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OUR SEED SOVEREIGNTY PROGRAMME





Mixed varieties of our indigenous maize seeds and the G-BIACK seed learning centre

The GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture Centre of Kenya has been promoting the culture of seed saving for the last 15 years, teaching farmers on the importance of growing and preserving the seed as a sovereign right in a programme known as the seed sovereignty programme. Embracing our seed is a heritage that every farmer should nurture as we connect with our land and for resilience due to changing climate.

Since we started this work in 2008, we have managed to collect almost one thousand endangered seed varieties which we call the lost seeds of Africa and we are in the constant process of multiplying them and then taking them back to the farmers for further multiplication. We are also carrying out simple farmer led research to determine the type of seeds that will do well and can best be adopted by the farmers.

Further, we are in the process of helping farmers to construct community seed banks where they will be saving their seeds after harvesting. This will enable them to become seed secure because the banks will act as custodians of the seed so that it will always be available during planting seasons.

G- BIACK has a central seed learning centre at the G-BIACK campus which serves an oasis of all indigenous seeds that are required by the farmers. Our strategic Objective in this programme is to have active exchange of diversity of indigenous seeds as part of the movement towards seeds sovereignty in all the communities G-BIACK works with and eventually in the whole country of Kenya and beyond our borders.

Visit our website: www.g-biack.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.

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

Contributions may be made directly to G-BIACK or through Network for Good on our web site.

Or checks payable to Kilili 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.