



Success of the Farmer Field Project

The Kakoneni Farmer Field Project was started in 2015 as a community empowerment program through the KELC Women's Department. In the Kakoneni community, many women were struggling to find income opportunities to support their family. A group of 22 community members joined together to develop this program. They started by building 4 houses for chicken-raising and cultivating 1 acre of farm land.

After less than 3 years, the project has become successful and self-sustaining. The members are experiencing benefits from the project and they have been able to make improvements to their community and their family life. At the end of 2017, the members divided their profits and each member received 7,000 Ksh (about \$70USD). With their earning, some members paid school fees for their children, made improvements to their home, or invested in a small business. The group also gave a special thank-offering to their church, where they purchased musical instruments and sound equipment.

With their continued growth and development, the group is re-investing in their project. They have purchased 1 acre of farm land, and they are in the process of buying 1 additional acre of land. On the farm, they are diversifying their crops. They grow chili peppers, bananas, okra, and other vegetables. The location near to the river is beneficial for irrigation and they plan to purchase pipes and a water pump in the future, which will allow them to have permanent and reliable irrigation for their crops.

The location next to the river is usually beneficial, but it brought problems when the heavy rains came to Kenya earlier this year. With heavy rain hitting most of the country, the river swelled and flooded and the waters washed away the crops from the Farmer Field Project farm. This was a significant setback, but they have replanted and are working again in their field. We pray that the replanting will be successful and that this project will continue to flourish.



Above and Below: Members harvesting peppers in their field near Kakoneni, Malindi.



Group members and head office representatives standing in front of the chicken house.

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