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**COMMUNITY RESOURCE PERSONS – AN EFFECTIVE APPROACH FOR
DISSEMINATING KNOWLEDGE**



A group of CRPs after training and a CRP (Ruth Njeri), showing her farm

The GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture Centre of Kenya (G-BIACK) has been using the Community Resource Persons (CRPs) approach to reach and train new farmers in ecological agriculture methods and other community development options and solutions. CRPs are farmers who are chosen by their fellow farmers during the initial G-BIACK community agricultural training to take over the organizing, teaching, and problem solving from G-BIACK after we phase out of the community. After G-BIACK's initial community training, these selected farmers are given additional in-depth training by G-BIACK where they are prepared to become resources for their communities the rest of their lives. They are prepared to help their fellow farmers solve their agricultural challenges without further assistance from G-BIACK unless there is a technical problem requiring an agricultural expert.

The CRPs are selected based on their practical farming experience and willingness to use their farms as demo farms and allow other farmers to visit their farms. In addition, CRPs must be ready to visit other farmers in their farms to teach and provide agricultural technical service without any payment.

So far, G-BIACK has trained and empowered 52 CRPs from 10 different communities, ranging from 2 to 6 CRPs in a community. The CRPs have become very instrumental in mobilizing trainings and teaching new farmers with little or no assistance from G-BIACK. We will continue to train more CRPs in all the communities that we work with, both for sustainability of our programme, and to indirectly expand our outreach.

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