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Maria Magdalene Special School for mentally handicapped children

In collaboration with G-BIACK, Maria Magdalene Special School for Mentally Handicapped is adding activities in agriculture as part of their training. This school has about 120 children aged between 3 – 27 years all with mentally handicapped conditions. The majority of these children come from very poor families drawn from all over the country.

95% of the children come from farming communities. The school has incorporated GROW BIOINTENSIVE agriculture in their training programme that aims to enable the children to fit into the society and live productive lives. The children are taken through the GB basic practical techniques. All the eight principles of GROW BIOINTENSIVE have been trained and now the programme is in its implementation stage. Currently, the school has established a kitchen garden with 40 beds and 5 compost piles. As well they are in the process of expanding the garden project and their target is establish 120 planting beds so that each kid in the school would manage 1 bed each.

According to Mr. Josephat Avanga, who is the teacher in charge of agriculture, the children have sold vegetables worth USD 203 = Ksh 16, 000 from 40 planting beds of 1.5 meters X 6 meters. They have also supplied all the vegetables (e.g. onions, tomatoes, kales, spinach and others) to their kitchen. The students are now eating fresh organic vegetables that they have produced themselves.

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