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THE STORY

PHASE I & II: 2019 -2025

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Editorial

The Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Eastern Africa (KHEA) Project has played a key role in transforming smallholder farming across Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Madagascar and Uganda. Through various interventions, farmers have adopted innovative technologies, approaches, and solutions that contribute to sustainable agriculture and improved livelihoods.

The Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology (KCOA-KHEA) in Africa Project aims to integrate Ecological Organic Agriculture (EOA) into national agricultural systems, supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

This booklet highlights the key achievements of Phase I (August 2019 – June 2022) and Phase II (June 2022-January 2025), showcasing impactful interventions that have driven progress in organic farming. It is structured into three main sections, each focusing on the innovations, approaches, and technologies implemented with the support of Master Trainers, Multipliers, and Country Implementing Partners.

Key Interventions in Phase I & II

During the first phase, the project focused on three strategic areas:

1. Knowledge Collection, Assembly & Validation
2. Capacity Building & Knowledge Dissemination
3. Market Systems Development & Networking

Key successes include:

1. Launch of the KCOA-KHEA Phase II of the project
2. Incorporating Madagascar as a new CIP in the project
3. Training Master Trainers, Multipliers, and Farmers in organic agriculture practices
4. Enhancing consumer awareness of organic products
5. Strengthening networking and collaboration among partners

Purpose of the KCOA-KHEA Phase I & II Story

This booklet shares real solutions to the challenges faced by smallholder farmers and the wider food system. It highlights the project's impact on:

1. Strengthening partnerships – Enhancing the capacity of KHEA network members to provide high-quality services in Organic Agriculture (OA) and Agroecology (AE), leading to improved farmer support systems.
2. Expanding Reach to Farmers – Successfully connecting with potential users, increasing awareness, and adoption of OA/AE practices among smallholder farmers and key stakeholders.
3. Scaling Through Sustainable Multiplication – Implementing the Multiplier Model to ensure widespread knowledge transfer, empowering local champions (multipliers) to drive long-term adoption.
4. Advancing Advocacy Efforts – Strengthening KHEA's role in influencing regional agroecology policies and strategies, actively engaging in key platforms such as EDE convenings.
5. Developing and Sharing Knowledge Products – Collecting, validating, and disseminating relevant agroecology resources to improve farmer practices and decision-making.
6. Strengthening Market Systems – Supporting PGS certification processes and enhancing market access for PGS groups, ensuring fair trade opportunities for organic producers.

Beyond documenting successes, this booklet offers valuable insights for governments, private sector players, donors, and development partners.

By showcasing these experiences, the KCOA-KHEA Phase I & II Story serves as a resource for shaping future interventions in organic agriculture and agroecology.

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ACRONYMS

List of Acronyms

ACF	Advocacy for Change Foundation- Kenya
AFIRD	Agency for Integrated Development -Uganda
AUC	African Union Commission
A2N	Africa 2000 Network-Uganda
BIOGI	Bio-Gardening Innovations Kenya
BMZ	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
BvAT	Biovision Africa Trust
CAPCN	Center of Agroecology Practices and Conservation of Nature
CIDI	Community Integrated Development Initiative -Uganda
CIP	Country Implementing Partner
CSHEP	Community Sustainable Agriculture and Healthy Environment Program-Kenya
DKP	Digital Knowledge Platform
EIPMA	Effective IPM Association Kenya
EOA-I	Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation
FiBL	The Research Institute of Organic Agriculture
G-BIACK	Grow Bio-intensive Agriculture Centre of Kenya
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH
GSDM	Groupement Semis Direct of Madagascar
IFOAM	The International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements
ICIPE	The International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology
IPM	Integrated Pest Management -Kenya
KHWA	Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Western Africa
KM	Knowledge Management
KOAN	Kenya Organic Agriculture Network
KP	Knowledge Product
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MOs	Member Organizations
NGOs	Non-Government Organizations
OA	Organic Agriculture
PELUM	Participatory Ecological Land Use Management
PGS	Participatory Guarantee Systems
ROAM	Rwanda Organic Agriculture Movement
SAT	Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania
SYMABIO	Le Syndicat Malgache de l'Agriculture Biologique
TOAM	Tanzania Organic Agriculture Movement
ToToT	Training of Teams of Trainers
UMU	Uganda Martyrs University

