

Beekeeping training diversifies livelihood opportunities in Mokhotlong



In September, Mokhotlong and Mapholaneng practicing beekeepers, relocated families, and host community members from Makalong and Lilimala villages participated in a hands-on workshop on apiculture, exploring beekeeping as an alternative source of income.

Apiculture has been identified as one of the Project's demonstration initiatives with strong potential for growth and commercialisation. Although beekeeping remains largely underutilised in the Project area, it offers significant opportunities for income generation. Few farmers currently practice apiculture, and even fewer have the knowledge and skills to fully benefit from the value chain and the wide range of products that can be derived from bees.

The workshop, facilitated by Maccae Beekeeping and Equipment, a leading player in Lesotho's apiculture industry, equipped participants with practical skills and business knowledge. Training covered hive management, inspections, honey extraction, storage, and packaging. Participants also learned how to transform honeycomb wax into value-added products such as body lotion, petroleum jelly, and lip balm. With growing global demand for natural and organic products, these bee-based products represent a promising niche market.

This initiative forms part of the Project's broader commitment to empowering communities through diversified livelihoods and alternative income-generating activities. By reducing dependence on natural resources and promoting sustainable practices, apiculture training supports both economic resilience and environmental stewardship.