## **GROW BIOINTENSIVE AGRICULTURE CENTRE, Kenya (G-BIACK)**

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## Farmers are hungry for a better way of farming





Farmers gathered to be trained in sustainable organic food growing methods

When COVID-19 struck in Kenya on March 12, 2020, Kenyan farmers were already facing significant challenges including rising production costs, climate change impacts and low prices for their produce. To the majority of farmers it did not matter that they were not producing organic food. Consumers also didn't care what kind of food they were consuming as long there was food on the table. But this mind set changed since the pandemic began and now things are totally different. The corona virus pandemic has led to surging demand for sustainable organic food production and organic foods.

At G-BIACK, we are experiencing a massive demand for organic sustainable food production training by farmers and farmer groups in locations around the country. Many farmers want to change from their "normal" way of farming to environmentally healthy farming systems and soil restoration.

The coronavirus pandemic is causing massive rethinking due to rising concerns about what we eat, where we get our food from, and how the food is produced, stored, and prepared. There is a growing awareness regarding the health benefits of a natural and balanced diet and it is boosting the demand for organic, sustainable foods. The Grow Biointensive (GB) method that we teach has become very popular. In a very short period of time we have been able to train hundreds of farmers and more farmers and groups are contacting us regularly. Since the opening of the G-BIACK centre in 2008 we have dreamed that there would come a time when recruitment of farmers for training would be driven by demand, and farmers from far and wide would hear about us and come to G-BIACK to learn.

Visit our website: <a href="www.g-biack.org">www.g-biack.org</a>.

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

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