OUR SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMME - ONE GOAT PER FAMILY PROGRAM

Ann Wanza (left) and Mary Njuguna (Gabriel Njuguna’s) daughter

In the year 2009 the GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture Centre of Kenya initiated “The one goat per family programme” within Gatuanyaga community through our very first international intern, Miss. Chelsea Britt Gay from the U.S. The project goal was to increase economic sustainability of the community members through rearing of small livestock instead of cows because of lack of sufficient feeds for large livestock due to ownership of very small land plots.

The project started with five goats given to the members of a group of men and women. When the goats gave birth, the kindling would be distributed among the members. It didn’t take long before all members had goats to raise. Mukawa Help aged group was one of the original beneficiaries of the project and nine years later they are still enjoying the fruits of the program. 90% of the group members are aged between 70 – 90 years old and all 32 group members own goats as a result of the project. The elderly women have started recruiting their children into the group. Goat rearing doesn’t require much labor and they find it easy and enjoyable to do.

Ann Wanza and Gabriel Njuguna have earned income from milking their goats and even selling some when they need additional income. “Goat milk is more nutritious than cow’s milk. Goats are easy to rear because I feed them with residues from my farm. I plough back the manure from the goats in the farm thus crops and livestock integration. I do not import any feeds from outside my farm,” says Ann. “There is joy in my family since I started working with G-BIACK,” says Gabriel Njuguna, “They have helped me grow sufficient food and to rear goats. We never lack food in our house. Our prayer as a community is that G-BIACK will reach many more communities in Kenya.”