

## GROW BIOINTENSIVE AGRICULTURE CENTRE, Kenya (G-BIACK)

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### Effects of Coronavirus COVID 19 on our work at G-BIACK



*Verah Anyango and Collins Chibole working at our Demonstration farm*

The whole world is currently experiencing tough times as the Coronavirus COVID 19 continues to infect people and destroy people's livelihoods and the economies of nations. Many countries are facing partial to total lockdown in order to curb the spread of this dangerous disease. This comes with crumbling of economies and increased poverty rates especially with low income earners who depend on "hand to mouth" employment.

More than 216 persons in Kenya have been diagnosed with the COVID 19 and the numbers of people being infected is rising. This has made the government of Kenya to quickly install rules that must be followed so that the spread is minimised. One of the major rules is to lockdown major counties so that there is no movement of people crossing the borders of those counties. This has enormously affected G-BIACK's work because we cannot visit farmers that are outside the Nairobi and Kiambu counties. In this regard, we have had to become more innovative so that the good agricultural practices may continue being applied by our farmers.

1. We are using WhatsApp application to reach out to our farmers – We have helped farmers to form WhatsApp groups where they can be able to exchange ideas and ask questions.
2. We are also using video calls, where farmers can be able to reach the G-BIACK staff and discuss a problem that is affecting their farms
3. We are using our fully trained lead farmers (Community Resource Persons) who reside in different communities and have become experts. These farmers have been trained by G-BIACK to become resources in their communities.
4. Meanwhile, our staff are working at the G-BIACK centre demonstration farm on projects we haven't had time for in the past in order to make it a centre of excellence.

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Visit our website: [www.g-biack.org](http://www.g-biack.org).

Go to Google maps to see us from above by entering: G-BIACK, Thika, Kenya

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G-BIACK is a registered NGO in Kenya, and donations are tax deductible.

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260 Marion Ave., Mill Valley CA 94941 USA—no overhead will be deducted, meaning that 100% of every donation will be sent to G-BIACK for our programmes.

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