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## **Farming as a business is key to agricultural development**



**Mrs. Wandia (in red head scarf) explains a point to farmers**

In the past, many Kenyan farmers used to produce food only for subsistence and survival. Agriculture was not regarded as a business that would give sufficient income for the families. As well it was regarded as a venture and a carrier for the old people, the retired and people who had dropped out of school.

The GROW BIOINTENSIVE agriculture centre of Kenya (G-BIACK) is out to reverse this scenario and has been training farmers on the principles of farming as a business. Farming is a business that one can really grow big with and earn a living. This has been recorded among the farmers that G-BIACK is working with.

Mrs Wandia a 68 yrs old farmer had been cultivating her 2 acres plot without good farm planning. She had been earning as little as \$125per month from this plot which is not enough for her 6 children and 4 grandchildren orphans that were left by her children after they died of HIV/AIDs three years ago. G-BIACK started working with her in 2009. She has planted 1000 stems of bananas, sorghum, lablab bean, sweet potatoes and Irish potatoes, corn, beans, and different types of indigenous vegetables. Today, she is selling her organically produced food crops locally and nationally. She has increased her income from \$125 per month to \$937.5 per month.

Farmers and Farmer groups from all over the region are visiting Mrs. Wandia's farm to learn good agricultural practices. She has become an icon in the community.

Please visit us! We are located 10km east of Thika town along the Thika – Garissa Rd (highway A3)

Or visit our web site: [www.g-black.org](http://www.g-black.org)

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