



Phenny's Beekeeping Project



Background: Phenny Awuor is one of Zest for Life's sponsored students. As a young child she benefitted from our Porridge Programme at Innis Primary and showed both academic promise and an aptitude for hard work at an early age. Her family are subsistence farmers. At KCPE (the end of Primary school) she achieved a score of 368—her 86% score in Maths was the second best in the nation. Phenny then went to Ng'iya Girls School leaving in December 2017 with an A grade at KCSE - one of only 5 girls at this prestigious school to do so. She is currently studying Law at Nairobi University. In her spare time, she is planning a project which will enable her to 'put something back'.

The project: Phenny is setting up a bee keeping enterprise. She plans to generate capital to establish herself as independent and **at the same time** support girls living in a local orphanage by providing them with sanitary towels.

Phenny writes:

"I have realized that such unfortunate girls lack quite a lot of basics and as one who has known what poverty is and that it can make people to lose hope in life if they don't get someone to hold their hand and show them that everything is possible, I have decided to be an example and an inspiration to such unfortunate children. I want to make them believe in themselves and uphold their self esteem so that they may be in a position to stand tall and realize their dreams."

The Plan: Phenny is setting up beehives at her home in upper Nyakach (close to Innis Primary). She already has two hives, and aims to install a total of 30 by the end of 2020. She is being advised and assisted by a local company who specialise in beekeeping. They will also help with harvesting and buy the honey, meaning that the project has a ready market. Phenny has provided us with firm plans and costings that demonstrate how successful the project can be and she has some local well-wishers on board who are helping to set the project up.

Where Zest for Life comes in: Zest for Life is allocating funding for 6 hives from the Women's Enterprise budget and has received funding for 4 more from people who want to support Phenny. We are now looking for more investors to help this inspirational young woman to make a success of her project.

Each beehive costs £40.

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