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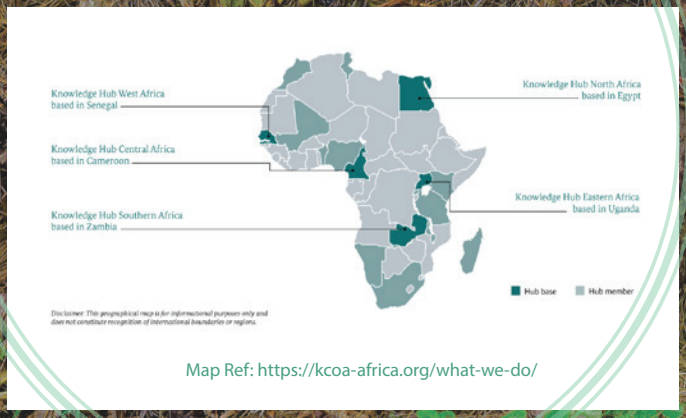
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About KCOA-KHEA PROJECT



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The KHEA Hub is one of the five Hubs of the Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Africa (KCOA) Project. It is part of the One World – No Hunger initiative by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through its executing agency GIZ to support a network of regional knowledge hubs for organic farming in Eastern, Western, Northern, Central and Southern Africa. Biovision Africa Trust (BvAT) is the Lead Coordinating Agency of the project in Eastern Africa and Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Uganda is a Co-Host of the KCOA-KHEA Project.

The implementation of Phase I and II of the Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Eastern Africa (KHEA) Project started in August 2019 and ended in January 2025. The KCOA-KHEA Project aligns with the Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative (EOA-I), an African Union-led continental undertaking with the oversight of the African Union Commission (AUC) Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (DARBE)

Countries Implementing the KCOA-KHEA Project

KHEA is currently being implemented in five Eastern Africa countries with Country Implementing Partners (CIPs) as follows: Kenya; PELUM Kenya, Uganda; PELUM Uganda, Rwanda; ROAM, Tanzania; TOAM and Madagascar; GSDM and SYMABIO.

The overall goal of the KHEA Project is to ensure that Ecological Organic Agriculture is integrated into the various countries' agricultural systems.

One of the key project achievements has been the development of the Digital Knowledge Platform (DKP) which is part of the KCOA Project coordinated by GIZ as a major component of the initiative. This online resource currently provides excellent learning materials and resources for multipliers, farmers and other value chain actors. The DKP was launched in the Phase II of the KCOA-KHEA Project.

