

TAKING AGROECOLOGICAL AGRICULTURE TO THE ARID AND SEMI-ARID REGIONS OF KENYA



Maasai farmers from Isiolo Kenya visiting G-BIACK centre and G-BIACK farmers

G-BIACK has had an opportunity of reaching out to small holder farmers from different regions and especially Arid and Semi-arid regions who are striving to improve their food yields to balance nutrition, improve their soil, enhance healthy ecosystems, strengthen fair markets for their produce, and build on ancestral ecological knowledge and customs.

The most recent community to be trained by G-BIACK are the Maasai tribe from Isiolo County. Isiolo is located in the central area of Kenya, and lies 285 kilometres north of the capital Nairobi. Approximately 83 percent of the total area of Isiolo is classified as arid and semi-arid land (ASAL) with most agricultural and pastoralist activities depending on rain in order to be sustainable. This makes the county vulnerable to extreme droughts. Climate change has taken its toll in Isiolo County, leading to erratic rainfall patterns and extended, life-threatening droughts. Erratic rainfall has led to significant reductions in crop and livestock production. This has led to a ripple effect creating conflict between nomadic pastoralist and farmer communities, which compete with each other for already limited resources. Against this backdrop, poverty rates, insecurity and poor infrastructure have increased in many regions within the county.

The only way to reverse this scenario is by practicing ecological sustainable methods that are implementable, adaptable, and affordable to all classes of farmers. We are bringing these vulnerable groups to our centre so that they can see all these practices and their results. They also visit our farmers in semi-arid regions in order to learn from them.

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Donations of any amount help us to reach out to vulnerable families.

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