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**THE GIRL'S EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM SECOND INTAKE 2017**



**GIRLS PARTICIPATING IN THE GEP PROGRAM**

There are thousands of young women in the villages who are languishing in poverty due to lack of education and skills. For many girls in Kenya, hope for the future ends after the completion of their primary educations. They have no money to continue to universities and many cannot join universities because they attained low grades. In addition, a high percentage of girls drop out of school due to unplanned pregnancies. Most of these impoverished girls are demoralized and feel that their world has come to an end and so they find themselves in immorality which results in more unplanned pregnancies.

In August last year we initiated the Girls' Empowerment Programme (GEP) which takes in young women from all over the country who are able to read and write and want to gain life skills that will empower their lives. We now have 30 girls and 3 boys living at G-BIACK. They are from Mombasa, Malindi, Kwale, Kisumu, Kitale, Nyeri, Muranga, Machakos and Kiambu. They will live at G-BIACK for one year while they learn. G-BIACK will provide them with skills that will change and empower their lives and above all discover their potential as young people.

The main skills they will gain are GROW BIOINTENSIVE farming, textiles and tailoring, baking and cookery, and computer literacy. The 1<sup>st</sup> GEP intake (11 girls and 2 boys) will graduate in August 2017 while the 2<sup>nd</sup> intake (19 girls and 1 boy) will graduate in December 2017. Donations are welcome to support the GEP Programme.

Visit our web site: [www.g-black.org](http://www.g-black.org). Go to Google maps to see us from above by entering: G-BIACK, Thika, Kenya

Donations of any amount help us to reach out to vulnerable families; contributions may be made through Network for Good on our web site. G-BIACK is a registered NGO in Kenya, and donations made directly to G-BIACK are tax deductible. But to enable G-BIACK to receive the full amount, checks payable to Killili Self Help Project may be written and sent to 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. Donations are tax deductible.

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