THE GRANDMOTHERS AND THE ELDERLY PROJECT

The GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture Centre of Kenya (G-BIACK) is implementing a project dubbed the Grand Mothers and the Elderly Project. It focuses on empowering the Grannies to take care of their orphaned grandchildren who have been left behind by their parents mostly due to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. We help the grandmothers to establish sustainable, nutritional kitchen gardens, help them purchase school uniforms for the orphans so they can attend school, and provide sewing skills to the children who have already finished school, and other basic life skills.

The HIV/AIDS epidemic in Kenya continues to be a major national challenge. It is estimated that over 1.6 million people have died due to AIDS related illnesses, resulting in over 1.8 million children left orphans. After the deaths of the parents, the majority of these children are left with their grandmothers, but HIV/AIDs has exhausted whatever resources they may once have had, leaving the family very poor. The grandparents are very old to teach them life skills and the emotional and developmental impact on the children is great.

A survey carried out by G-BIACK in 2015 demonstrated a drastic need for interventions to reach out to these families and give them support and empowerment. The data also indicates that adult caregivers, both parents and guardians, have needs of their own that must be addressed in order to improve and prolong their capacity to care for these children.

Let us partner in this project.