AR Beekeeping Project Update Report

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With funding raised in the 2018 Big Give Christmas Challenge we began procurement of 100 hives, tools, beekeeping outfits and other equipment for 5 schools. We then recruited a livelihoods officer, Denis Obua – who is an experienced beekeeper. Denis will train the parent groups for 12 months, ensuring the school hives are successful. After assessing schools the next step was to form groups at 5 Primary Schools: Koch Amar, Lutuk, Anaka Central, Owiyo, and Alero. The total number of members is currently 128, with 85 of these being women.

The community groups all elected their own leadership executives, and then put local bush poles in place for the hives. Denis then supported the groups training them to site beehives, and so all the beehives are now sited. Fences with razor wire were put up around the hives to protect them – the community provided labour, and AR provided the materials.

The next step for the hives is colonization. Denis will be training groups on: apiary management, financial literacy and constructing beehives out of local resources. Savings groups will be established at each school to effectively manage beekeeping income, and give parents access to group managed credit. This allows parents to better support their children’s ongoing education costs, preventing student drop outs if unforeseen costs arise.

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