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Girls creating their own employment



Elizabeth Mwikali in her small textile shop

Youth in Kenya face high rates of unemployment and under employment. The magnitude of the problem has become a huge challenge throughout the entire country. Statistics show that 38% of the youth are neither in school nor employed. This is a big problem, and even bigger problems lie ahead if nothing is done to tackle unemployment among the youths now. The youths of Kenya comprise more than 30% of the working-age population and therefore they have the potential to accelerate the nation's productivity and growth, but if they are left idle, they can represent a risk to social stability and in the longer term become a liability to the development of the nation's economy.

Ensuring that youths are successfully integrated into the economy will improve Kenya's competitiveness, raise household incomes, reduce poverty, and support a cycle of investment and growth. The GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture Centre of Kenya has been assisting the youths, and especially girls, to create their own employment by offering them training in lifelong skills that enable them to employ themselves and even possibly employ other youths. G-BIACK is assisting hundreds of youths to create employment by offering hands on skills development in agriculture, tailoring and dressmaking, and bead work.

We are proud of Elizabeth Mwikali (above), a girl aged 18 years old who is a happy, motivated person after she graduated from the G-BIACK school of fashion and design in December 2013 and started her own textile shop where she makes clothes for her customers. Elizabeth is the second born in a family of five and her mum cannot manage to take care of all the needs of the family. Elizabeth will now be able to assist her siblings and help to keep them in school. She will be able to provide supplemental food for them and supply them with other basic needs. By helping her siblings to stay in school, Elizabeth will ensure that her siblings can grow up to be literate, self-reliant members of the society. Elizabeth and her skills are supporting the goals of her whole family.

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Donations of any amount help us to reach out to vulnerable families. Donations may be made through Network for Good on our web site. But to enable G-BIACK to receive the full amount, checks payable to Kilili Self Help Project may be written and sent to 260 Marion Ave., Mill Valley CA 94941 USA. All donations are tax deductible and no overhead will be deducted, meaning that 100% of donations will be sent to G-BIACK for our programmes.

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