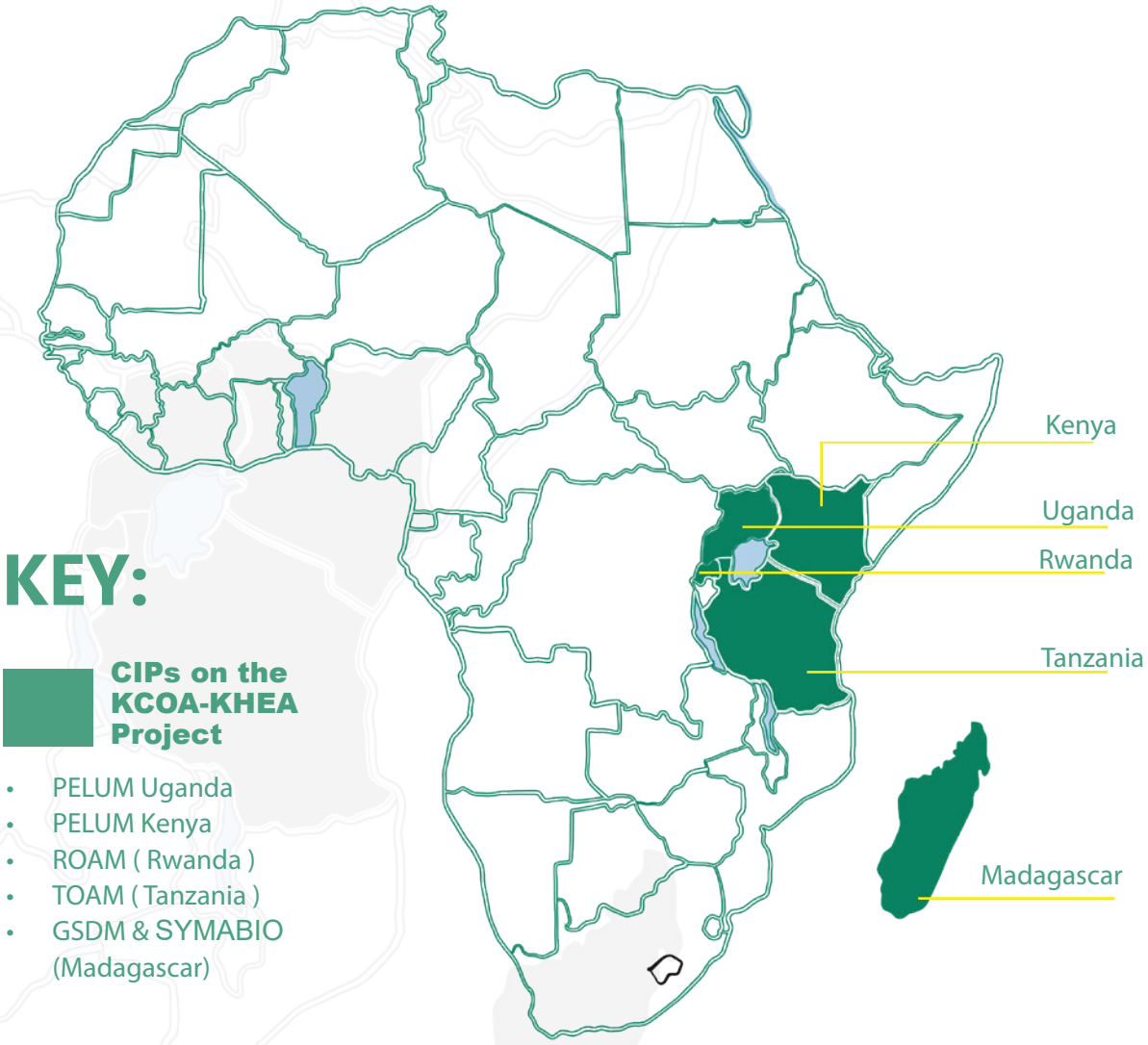
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Countries Implementing the KCOA-KHEA Project



KEY:

CIPs on the KCOA-KHEA Project

- PELUM Uganda
- PELUM Kenya
- ROAM (Rwanda)
- TOAM (Tanzania)
- GSDM & SYMABIO (Madagascar)

> ***The soil is our most valuable asset— when we*** care for it, it will care for us.
>
> ~ KCOA Africa ~

Focus Areas of The KCOA-KHEA Project

1

Collecting/ Preparing and Validating Organic Agriculture Knowledge

Validated technical and methodological knowledge for the promotion of organic agriculture, including processing, is prepared for the context of the participating countries and stakeholder groups made available through suitable knowledge products.

2

Capacity Building and Dissemination of Organic Agriculture Knowledge

Validated technical and methodological knowledge, strategies and good practices in the field of organic agriculture, adapted to the contexts of the countries participating in the Eastern Africa regional Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture, have been disseminated.

