SPREADING SUSTAINABLE GROW BIOINTENSIVE AGRICULTURE IN OTHER COUNTRIES

The GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture Centre of Kenya (G-BIACK) has been privileged to spread its agricultural techniques in other African countries. Since G-BIACK started in 2008, 30 people from 12 African countries have been trained. Each person trained is expected to establish a Satellite Centre and train farmers in their respective countries. Countries where GROW BIOINTENSIVE Satellite Centres have been established are Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Ghana, Nigeria, South Sudan and Senegal. In the process of establishing the Centres are Botswana, DR Congo, and South Africa. Madagascar and Uganda will soon join the list when Mr. Christian Rambeloson and Leaticea Nana who are currently receiving training at G-BIACK complete the course and return home.

The key cause of food insecurity is inadequate food production, and food insecurity is a major global concern. In sub-Saharan Africa, the number of people suffering from hunger is estimated at 239 million, and the number of people affected is increasing. Soaring food prices and food riots are among the many symptoms of the prevailing food crisis and insecurity. Climate change and weather vagaries, present and forecast, are compounding food insecurity and drastically changing farming conditions. This challenge can be won if small holder farmers who account for more than 80% of food production can adopt sustainable Agroecological agriculture and GROW BIOINTENSIVE techniques. G-BIACK is committed to reach out to all corners of Africa by training interested farmers and helping to establish the Satellite Centres to scale up the dissemination of these techniques.