BRINGING MEN BACK TO THE FARM

An all men training in GROW BIOINTENSIVE farming at G-BIACK Centre

Culturally, land in Kenya belongs to men. They are the custodians of title deeds, the document that ensures ownership of land. However, it is women who are left to work on the farms. The food for rural families is very dependent on the work of the women. Although men are the “landlords” many of them don’t know how to farm and they are almost never at home because they are in the cities or at shopping centres seeking or doing some other kind of work. However, off-farm income generating opportunities have diminished and it is a time when families need the men to join their wives on the farms to carry out the meaningful jobs of food production and family upbringing.

G-BIACK’s new programme, The GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture Centre of Kenya Campaign and Advocacy Programme, is working towards bringing men back home by offering trainings in GROW BIOINTENSIVE farming for groups consisting of men only. We are reaching out to the churches and communities, encouraging men to start practicing agricultural in partnership with their wives. So far, in July and August, G-BIACK has trained 200 men in five men-only groups. The men are forming community groups where they are working together to support one another as they strive to become resourceful at home and in their respective communities.

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