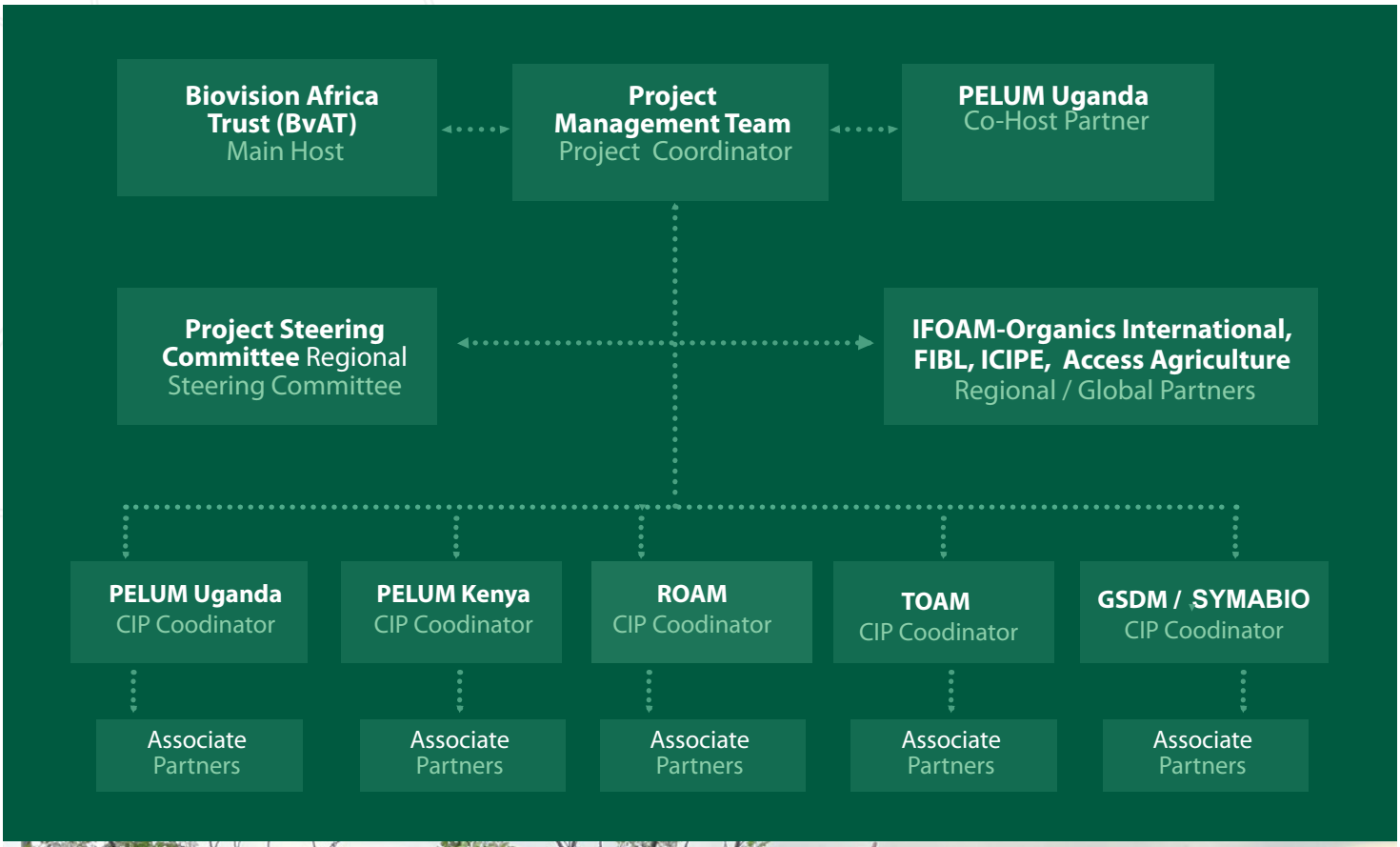
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Networking within the Organic Agriculture Value Chains

Key actors in the organic agriculture value chains of the participating countries in Eastern Africa have networked in an exemplary manner to strengthen markets and consumption patterns for organic products



KHEA Project Structure





2024 KCOA Networking Meeting in Cape Town- South Africa

Message from the GIZ - KCOA Project Manager



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Project Manager, KCOA
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Since 2019, The Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology (KCOA) in Africa Project is more than just a project - it's a movement shaping the future of sustainable agriculture in Africa. Over the years, we have witnessed remarkable progress across the five Knowledge Hubs - North, West and Central Africa, and in Eastern and Southern Africa - all working towards a common vision: empowering farmers, strengthening food systems, and promoting organic agriculture and agroecology at scale.

First, I appreciate the commitment of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development to agroecology and food system transformation. Their support not only enriches this project, but also strengthens the global movement towards resilient and equitable agricultural practices.



GIZ, KCOA Hub Partners share a light moment shortly after the 4th KCOA Networking Meeting in in German

The Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology (KHEA) in Eastern Africa has taken great strides in its second phase (2022-2025), further strengthening its role as a regional leader in organic agriculture knowledge dissemination and has made significant progress in bridging knowledge gaps, strengthening farmer capacity, and driving policy engagement.

