



ORGANIC AGRICULTURE TRAINING CENTRE

Project Overview



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This proposal seeks funding to establish a comprehensive Organic Agricultural Training Program targeting youth, women, and at-risk populations at Limuru, Kiambu County - Kenya. The program will provide hands-on training, entrepreneurship skills, and sustainable farming practices to improve food security, create employment opportunities, and strengthen community resilience.

Over three years, the project will train ~2500 beneficiaries, establish demonstration farm, and incubate small agribusinesses led by graduates. By integrating technical agricultural training with business development and psychosocial support, this initiative aligns with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2, 4, 5, 8, and 13.

VISION

Real empowerment is not just providing a job but rather providing people with skills and knowledge so they can facilitate the most basic human need which is to feed themselves. It derives from the proverb, "Give a man a fish and he will eat today; teach him to fish and he will eat forever!" If we are really interested in solving problems in Africa then it is only proper that we deal with the issue of hunger of the people and giving back to the environment. Health of the people and the planet



THE COMPANY

ABI Organic Agriculture Ltd. was established in 2014 and is based in Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa. Our mission is to provide the most efficient organic agriculture systems to empower those desiring to work in the organic food industry. We provide the best quality hardware available in the region and certified organic inputs (fertilizers, pest, and disease control, soil regenerators, and bio-stimulants). We also train and offer extensive technical support to ensure that our farmers are successful. We are dedicated to providing regenerative, sustainable farming systems while utilizing modern technology for both the small-scale and large-scale farmers like no other in Kenya.

THE PARTNERSHIPS

We at ABI Organics want to go far so we have partnered with Paradise Natural Living Society, RID-ALL Green Partnerships, Phytomedia Ltd., African Restoration Development Agency (ARDA), Kenyan Organic Agriculture Network (KOAN), Calabash Tea and Tonic and Truth Fire Studios to provide regenerative, sustainable knowledge of organic farming, while utilizing modern technology.



Mission

We love the Land, and the Land loves us!

Embodied within the lasting principles of “Love the Land, and the land will love you in return” is the understanding of that mutually beneficial relationship between the soil, plants, and man. We are committed to first, bringing this awareness to each farmer highlighting the benefits of using a regenerative, bio-organic approach to agriculture. The farmer can be assured that he/she will reap the benefits of increased soil fertility, better health, and a system that will increase returns over time.

We are passionate about preserving the environment by improving soil fertility and eliminating dangerous toxic chemicals from the soil. We are passionate about providing and ensuring that our water systems are un-polluted and remain safe for flora and fauna to flourish. We are passionate about ensuring that plants, vegetables, and fruits contain all necessary nutrients, and are of superior quality for the optimal health of the individual, family, and nation.

We are passionate about assisting each farmer to become economically independent by truly investing in his/her natural resource – THE SOIL, and improving its value over time, thus increasing returns. THAT, is the true investment!



Goals & Objectives

Throughout Africa and so many so-called “third-world” countries problems of the people are familiar:

- **Youth Unemployment:** High rates of joblessness and underemployment among youth in Kenya.
- **Women’s Vulnerability:** Limited access to land, finance, and training opportunities for women farmers.
- **At-Risk Groups:** Lack of support for orphans, school dropouts, and street-involved youth.
- **Food Insecurity:** Growing demand for nutritious food but limited organic production.
- **Environmental Challenges:** Soil degradation, climate change, and unsustainable farming practices.

Goal: To empower youth, women, and at-risk groups through organic agricultural training that fosters sustainable livelihoods and food security. We believe that this goal be achieved by tackling the following objectives:



Objective 1: Deliver structured education in organic farming practices

Provide both theoretical and hands-on training to youth, women, and at-risk groups in organic agriculture, ensuring at least X participants gain certified skills each year.

Objective 2: Strengthen participants' employability and entrepreneurship

Equip trainees with marketable agricultural and agro-business skills, including enterprise management, cooperative models, and value addition, enabling them to generate sustainable income streams.

Objective 3: Expand access to safe, nutritious, and organic food

Establish demonstration farms, community gardens, and distribution channels that increase the availability and consumption of chemical-free foods in local households and schools.

Objective 4: Build resilient and sustainable communities

Promote regenerative farming practices, cooperative structures, and leadership development to strengthen food sovereignty, economic stability, and community cohesion.

Objective 5: Reduce dependency on harmful chemical inputs

Promote adoption of eco-friendly and regenerative methods such as composting, mulching, natural pest control, and organic fertilizers, aiming for a X% reduction in chemical input use among trainees within three years.

