



Local Competitiveness Facility in Rwanda

Honey-processing in Gakenke

Grant for private sector in Rwanda

Through the cooperation of Belgium and Rwanda, the LCF grant fund (worth €2.4 million) has been implemented in 4 pilot Districts - Gakenke, Gisagara, Rutsiro and Nyagatare - in Rwanda.

The objective of LCF is to fund innovative economic partnership projects implemented by different companies or cooperatives, which will enhance pro-poor local economic development (LED).

After a thorough selection process for which 497 projects initially applied, 36 projects have been selected for support. The projects are unique and developed by the partnerships, according to their own needs.

During the upcoming year, each project will receive financial support as well as capacity building on business management and marketing in order to secure sustainable growth of their businesses.

Several LCF funded projects in different Districts are linked to the honey value chain. One of them is **IMANZI GIRUBUKI** in Gakenke.



The project brings together three partners: **IMANZI GIRUBUKI**, **TURWUBAKE** both focus on bee-keeping, while the 3rd partner, **INKORAMUTIMA** focuses on bee-keeping as well on honey-processing and production of beeswax products.

The project receives a funding of **RwF 9.000.000**.

This money will be used for buying different machines for improved quality of honey-processing; material for candle production and modern bee hives, which will be increasing the production of honey and beeswax, finally the project funding will as well accommodate for

technical training which aims at improved quality of both the honey and the beeswax products.