Why agroecology and organic agriculture are crucial for Africa

The current multiple crises require a sustainable transformation of agricultural and food systems. Agroecology, as a holistic approach, as well as organic agriculture, offer future-oriented perspectives for a transformation together with communities and within planetary boundaries.

The overarching aim of KCOA is to create a space that facilitates access to knowledge and networking, fostering the work of multipliers. This network enables participants to share information and exchange knowledge in person and through a digital knowledge platform.

Across the five hubs, we have:

- Expanded access to knowledge by collecting, validating, and translating organic farming information into farmer-friendly formats.
- Built a strong Network of Master Trainers, Multipliers, and Farmers, ensuring knowledge reaches the grassroots level.
- Strengthened connections across value chains, fostering collaborations between farmers, policymakers, researchers, and the private sector.
- Advocated for policies supporting agroecology, influencing decision-making in multiple countries.

The regional knowledge hubs are connected through the KCOA Digital Knowledge Platform. This was developed alongside partner organisations and serves to further disseminate knowledge on agroecology and organic agriculture. The platform fosters the networking between multipliers across Africa and enables them to connect with each other and exchange ideas within and outside of KCOA. Users can create a profile on the website, share activities on an event calendar and post blog articles on their practical experiences.

A social media wall provides further connections and updates. Through the KCOA database, registered users have access to verified knowledge products on agroecology and organic farming.

The platform makes knowledge more accessible, simplifies networking and supports multipliers.

Looking Ahead: A Unified Agroecology Movement

As we move forward, the goal is clear—scaling organic agriculture and agroecology to reach more farmers, markets, and policymakers. The success of KHEA and the other hubs is a strong proof of regional and global cooperation. The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenaerbeit (GIZ) GmbH remains committed to this journey, ensuring that African farmers have the knowledge, tools, and support to thrive in a more resilient, sustainable agricultural landscape.

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A word from the Lead Coordinating Agency of the KCOA - KHEA Project



Dr. David Amudavi

Executive Director and KHEA Project Coordinator, BvAT Kenya

The project of the Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology (KCOA-KHEA) in Africa has made significant strides in advancing sustainable food systems across Eastern Africa, in particular covering Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Madagascar. As we progress through Phase 2 of the project (2022-2025), we reflect on the achievements made so far and look ahead to the future where organic and agroecological practices drive agricultural transformation towards sustainable and healthy agri-food systems across the region.

Biovision Africa Trust (BvAT), as the regional coordinating agency in collaboration with PELUM Uganda as the Co-Host, has continued to provide strategic leadership in ensuring that knowledge sharing, policy advocacy, capacity development, and market linkages are effectively implemented across the five participating countries with strategic regional partners; Kenya-PELUM Kenya, Uganda-PELUM Uganda, Tanzania-TOAM, Rwanda-ROAM, and Madagascar-GSDM and SYMABIO. The five Country Implementing Partners (CIPs) have been instrumental in having KCOA leverage on other relevant initiatives in the region including the AU Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative, the Agroecology Promotion Programme among others

Key Regional Achievements in Phase II

- Strengthening Regional Knowledge Sharing: The KHEA digital knowledge platform has been expanded and enriched with localized, practical content tailored for farmers, trainers, and policymakers. To access content, visit this link; https://kcoa-africa.org/
- Capacity Building: Over 5,230 Farmers, 1,742 Multipliers and 5 Master Trainers from Madagascar and 2 new Master Trainers from Tanzania have been trained in organic agriculture and agroecology through the ToToT model. Regional training sessions, farmer field schools, and demonstration plots have facilitated knowledge diffusion at the grassroots level..
- Market Development: 19 farmer groups up to date have been supported through PGS capacity strengthening on the KHEA Project which has enhanced organic certification and market access for organic produce. Increased farmer-to-market linkages have enabled organic producers to access fairer markets, including participation in world trade fairs such as the Biofach in Germany.
- Policy Advocacy: KHEA has engaged governments and regional bodies to advocate for pro-agroecology policies, contributing to agroecology policy frameworks across the East African Region and securing government commitments to organic agriculture.
- Network Expansion: Madagascar officially joined the KHEA in 2023 through partners GSDM and SYMABIO ensuring local benefits from knowledge exchange, training, and market development efforts.
- Community Engagement: KHEA has raised awareness about the benefits of organic and agroecological farming through campaigns, farmer field days, and media engagements, including events like World Food Day and International Rural Women's Day.

