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# Ethiopia

- Ancient East African country
- Total area of approximately 1.1 million sq km
- Estimated population of 100,000,000
- High proportion of labor force
- Diverse agro-ecology



#### Ethiopia is an 'Api - Country'

- Over 10 million honeybee colonies
- Over 1.8 million apiculturalists
- Over 7,000 species of flowering plants many could serve for bee forage
- Policies in favour of bee health and beekeeping sector development
- Growing number for bee research centers



### Ethiopia is 'Honey Country' 🥍



- Beekeeping practiced thousands of years
- Honey production potential -550,000 MT
- Actual 54,000 MT
- Wax production potential 50,000 MT
- Actual 5,000 MT
- So that, Ethiopia is one of the world's leading wax and honey producers
- Natural honey, organically certified
- National famous drink honey win (Tej)

## Honey Win - 'Tej'







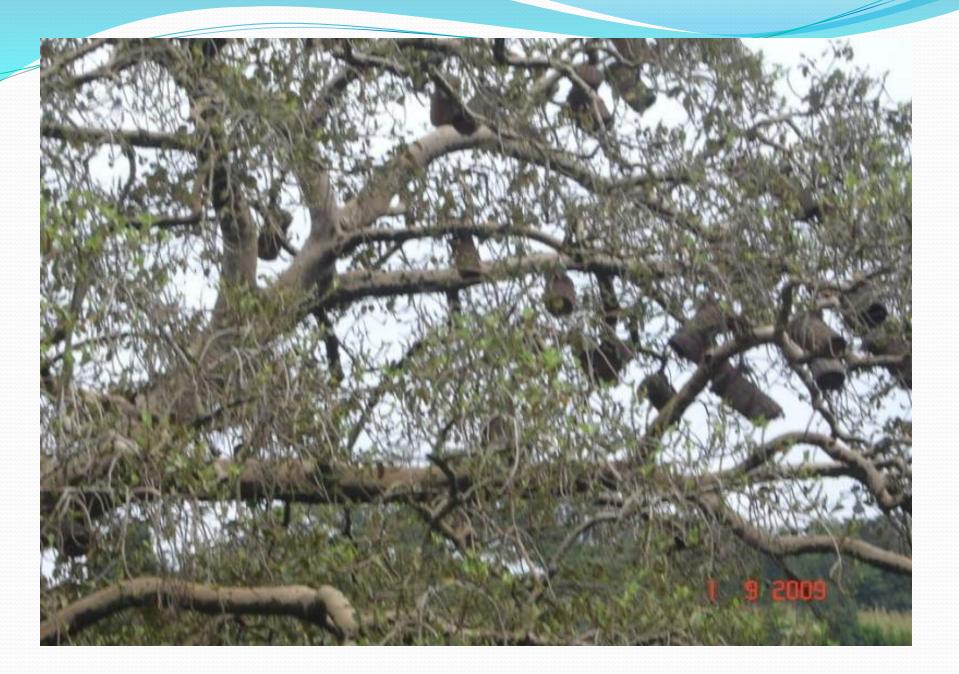
- Traditional management system
- Very low productivity & limited supply
- Quality issues, including adulteration
- Finance lack of access for credit
- Constrained input supply chain & quality issues
- Smallholder level production
- Low awareness on role & potential

#### TRADITIONAL SYSTEMS















#### Develop't Efforts Underway



- Creating favourable policy ground
- Research centers & activities expansion
- Regional, National & Continental MSPs for dialogues and sector advocacy
- Sector associations for support (EAB, ESAS, EHBPEA)
- Sector promotion & marketing for positive actions
- Api-Directory of Ethiopia to facilitate linkages
- Api-News for information and knowledge sharing
- Organization of Api-expos and Conferences



#### Develop't Efforts ..... Ctnd



- ASPIRE project in 4 potential regions
- The project tries to address:
- knowledge & skill gap of 30,000 smallholder bkrs
- Business development service provision problems
- Credit finance shortage/gap in financial institutions
- Gaps in business linkage (producer processor)
- Quality issues for inputs & hive products
- Input production & supply chain problems
- Gaps in international market linkages

#### **Training on Modern Beekeeping**

























# Develop't Efforts .... Cntd

- Fostership program graduate girls
- The program tends to work with universities
- Intended to inject professionalism
- Hopped help to create models for rural women
- Also could help to enhance employment generation
- Result of collaboration b/n GIZ, GBA & BKRs4BKRs
- Studies on characterization of honeys from difft sources
- Strengthening government extension service
- Increased private sector engagement incentives
- Technical assistance for dev't partners' interventions







#### Efforts for Quality Improvement

- → Policies and guidelines in place Proc nr -660/2009- Guideline 372/2016
- → Harmonized national honey & beeswax standards
- → Institutional development for quality control –
- ✓ ESA, FMHACA, CAE (lab),
- → GMP in place HCCP, ISO ... etc
- → Annual RMP for EU mandated office
- Organic certification
- **→** Fair Trade
- → Training of Producers harvesting & post harvest mgt





#### Efforts for Quality .... Ctnd

- Api-Ethiopia expo for experience sharing
- Task Forces to deal with quality issues
- ASPIRE laboratory development for accreditation
- GIZ NQI project proficiency testing
- → AU-IBAR bee health satellite lab for Eastern Africa
- Quality manuals for producers local language
- Sample GMP manual for reference purpose
- Exposure visits (learning visits)
- New proclamation & guideline on marketing process in progress









### **Achievements**



- Awareness on the sector potential & role improved
- EU Third Country Listing maintained
- First ever export to UK (EU) in 2008
- Demanding countries increased Europe, Asia ...
- Export increased from 30 900 MT
- Quality improvement in progress
- Sector issues and opportunities discussed by the MSPs, directives for solutions devised



#### **Achievements ....**



- Capacity of sector actors improving
- Improvement in apiary management
- Quality concept improving
- Private sector engagement increased
- Increased women and youth engagement
- Capacity of laboratories improving
- Concern & engagement of govern't & development partners improved

## 'Chefeka' – transitional beehives

















#### **Issues**



- Productivity
- Credit service
- Quality issues
- Producer's bottom top structure
  - Scattered production
    - infrastructure
      - Mindset





#### **However:**

- Excellent policy and investment support
  - Many private actors
  - Great interest in the sector
  - Engagement of women & youth
- A lot of room for intervention (only 10%)
  - Hence, very optimistic of rapid changes
    - A bright future!











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