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SUMMARY

African People & Wildlife (APW) is supported by Dining for Women for our community-driven conservation programs in northern Tanzania. A 2020 amendment to our funding agreement unrestricted the grant to allow for flexible funding. Activities supported include: (1) **Women’s Beekeeping** – a program to empower rural women to harness the financial benefits of wise environmental protection via a wildlife-friendly honey enterprise; (2) **Women in Conservation Internships** – a new program to support aspiring local and indigenous women in their conservation careers by providing opportunities to work with APW on various conservation programs; and (3) **Girl’s Environmental Education** – a program to inspire and grow the next generation of conservation leaders through secondary school scholarships for rural girls.

WOMEN’S BEEKEEPING

Elevating rural women as messengers of environmental protection, equality, and sustainable development is critical to long-term conservation success in the communities with whom we collaborate. Beekeeping activities provide the dual benefit of improving women’s economic status while helping to protect critical habitats for large carnivores, prey species, and livestock.

In 2020, APW continued providing support to 75 women’s groups and disbursed microgrants to an additional 27 groups in seven villages. The women’s groups harvested 337 beehives, producing 4,135 kilograms of crude honey. APW trained 119 people in beekeeping and entrepreneurship this year, with over 94% of training participants being women. Also in 2020, we obtained equipment for processing, packaging, and selling bee products for the new Women’s Enterprise Center in Loibor Siret. The Center will open formally early in 2021.

WOMEN IN CONSERVATION INTERNSHIPS

APW is committed to promoting women and girl’s leadership development more broadly in Tanzania. In 2020, we welcomed our first-ever Women in Conservation interns. They are part of an exciting new program designed to empower Tanzanian women to become professionals and leaders in the field of conservation.

Our first two interns began in October 2020 and will continue their internships until March 2021. Janeth Edward is currently gaining experience as a media and marketing intern and Fatuma Alex is learning the nuance of conservation program operations and camp management. Both interns will continue to receive mentoring and employment advice in 2021 as they pursue their careers in conservation.

GIRL’S ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

In Tanzania, school fees prohibit many talented students – especially girls – from accessing secondary school education. In 2020, APW’s Environmental Education program provided secondary school scholarships to 14 girls in Simanjiro District. All female scholars attend private secondary schools for girls.

In December, the program facilitated testing and interviews at several schools in Simanjiro District and selected three high-achieving girls to receive new secondary school scholarships. The new scholars will begin secondary school in January 2021.



The new Women's Enterprise Center in Loibor Siret, December 2020

