

# IMPACT

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## COLOMBIA:

# You're helping create sustainable businesses in Colombia



**You're supporting a small but vital community of beekeepers living in a highly biodiverse and protected area of Colombia's Sucre department (region).**

With your help, Cuso volunteer, Sebastian Martinez, is providing technical training and advice to three rural, Afro-Colombian and Indigenous communities. The beekeepers are learning how to improve their profitability and smooth out production issues – making their businesses more sustainable.

They're also gaining scientific insight around

beekeeping as well as ideas on how to control pests, such as the wax moth.

Raul Blanco Basilio is one beekeeper with two daughters who very much appreciates the support he's received.

He says, "Through the revenue I get from selling honey, I can more easily buy what my daughters Marcy and Milagros need... I plan on making more money, so my daughters can study and work anything they want."

**Thank you for helping these local families succeed in the business of beekeeping!**



*You're helping beekeepers make a better living.*



*Giving more opportunities to the next generation!*



## CANADA:

# You're helping Indigenous peoples close to home

**Did you know that your generous gifts help vulnerable populations right here in Canada?**

Launched in 2017, the Canadian Program is committed to helping Indigenous communities in the Northwest Territories address low graduation rates, improve education outcomes, and promote truth and reconciliation with non-Indigenous citizens.

You're right there with Cuso volunteers like Nina Spitzer. As a seasoned health-care professional and child psychotherapist, Nina knows education is vital to the progress of youth. Volunteering with Cuso's Canadian Program for four years, Nina has created a solid foundation of respect and trust with her

## TANZANIA:

# You're growing agribusiness opportunities in Tanzania



**Did you know that 66% of Tanzania's population is under the age of 25?**

While fit and able-bodied, many of these youth lack the income or the capital needed to invest in agriculture and agribusiness, although these offer great opportunities for self-employment and improved livelihoods.

Your generosity is giving these youth the opportunity to start up in agribusiness! With your support, Cuso is working with Sokoine University Graduate Entrepreneurs Cooperative (SUGECO) to help women and youth purchase specially created farm blocks. You're also helping them to secure investment from financial service providers and linking farmers with local manufacturers for purchase of their produce under long term contracts.

So far, 1,000 hectares have been mapped out for women/youth agribusinesses to farm mango and soya beans. There is strong market demand for these crops, which may in turn create new employment opportunities as well as interest from investors. The program will help employ about 5,000-6,400 youth per year.

Jolenta Joseph received support through SUGECO to start a business processing flour and biscuits using orange sweet potato as one of the ingredients. She now employs women and girls through her company,



*Jolenta and her employees thank you!*

plus her company's products help address problems of malnutrition and vitamin A deficiency in the community. This is just one great example of women giving back to make their communities stronger after receiving support through Cuso programs.

**“Thank you for supporting and empowering youth and women to grow their businesses! ”**

**- Jolenta Joseph**



*Creating a fun, safe, space for learning!*

students, their parents, and the communities of Fort Good Hope and Inuvik, Northwest Territories.

“The students I've met are curious about the world, and their curiosity provides me the opportunity to educate and empower them, as together, through books, we explore, learn, rebuild and grow,” says Nina.

Thank you! Because of you, Nina has been able to turn an unused structure into a vibrant, welcoming library. **You've helped create a safe space where students can access academic resources, music, good books, and seating arrangements that accommodate individual learning styles.**

# Your gifts helped vulnerable people around the world

For every caring and supportive donor, 120 people around the world benefited from the skills and knowledge shared by Cuso's programs, thanks to you!



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