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Looking Ahead: KCOA 2.0 (2025-2030)

As we prepare for the next phase (2025-2030) ending with the SDG 2023, our mission under KCOA 2.0 is to scale and institutionalize agroecological practices across Eastern Africa and beyond. Key focus areas include:

- Deepening Knowledge Management & Regional Integration
- Enhancing Market Systems
- Strengthening Regional and Global Networks
- Policy & Advocacy
- Capacity Building & Youth Engagement

Call to Action:

To achieve a truly sustainable and resilient food system in Eastern Africa, we must continue strengthening partnerships, investing in agroecology, and advocating for policies that support organic agriculture and agroecology practices and innovations. Biovision Africa Trust, together with PELUM Uganda and the regional partners (CIPs), remains committed to leading this transformation.

We invite governments, researchers, donors, and private sector players to join us in advancing organic agriculture and agroecology—ensuring that farmers not only survive but thrive in harmony with nature.

Together, we are shaping a sustainable, food-secure future for Eastern Africa and beyond!

A word from the Co-Hosting Partner of the KCOA - KHEA Project



Mrs. Josephine Akia Luyimbazi

Country Coordinator and KHEA Project Co-Host Coordinator, PELUM Uganda

Since 1995, PELUM Uganda has been on at the forefront of empowering farming communities and championing sustainable food systems such as agroecology across Uganda.

As the Co-Host of the Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Eastern Africa (KHEA) under the KCOA Project and the Country Implementing Partner for Uganda, we have taken agroecology beyond borders – impacting Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Madagascar through knowledge sharing, market development, capacity

A Transformative Phase II (2022-2025)

Our journey through Phase II has been nothing short of groundbreaking. We have:

- Empowered Over 5,000 Farmers in organic and agroecological practices, fostering a 70% adoption rate of sustainable farming approaches.
- Reached Over 15 Million People through strategic media campaigns, field events, and our flagship "Know What You Eat" initiative, driving consumer awareness and demand for organic products.
- Strengthened Market Linkages, supporting organic farmer groups and cooperatives to access better markets, ensuring fairer prices and improved livelihoods.
- Fostered Regional Learning, hosting Inter-Country Learning Exchanges, such as collaborations with PELUM Kenya on gender integration in agroecology.
- Driven Policy Change, engaging governments and advocacy networks to shape national and regional agroecology policies, ensuring long-term systemic transformation

Looking ahead KCOA 2.0 (2025-2030),

As we transition into the next phase, PELUM Uganda remains committed to scaling up agroecology in Uganda and across East Africa

- Expanding Farmer Training to empower even more communities with agroecological knowledge.
- Strengthening Organic Markets and fostering fair trade opportunities for smallholder farmers.
- Deepening Policy Engagement to secure stronger agroecology frameworks at local, national, and regional levels.
- Bringing More Youth on Board to ensure the long-term sustainability of the agroecology movement.

> ***Knowledge is power, and at PELUM Uganda, we believe that a resilient, sustainable food system is within reach!***
> Together, let's empower farmers, scale up agroecology, and secure a healthy, food-secure future for Eastern Africa!
> *** Join us in shaping the future of agroecology!

~Josephine Akia Luyimbaazi ~

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A word from the KCOA - KHEA Project Manager, BvAT / PELUM Uganda



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The second phase (2022-2025) of the Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Eastern Africa (KHEA) has been an exciting period of growth, impact, and transformation.

Building on the strong foundation laid in Phase 1, we have expanded our efforts to deepen knowledge dissemination, strengthen market systems, and influence agroecology policies across the region.

From enhancing farmer capacity to boosting consumer awareness and advocating for policy change, our strides in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Madagascar have positioned the Knowledge Hub in Eastern Africa as a leader in advocating for and supporting the growth of the agroecology sector.

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Key Successes in Phase II

Knowledge Management & Farmer Training

- Over 1,700 Multipliers trained, with knowledge cascading to thousands of farmers and value chain actors impacted.
- Enhanced the Training of Teams of Trainers (ToToT) approach, strengthening community-based knowledge transfer.
- Strengthened digital knowledge sharing through the KCOA Digital Knowledge Platform, ensuring wider accessibility.

