisation is requesting from The Edith M Ellis Trust?

£3,078

**2.4 Has your organisation made an application to The Edith M Ellis Trust before?**

Yes

**2.4b Please provide the date of the previous application**

8/8/2021

**2.4c Was this previous application successful?**

Yes

**2.4d How much did you receive?**

£2,500

**2.4e When did you receive the grant?**

2021

**2.5 Please state your organisation's annual turnover (in £ sterling)**

£183,301

**2.6 Do you wish to upload your audited accounts or financial statement?**

Yes

**2.6b Upload File**

<https://theedithmellischaritabletrust.org/assets/uploads/2025/04/Bees-Abroad-accounts-2023-signed.pdf>

**2.7 Please tell us where payment should be made if your application is successful**

Bees Abroad

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**3.1 Your name**

Katerina Prokopiou

**3.2 Your contact telephone number**

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**3.3 Your position within the organisation**

Chief Executive Officer

**3.4 Your email address**

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**3.5 Organisation name**

Bees Abroad

**3.6 Please state the status of your organisation**

UK-Registered Charity

**3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does**

Our mission is to promote locally appropriate beekeeping to enable participants to generate income to enhance their livelihoods, alleviate poverty and improve their quality of life. Our vision is to be recognised as experts in delivering practical, appropriate and sustainable beekeeping projects that enhance the livelihoods of participants, promoting ecologically favourable methods and general awareness of climate concerns.

**3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation**

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The Keepers Symn Lane  
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**3.9 UK telephone number**

07942 815753

**3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)**

1108464

**3.11 Year established**

2005

**3.12 Website (if applicable)**

<http://www.beesabroad.org>

**3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)**

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/bees-abroad/>

<https://www.instagram.com/beesabroad/>

<https://www.facebook.com/beesabroad/>

<https://www.youtube.com/@beesabroad/>

**4.1 How did you hear about The Edith M Ellis Trust?**

Previous application to The Edith M Ellis Trust