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EMPOWERING THE YOUTHS TO CHOOSE FARMING FOR THEIR LIVELIHOOD



The price of food has sky rocketed over the past decade in Kenya. This has been brought about by escalating prices of agricultural inputs, especially fertilizers and seeds. Access to affordable and healthy food is increasingly becoming a cost nightmare to both producers and consumers.

Over 80% of city dwellers in Kenya are between 25 and 45 years of age. These are the strong youths who we need on the farms growing food. One of the main reasons why this age group is moving to the cities is because farming is so costly that it is too difficult to earn a livelihood.

G-BIACK is campaigning hard to bring the youths back to the farms and training them on practices that are profitable, culturally acceptable, environmentally sound, organic and healthy. By replacing expensive chemical fertilizers with organic compost and learning to use methods for increasing the yields such as double-digging, intensive planting, companion planting and other techniques, they are spending little on production while producing bigger yields and healthier food. These factors add up to make farming profitable and therefore a viable choice for the youths. We are teaching young people to become good farmers and role models who can help to keep the youths on the farms and to pull the youths in the cities back to the farms.

This is an effort that requires collaboration between stake holders, partners, and well-wishers. Let us all work together to save our food production systems by engaging the youths.

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