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HALF YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PLANNING FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS



Farmers from Upper Eastern Kenya (Isiolo)



Farmers from Western Kenya (Busia)

The year 2023 is running so fast. It has been a very busy time for us both at the G-BIACK campus and in the communities where we work with small holder farmers. Our main goal is to help small holder farmers grow *clean, healthy and sufficient* organically grown food within their small farms. We wish to report that we have accomplished a lot during the 6 months period and as we move on towards the end of the year we have plans for a lot more.

Here are some of the accomplishments so far:

We have reached over 2000 new small holder farmers in the counties nearby where we do most of our work with farmers, Muranga, Kiambu, Nyeri, Machakos and Kajiado; and two others, Isololo and Busia.

- We have built the capacities of 517 field staffs and farmer leaders from 10 different organizations
- We have trained 5 people from 5 African countries, namely Zimbabwe, Ivory Coast, Uganda, Tanzania and Malawi
- We have assisted 2 communities to establish a seed bank each
- 3 new tree seedling nurseries have been established in 3 communities
- We have been able to collect over 500 varieties of indigenous seeds that are facing extinction and we are now multiplying them at our centre so that we can give them back to the farmers for further multiplication
- We are currently empowering 40 young women in our Girls Empowerment Programme GEP

In January we set a target for 2023 to educate over 3,000 new farmers and help them to establish Agroecological farms based on the GROW BIOINTENSIVE food raising techniques and this will continue in the seasons to come. As well as assisting farmers to implement what they have learnt so far, we anticipate to reach and surpass our goal by the end of the year.

Visit our website: <u>www.G-BIACK.org</u>. 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.

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