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**To all our friends from the G-BIACK staff, best wishes for the
accomplishment of your goals for the New Year 2017**

Below are some highlights of G-BIACK's 2016 programmes that will continue in 2017 :

- A total of 2,665 persons were trained
- G-BIACK became a fully fledged NGO in Jan. 2016 because as a CBO we were not allowed to respond to the many requests for training from other counties.
- We are piloting a programme called Satellites Centres Program (SCP): outstanding farmers from different counties of Kenya are trained to become models to other farmers. They must be willing to take responsibility for training farmers within their counties using their own farms as training centres. Some will start CBOs and others simply volunteer to teach others. So far, 38 farmers from 28 counties out of 47 counties have been trained.
- We had 13 interns from different Kenyan universities, 1 from Elon Univ. USA and 1 from France
- 6 NGOs sent staff and board members to learn what G-BIACK is doing:
 1. 12 staff and board members of ARDAP – Busia
 2. 16 staff and board members of OACK – Muranga
 3. 9 staff and board members of SMART Initiative – West Pokot
 4. 11 staff and farmer-leaders of Kimaeti Farmers Community Based Organization- Bungoma
 5. 12 staff and farmer-leaders of Miriu Integrated Project – Homabay
 6. 4 staff members from Isacco Farmers – Bungoma
- G-BIACK is currently working with 6 schools in a school feeding programme called Biointensive for schools BAS program.
- Over 30 students were taught how to use computers. 12 out of these who could afford the fees sat for the Computer Society of Kenya CSK exams and passed.
- G-BIACK has a series of programmes that empower women who come from around the area. The programmes run for 5 days per week. 78 women participated in 2016
- G-BIACK acquired funds to build an additional, separate dormitory for up to 40 girls in the GEP programme.
- When the dormitory was completed we initiated The Girls Empowerment Program (GEP), a 12-month live-in programme for young women who have dropped out of school, for the purposes of empowering them in many areas of their lives including agriculture, health, income generation skills, and life skills.
- Some G-BIACK farmer groups were able to start cooperatives where they are selling their organic produce as a group which helps them to negotiate for better prices for their farm produce

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