Objective 6: Increase climate resilience and awareness

Train participants in low-carbon agricultural practices, integrate climate change education into the curriculum, and promote farming techniques that reduce emissions and build adaptive capacity.

Objective 7: Scale up composting and waste-to-resource systems

Introduce and expand composting techniques at training sites and in participant farms, diverting organic waste from landfills and enhancing soil fertility through circular systems.

Objective 8: Establish a hub for organic agriculture research and innovation

Develop a research wing within the training center to test, document, and disseminate best practices in organic farming, indigenous crop varieties, and climate-resilient methods.

Objective 9: Develop an organic nursery for community access

Set up nurseries for trees, plants, herbs, and fruit species, providing seedlings to participants and surrounding communities to promote afforestation, biodiversity, and household-level food security.

Methodology

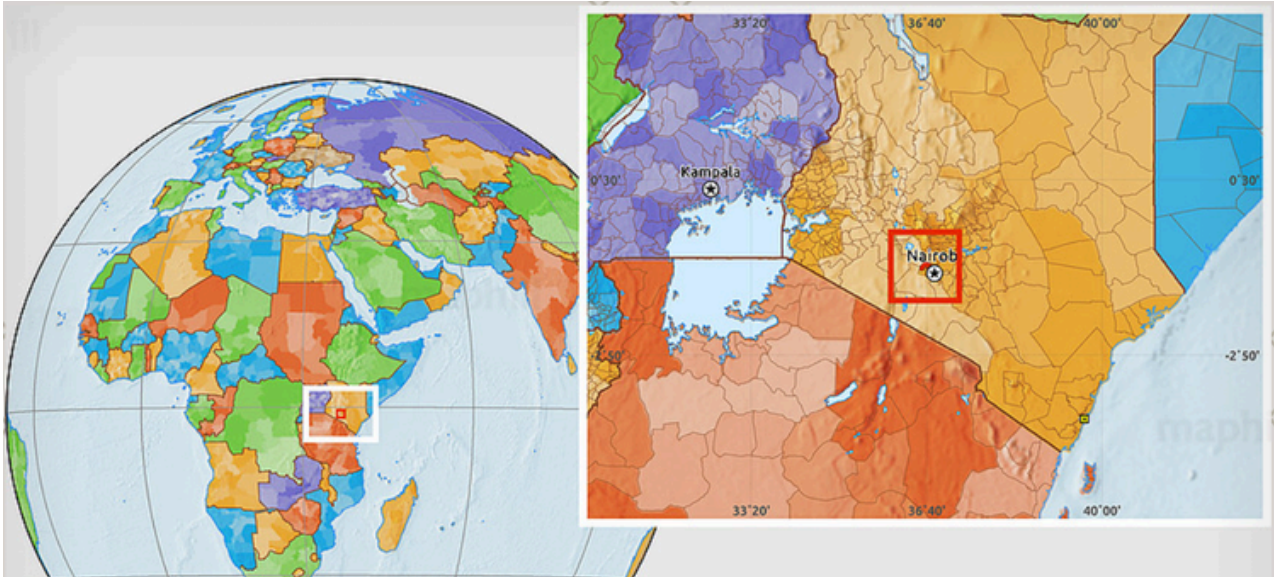
Located in the heart of Kenya's fertile highlands, we aim to establish a training center that integrates modern classrooms with hands-on demonstration plots, transforming theory into practice. Its close proximity to Nairobi County offers a unique advantage, providing opportunities for strong engagement and participation from the nearby urban population.

- **Organic Agriculture Masterclasses** - Intensive masterclasses offer advanced training in sustainable farming methods—covering topics like permaculture design, natural pest management, seed saving, and agroecology. These sessions are tailored for aspiring trainers, farm managers, and agri-entrepreneurs.
- **Two-Day Intensive Workshops** - Interactive workshops provide participants with practical skills in soil health, crop cultivation, agro-business, and regenerative techniques. Each session is designed to be participatory, empowering learners to immediately apply what they've learned.
- **Farm Manager Workshops** - Targeted training equips farm managers with leadership, planning, and advanced technical skills to oversee organic farms. Workshops emphasize efficiency, sustainability, and scaling production for markets.
- **Composting** - Hands-on composting sessions teach participants to transform organic waste into nutrient-rich soil. From small household bins to large-scale systems, learners gain tools to reduce waste, cut costs, and restore soil fertility.
- **School Organic Agriculture Field Trip Visits** - Interactive field trips allow students to experience sustainable farming first-hand. These visits inspire curiosity, environmental awareness, and a love of healthy food by connecting classroom learning to real-life organic agriculture.



