

GROW BIOINTENSIVE AGRICULTURE CENTRE, Kenya (G-BIACK)
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Seed collection and seed saving



G-BIACK SEED BANK



SEED COLLECTION

The GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture Centre of Kenya (G-BIACK) has in the past eight years collected and saved most of the traditional seeds that are grown by the farmers in the region. The seeds collected are heirloom and open pollinated seeds.

In the year 2011, Samuel Nderitu, the director of G-BIACK together with Mr. Zachary Makanya, director of PELUM Kenya and nine other persons from different NGOs in Kenya traveled to India to visit and to learn from Vandana Shiva's organization, Navdanya Foundation on how to grow and to save seeds. This group of 11 persons also had an opportunity of participating in a one-day workshop facilitated by Vandana Shiva.

Upon returning home, Samuel began to collect open pollinated heirloom seeds from farmers and from other seed savers. This was the start of our seed saving project. Now, eight years later, G-BIACK has a large seed bank and root cellar in a specially constructed building and has managed to collect more than 600 types of seeds. After collection, most of the seeds are then multiplied at G-BIACK while some are multiplied by farmers. The aim of the seed bank is to save and to share these special seeds and especially the endangered species. Examples of the seeds that are disappearing are indigenous maize, local vegetables, local beans, and most of the tuber crops.

We hope to bring back all the “lost crops of Africa” to African farmers.

Visit our website: www.g-biack.org.

Go to Google maps to see us from above by entering: G-BIACK, Thika, Kenya

Donations of any amount help us to reach out to vulnerable families.

G-BIACK is a registered NGO in Kenya, and donations are tax deductible.

Contributions may be made directly to G-BIACK or through Network for Good on our web site.

Or checks payable to Kilili Self Help Project may be written and sent to

260 Marion Ave., Mill Valley CA 94941 USA—no overhead will be deducted, meaning that 100% of every donation will be sent to G-BIACK for our programmes.

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