

INNOVATING ADAPTATION THROUGH AGROECOLOGY

ActionAid International Kenya Kenya

ActionAid International Kenya (AAIK) works to strengthen the livelihoods, and resilience of smallholder farmers, by promoting Farmer Field Schools, well as training on agroecological practices. AAIK's work is based on human rights approaches, with a focus on local communities, and women living in poverty. AAIK also advocates for increased public investment in the agricultural sector, and particularly towards women, and smallholder farmers.



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AGROECOLOGICAL PRACTICES

In order to increase communities' resilience to climate change, AAIK applies the following approaches:

- Advocating for the recognition of the land rights of vulnerable communities, and women.
- Reducing farmers' dependency on external inputs such as fertilisers.
- Strengthening food sovereignty, and seed security of smallholders through the preservation, use, and control of traditional varieties of crops, as well as promoting traditional knowledge.
- Providing support, and collaborating with, women farmers' organisations.

IMPACTS

- Improved household nutrition through greater access to fresh organic vegetables grown on kitchen gardens.
- Increased capacity by 1,000 smallholder farmers to mitigate, and cope with, food- and climate-related challenges.
- Adoption of agroforestry practices by 10 Farmer Field Schools, and the establishment of five community-managed tree nurseries.
- Increased savings and financial participation of women smallholder farmers.
- Strengthened participative governance, with greater involvement of women in planning committees at ward, and county levels.
- Women have improved knowledge, and more options to employ efficient and effective technologies on their farms, which is contributing to improved production, and diversified household incomes.