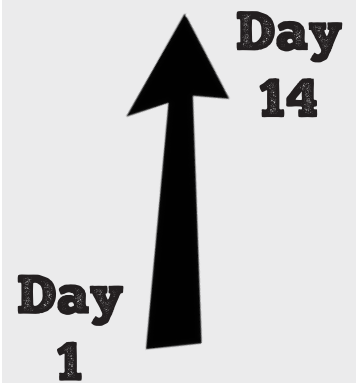


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These photos capture a powerful moment of community members coming together to learn, build, and take charge of their own food security. From preparing the soil to planting the final seedlings, everyone played a role. The process wasn't just about creating a tiered kitchen garden — it was about sharing knowledge, strengthening teamwork, and passing on practical skills that families can use at home. Moments like these show how hands-on learning can inspire confidence, build unity, and help communities grow healthier, resilient futures.

A Day of Liberation For our Local Indigenous Seeds!



Kenya has restored farmers' seed freedom after the High Court struck down punitive laws that criminalised the saving and sharing of indigenous seeds, marking a major victory for food sovereignty, biodiversity and the rights of smallholder farmers.

From the Communication Desk.

Kenya has taken a historic step toward protecting farmers' rights and strengthening food sovereignty. In a groundbreaking judgment delivered on 27 November 2025, the High Court struck down sections of the Seed and Plant Varieties Act that criminalised the saving, sharing and exchanging of indigenous seeds. The ruling clears long-standing legal barriers that had threatened smallholder farmers with fines and jail time

for practicing traditions passed down through generations. For years, farmers lived under laws that treated their own seeds as illegal unless registered through commercial channels. This placed control of Kenya's food system firmly in the hands of multinational seed companies. The court has now declared these provisions unconstitutional, restoring the right of farmers to keep, process and exchange seeds without fear of punishment. In her ruling, Justice Rhoda Rutto invalidated sections of the Act that gave seed inspectors sweeping powers to raid seed banks, restricted farmers from

processing or selling their own seeds, and granted extensive rights to plant breeders while neglecting farmers' rights. The court found these provisions incompatible with constitutional protections and disproportionately aligned with commercial interests. Civil society partners are now urging the Ministry of Agriculture to review its policies and formally recognise Farmer-Managed Seed Systems. This would ensure that the spirit of the ruling is reflected in national agricultural practice, strengthening Kenya's path toward food sovereignty, climate resilience and cultural preservation.



Featured: Collins Chibole with Donyo Organic Farmers Community group.

Through the lens

Student of the Week



JABEER OMOLLO

Quote of the week

A good workplace is built not by walls, but by people, where respect fuels teamwork and trust turns colleagues into a family.

Verse of the Week

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

Seed Fair Mashinani



Being part of this Seed Fair Mashinani reminded us that community-led seed preservation is more than a tradition. It holds culture together, protects food security and gives families seeds they can trust, season after season. When farmers come together to exchange knowledge and support one another, you can feel the strength of a community that knows its future depends on the choices it makes today. Moments like this show how powerful it is when people take ownership of their food heritage and choose to protect it.



On Monday, 24th November 2025 we spent the day with farmers at the Oldonyo Sabuk Community during a vibrant Seed Fair Mashinani. The gathering brought together growers, elders and young people to share indigenous seeds, exchange stories and talk honestly about the challenges they face in keeping these varieties alive. What stood out most was the deep pride in local seed heritage and the commitment to pass it on. Community-led seed preservation isn't just about farming; it protects culture, strengthens resilience and ensures that future generations can rely on seeds that are adapted to their soils, seasons and traditions.