INTER COMMUNITIES FARMER TO FARMER EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

The farmer to farmer exchange program is one of the approaches used by G-BIACK as the means towards scaling up of the organizations interventions. Farmer groups and communities working with G-BIACK are encouraged to visit each other in order to learn and to share different farming ideas from each other. According to our long term experience, farmers learn better when they learn from other farmers and this is the reason why we facilitate and encourage farmer to farmer visits and exchange programmes.

The GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture Centre of Kenya is currently working with 12 communities spread all over central province and other parts of the country, with a total of more than 9,000 farmers. The organization facilitates either inter or intra-communities farmer to farmer visits twice per year, during the first growing season and during the second growing season.

During this year’s first growing season, several farmer visits were organized. Farmer groups visited some of the best farmers who have implemented and adopted good agricultural practices and especially organic GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture systems.

Margaret Wanjiru is a widow from Mangu community and for the last 4 years since she started working with G-BIACK, she has never applied any chemical in her farm and she has fully adopted the GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture techniques. Margaret’s husband passed on 6 years ago and was left with 3 children, 2 boys and 1 girl all of whom are in school. Margaret has 2 acres of land and 100% of her income comes from her farm.