

## STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD DIFFUSED BY FAO ON HOW BEES CONTRIBUTE TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

[Celebrating the World Bee Day on May 2023, the FAO website diffused 16 success stories from around the world on how bees and beekeeping contribute to livelihoods and sustainable development.](#)



Today bees, pollinators, and many other insects are declining in abundance. This day, which has been declared in 2018 by the UN General Assembly thanks to the efforts of the Government of Slovenia, provides an opportunity for all of us – whether we work for governments, organizations or civil society or are concerned citizens – to promote actions that will protect and enhance pollinators and their habitats, improve their abundance and diversity, and support the sustainable development of beekeeping.

[Here are the stories told by FAO](#) to encourage many other actors in other countries to implement beekeeping practices that contribute to creating economic development in communities, as well as protecting bees, pollinators and other insects necessary to maintain a sustainable agriculture worldwide:

**Yemen.** [Yemeni Honey: a transcendent legacy. Upgrading productivity and techniques amidst challenging condition](#)



**.Uzbekistan,** [How the sweet sound of buzzing bees changed the tune of one Uzbek woman's life. Modern equipment and training ensure traditional livelihoods can provide for rural households](#)



**Venezuela.** [A lifelong livelihood. 17 years later, FAO's training is still fueling one Venezuelan woman's livelihood and daily life](#)



**Syria.** [Syrians create buzzing agricultural businesses. FAO's Nabta programme is helping entrepreneurs kick start agri-ventures](#)



**Morocco.** [The Moroccan beekeepers' mission to preserve the Saharan Yellow Bee. Changing the fate of an extraordinary bee species for the benefit of all](#)



**Senegal.** [Equal in the eyes of bees. A beekeeping couple in Senegal are working as a team and reaping the rewards of gender equality](#)



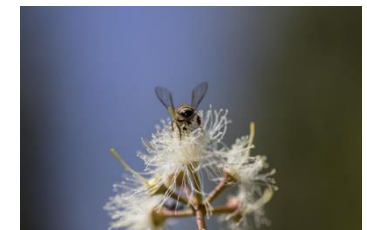
**Gambia.** [No sweeter business. Embracing beekeeping as a livelihood in the Gambia's dryland forests](#)



**Dominica.** ["Busy" bee-ing a Food Hero in Dominica. Living up to his nickname, "Busy" uses his beekeeping business to benefit the community](#)



**Georgia.** [The challenge of BEE-ing in a pandemic. Women are the new face of beekeeping in rural Georgia, helping keep a steady family income during COVID-19.](#)



**Haiti.** [Bonbon honey is creating a buzz in Haiti. Haitian beekeepers are working hard to keep up with demand during the COVID-19 outbreak](#)



**Syria.** [Time to harvest the honey. Syrian returnees find new livelihoods in beekeeping](#)



**Somaliland.** [Money from honey. How a FAO project is revitalizing beekeeping in Somaliland](#)



**Spain.** [Why we need bees for a nutritious future. Disappearing pollinators can mean losing some of the nutritious food we need for a healthy diet](#)



**Mexico.** [The Last Beekeepers of San Antonio Tecómitl, Mexico. To beekeep or not to beekeep, that is the question](#)



[Bee-ing grateful to our pollinators. 6 ways to show our gratitude to bees, butterflies and other vital pollinators](#)



**Mongolia.** [Scientist and entrepreneur, one Mongolian woman transforms bee venom into innovative products. Women's empowerment fuels innovation](#)



**Rwanda and Viet Nam.** [Making honey a priority. FAO's One Country One Priority Product initiative supports beekeepers and honey producers in Rwanda and Viet Nam](#)



By observing the World Bee Day each year, we can raise awareness on the essential role bees and other pollinators play in keeping people and the planet healthy, and on the many challenges they face today.

### To know more

[FAO.org World bee day](#)

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[Save the bees.com](#)

[Save the bees and farmers in Navdanya International.org](#)

[Highlights Stories](#)

[Global Action on Pollination Services for Sustainable Agriculture](#)

[Why bees are essential to people and planet in UNEP.org](#)

[FAO Publications. The importance of bee-ing pollinators](#)