Demographics

Limuru is a highland town in Kiambu County, Kenya, situated approximately 30 kilometers northwest of Nairobi along the eastern edge of the Great Rift Valley. Geographically, it lies at about 1.1° South latitude and 36.6° East longitude, with an elevation of roughly 2,300 meters (7,500 feet) above sea level, making it one of the cooler regions in central Kenya. Its temperate, misty climate has historically supported tea and dairy farming, while its proximity to the capital city positions it as both an agricultural hub and a growing peri-urban center.

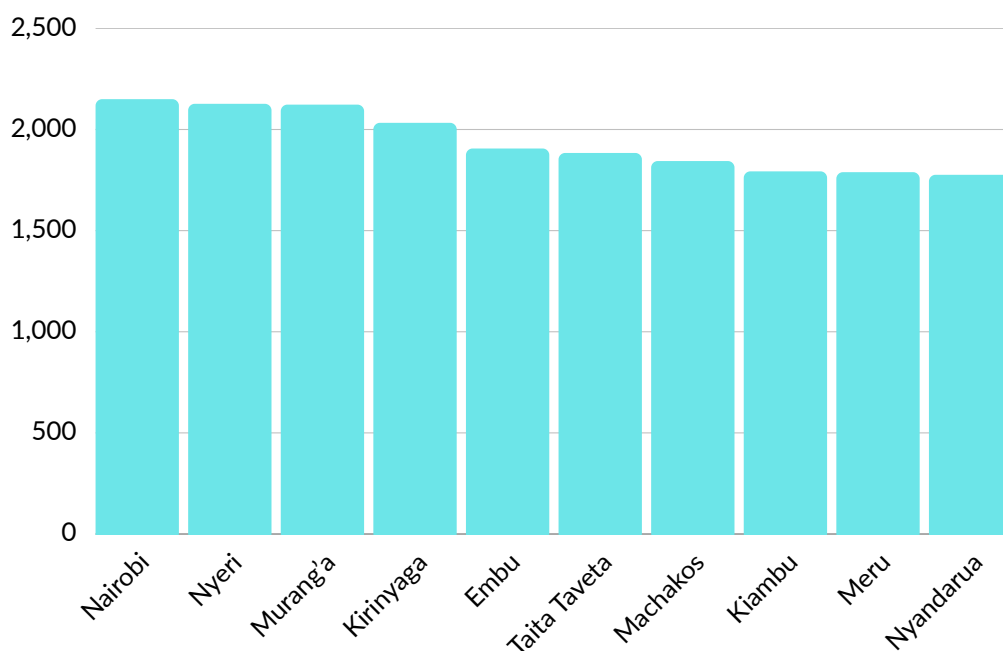


The training center will be established on a three-acre campus within the property of Phytomedia Ltd., providing both the space and infrastructure needed for immersive learning. The facility includes on-site housing, a fully equipped kitchen, modern restrooms, dedicated classroom space, and ample parking. Together, these amenities are designed to comfortably accommodate up to 20 students at a time, ensuring participants in the workshops have access to a supportive and functional environment. The layout of the campus allows for seamless movement between classroom instruction and outdoor demonstration plots, reinforcing the integration of theory with hands-on practice.



Top 10 Kenya Counties Cancer Incidence per 100,000 Population

County	Approx. Cancer Incidence per 100,000 Population
Nairobi	2,150
Nyeri	2,127
Murang'a	2,123
Kirinyaga	2,033
Embu	1,906
Taita Taveta	1,884
Machakos	1,844
Kiambu	1,793
Meru	1,789
Nyandarua	1,776



County Profile: Kiambu (Kenya)

Population & Demographics

- Total population (2019): 2,417,735
 - Male: 1,187,146
 - Female: 1,230,454
- Density: 952/km²
- Projected: 2.60M (2022), 2.75M (2025), 2.85M (2027)
- Youth (15–29): 733,975 (~30.4%)
- Working-age (15–64): 65.5% of population; dependency ratio 52.6

Health Indicators

- Infant mortality rate: 19.3 per 1,000 live births (CIDP, 2022)
- Under-5 mortality: 31.2 per 1,000
- National benchmark (KDHS 2022): Infant 32/1,000, Neonatal 21/1,000
- 2022 MoH report cancer rates listed Kiambu at 1,783 “cases per 100,000 people.

Labour & Economy

- Sector GVA shares (2013–2022 avg): Services 52%, Industry 32%, Agriculture 16%
- Poverty incidence: ~20.5%

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