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The youths in the rural areas making a living out of Sustainable Agriculture

RURAL YOUTH AND AGRICULTURE

How youth groups are creating employment for themselves

Youths in Kenya total about 9.1 million and account for about 32% of the population. However, due to high levels of unemployment and lack of vocational skills, most of them have not been absorbed into the job market. An estimated 64% of unemployed Kenyans are young people and this is a significant problem. Kenya's economy is currently dependent on agriculture, but youth are moving to urban areas in large numbers in search of city jobs.

The GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture Centre of Kenya, through its **Youth against Poverty Programme (YAPPS)**, strives to reach out to thousands of youths in the rural areas and empower them to initiate agricultural projects, establish tree seedlings nursery projects, and learn other hands on skills and activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). These initiatives will eventually create employment among them and will reduce the outflow of the youths to the urban areas in search of jobs.

When the young people fail to find employment in the cities, they fall into crime as well as immorality and that is why the rates of crime and HIV/AIDS are sky rocketing in the urban areas of Kenya. Please join us as we work to attract youth to agriculture and reverse this scenario by donating to the YAPPs programme.

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

Donations of any amount help us to reach out to more vulnerable families. Checks payable to Kili Self Help Project and designated for G-BIACK may be mailed to 260 Marion Avenue, Mill Valley CA 94941 USA. Donations are tax deductible and 100% of the donated amount will be sent to G-BIACK for our programmes.

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