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**COLLEGE STUDENTS EMBRACE THE GROW BIOINTENSIVE FARMING**



**4 undergraduate students on a three months field attachment from Kenyatta University**

Once students go to study in the universities that are situated in cities that are far away from their homes, they tend to quickly forget and detach themselves from indigenous agricultural practices done by their parents. This is further fueled by an increase in education systems that are off-farm oriented and whose only target is the white -collar jobs. Diminishing expertise in the local food production leading to food insecurity are among the many challenges that the agriculture sector is experiencing.

G-BIACK has therefore introduced internship opportunities to students from learning institutions so that they can practice class-work outside the class rooms. Currently G-BIACK has four interns from the Kenyatta University, (Bonface Ababu, Mercy Nyaboke, Philomena Wambui and Latara Nyambeya), all third year students pursuing BSC in Crop Improvement and protection.

G-BIACK trains the students on the GROW BIOINTENSIVE agriculture practices. The students then required to share their knowledge and skills with the community members, identify challenges facing food production, involve community members in finding solutions and enlighten the locals on the biologically intensive farming and crop management practices that they have already acquired. The local farmer groups are highly valuing and appreciating such initiatives since they have remarkable positive impact to both individual farmers and the communities at large.

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