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### G-BIACK HAS A NEW SEED BANK



#### *The new seed bank at the G-BIACK centre in Thika Kenya*

Seed saving is seed security. Seed banks store seeds as a source for planting in case of unforeseen emergency to use for replanting in case certain crops die out or are destroyed or there is scarcity. The seeds stored may be food crops, or those of rare species to protect biodiversity. In the case of food crops, many useful, reliable indigenous plants that were developed over centuries are now fading away due to “modernized” seed technologies. The indigenous seeds are now becoming extinct or rare.

Seed banks are a type of gene bank. When stored correctly, seeds can remain viable for decades or even centuries. This is the reason why G-BIACK has taken the initiative of having a seed bank to store indigenous seeds from traditional local farming as well as other parts of the country.

Through generous funding from two of our partners, G-BIACK has constructed a seed bank that will store different varieties of indigenous open pollinated seeds. We have taken an initiative of going round the country collecting endangered seed species. These seeds will be bulked and later taken back to the farmers for further multiplication. G-BIACK has started a massive campaign of teaching farmers on indigenous seed saving in order to counter the unaffordable hybrid or GMO modernized seeds. We must save our seeds because they are our heritage, and they are one key to a sustainable food system in Kenya.

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Please visit us! We are located 10km east of Thika town along the Thika – Garissa Rd (highway A3)  
Or visit our web site: [www.g-black.org](http://www.g-black.org)

*Donations of any amount help us to reach out to more vulnerable families. Checks payable to Kilili Self Help Project and designated for G-BIACK may be mailed to 260 Marion Avenue, Mill Valley CA 94941 USA. Donations are tax deductible and 100% of the donated amount will be sent to G-BIACK for our programmes.*

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