

Dear All,

Welcome to the third issue of our 2026 quarter updates, covering events from July to September. The past three months had WIDU Kenya engage entrepreneurs, partners and stakeholders through a range of activities focused on entrepreneurship development, knowledge exchange, market linkages and access to opportunities. The quarter also marked continued implementation of local calls and preparations for upcoming initiatives supporting refugee and host community enterprises.

We extend our appreciation to our partners for their continued collaboration and for the support extended during the ongoing WIDU Central Project Evaluation, including their participation and engagement in the evaluation process.

Recent updates and programme developments are available at: <https://widu.africa/news>

## HIGHLIGHTS

### WIDU Kenya Project Results

WIDU Kenya Results: Cumulative to Q2 2026

**2.3M EUR**

Cumulative Grants  
Disbursed

**2.1M EUR**

Private  
Co-Investment

**1,573**

Total Projects  
Approved

**3,541**

Jobs Created &  
Sustained

- Grants disbursed 2.3 Euros
- Private investment by diaspora donors and entrepreneurs 2.1 Euros
- Coaching sessions conducted 3,818, with entrepreneurs rating a 97% satisfaction rate
- Approved 1,574 projects, resulting in an average of 3,544 new and sustained jobs per project, with 54% of those opportunities benefiting women.

## WIDU at 3<sup>RD</sup> KEPSA Annual SME Conference



On 23–24 July 2026, WIDU Kenya participated in the 3rd KEPSA Annual MSME Conference held at All Saints Cathedral, themed “Beyond Survival: Building Smart and Resilient Businesses”. The conference brought together actors from the public and private sectors. Fifteen WIDU-supported entrepreneurs participated, with five exhibiting products including animal feed formulations, value-added milk and honey products, edible oils and nutrition-based keto products. This provided a platform for WIDU-supported entrepreneurs to exhibit their products and participate in discussions on MSME development. The WIDU exhibition booth received a visit from Hon. Susan Mang’eni, Principal Secretary (PS) for MSMEs and Cooperatives, alongside other conference participants and stakeholders.

Following the conference, participating entrepreneurs reported connections with suppliers, potential customers, financial institutions and business development support organisations. They identified potential partnerships with organisations including KEPSA, the Sustainable Kenya Directory, Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (MSEA), the Youth Enterprise Development Fund, among others, covering areas such as business visibility, market linkages and supply relationships.

## WIDU Apiculture Community of Practice

| PART II - APICULTURE                                      |                                                                       |
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| Climate Challenges Facing Apiculture-How Edka Is Adapting |                                                                       |
| 1. Changing Rainfall Patterns                             | Unpredictable flowering seasons; reduced nectar & pollen availability |
| 2. Prolonged Dry Periods                                  | Reduced forage, water stress, weakening of bee colonies               |
| 3. Rising Temperatures                                    | Heat stress within hives; changes in bee behaviour                    |
| 4. Extreme Weather                                        | Strong winds & heavy rainfall damaging hives and colonies             |
| 5. Loss of Natural Vegetation                             | Reduced bee-forage resources; declining biodiversity                  |

  

| Diversifying Bee Forage                                                             | Providing Water                                       | Strategic Hive Placement                                           | Reducing Chemical Exposure                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Planting indigenous trees, agroforestry species, coffee, avocado & flowering plants | Accessible clean water helps bees survive dry periods | Positioned for protection from heat, strong winds & heavy rainfall | Responsible pest management to protect pollinators |

Between 26 July and 9 September 2026, WIDU Kenya convened a four-part Community of Practice (CoP) webinar series on Sustainable Apiculture Enterprises, bringing together WIDU-supported entrepreneurs and participants from Kenya’s wider apiculture ecosystem. Steering the sessions were WIDU-supported

entrepreneurs from Migori, Nakuru, Turkana and Uasin Gishu counties. The National Beekeeping Centre, represented by Ezra Gumbe, actively contributed throughout the series. In addition to delivering the opening remarks, Ezra provided technical input during the different sessions, offering a nationally accredited Kenyan perspective on production, processing, quality standards, value addition and market development within the apiculture sector.

Participants engaged in discussions on enterprise development, hive management, climate resilience, product diversification, value addition and market access, with participation extending beyond WIDU-supported entrepreneurs to other actors and individuals interested in the apiculture value chain. The sessions also provided opportunities to share practical experiences from different regions and discuss sector-specific challenges, opportunities and potential linkages. Through the series, WIDU-supported apiculture enterprises were showcased to a wider audience, while connections were established between entrepreneurs and other actors within the sector.

## ProSEET Call Phase II



Building on the implementation of Phase I, WIDU Kenya and the Promoting Employability and Entrepreneurship in Turkana West (ProSEET) Project are implementing Phase II of the ProSEET Local Call. The call forms part of GIZ Kenya's efforts in contributing to financial and economic inclusion for refugee and host communities in Turkana West through combined financial (grants) and technical support (business coaching).

The #ProSEET call targets pre-selected refugee and host community enterprises operating across Lokichoggio and Turkana West sub-counties, including Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement and Lopiding Village Unit. Applications for Phase II are currently ongoing. The current phase aims to support up to 450 businesses, with grants ranging from EUR 250 to EUR 500 per business.

## SISI-RH Local Call Launch



WIDU Kenya, in collaboration with GIZ's Support in the Implementation of the Shirika Plan to Strengthen the Socio-Economic Inclusion of Refugees and Host Communities in Kenya (SISI-RH) programme and the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), is set to commence #SISI-RH Local Call in October 2026. The joint call will target 100 refugee and host community entrepreneurs in Garissa County, including Dadaab Refugee Camp, with support focused on strengthening their businesses and livelihoods.

The call will bring together WIDU's entrepreneurship support model with the local expertise and networks of SISI-RH and DRC to reach entrepreneurs within refugee and host communities. Entrepreneur selection activities are in progress.

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