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A GROW BIOINTENSIVE SUCCESS STORY – THE YOUTH AND AGRICULTURE



After training, the youths implement food production projects

The GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture Centre of Kenya G-BIACK realized the importance of engaging the youths in agricultural activities after carrying out a survey in the region to find out why there were so many young people roaming around the cities and towns, why crime rate was escalating and why HIV/AIDs was so rampant among the youths. The survey revealed that there were thousands of unemployed youths who either dropped out of school have finished school but are not employed. The largest number of unemployed youth is between 18 and 25 years. This number continues to grow as more youths come out of schools.

G-BIACK started reaching out to young people to introduce them to sustainable agriculture before they drop out and lose hope.

We targeted organized youth groups, primary school children, high school children and scout groups. A total of 769 youths have been trained in a project that seeks to reduce poverty and show the youths a viable way to employ themselves. 56% of the youths trained have started agricultural enterprises either in their farms or in their parent's farms and have provided employment to themselves and even to other people. The produce is sold in the local markets and to hotels.

This programme was a big success for the year 2012. G-BIACK intends to step up agricultural programmes with the youth in the coming seasons as a way to bring back hope among the youths in our country.

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

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