Strengthening Market Systems & Entrepreneurship

- Supported 19 farmer groups to become certified through Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS) to create and expand markets for organic produce.
- Facilitated regional and local organic market linkages, helping farmers access fair prices.
- Organized market days, farmer exhibitions, and agroecology trade fairs to boost visibility and demand for organic products.

Expanding Consumer Awareness & Public Engagement

- Reached Over 15 Million People through strategic media campaigns, field events, and our flagship "Know What You Eat" initiative, driving consumer awareness and demand for organic products.
- The #KnowWhatYouEat campaign has reached over 3 million people, raising awareness on organic agriculture and benefits of health diets.
- Conducted school debates, media campaigns, and community engagement events to promote agroecology knowledge.
- Engaged over 2 million people through radio, television, social media, and agricultural expos, making organic agriculture a household topic.

Policy & Advocacy for Agroecology

- Supported partners in Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda and Madagascar in influencing and implementing policies and strategies that promote organic agriculture and agroecology.
- Partnered with civil society organizations to advocate for regional and national policy changes supporting agroecology.

Expanding Networks & Regional Collaboration

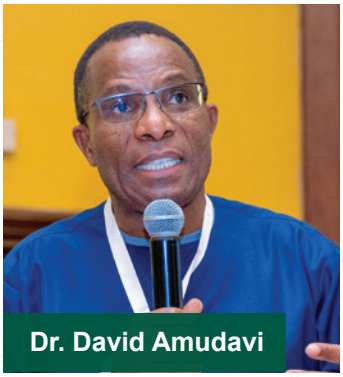
- Scaled up to include Madagascar as the 5th implementing country on the KHEA, expanding impact across Eastern Africa region.
- Strengthened the partnerships with CIPs, farmers, researchers, and policymakers, ensuring a more unified agroecology movement.
- Hosted regional knowledge exchange forums, allowing partners to learn, innovate, and replicate best practices.

Outstanding Priorities Moving Forward

1. Deepen market interventions to create stronger, more sustainable organic value chains.
2. Scale up farmer trainings to reach even more smallholder farmers.
3. Push for greater policy engagement to institutionalize agroecology in national frameworks.
4. Leverage digital innovations to expand knowledge access and farmer learning opportunities.
5. Strengthen consumer awareness campaigns to increase demand for organic products.

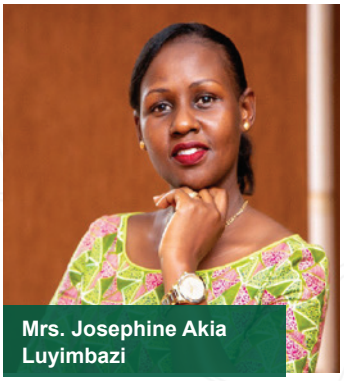
As we look ahead to KCOA 2.0. Our commitment remains stronger than ever. With a growing network, impactful strategies, and dedicated partners, KHEA is well positioned on its way to transforming Eastern Africa's agricultural practices for a healthier, more sustainable agri-food systems.

The KCOA-KHEA Project team



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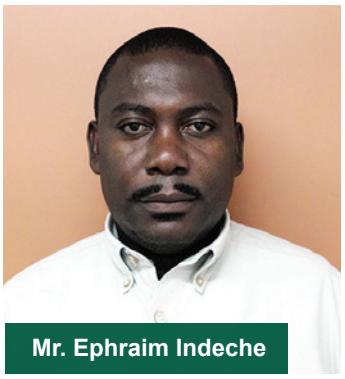
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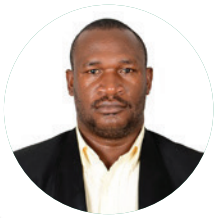
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Country Implementing Partner teams

PELUM UGANDA



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Grace Payesu
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Role: Projects fund management (Receives and disburses funds).



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Country Implementing Partner teams

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Head of Programs/ Master trainer
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TOAM-TANZANIA



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Sandra Haule
Finance & Admin Manager
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Country Implementing Partner teams

MADAGASCAR

The Groupement Semis-Direct of Madagascar (GSDM)



Raharison Tahina
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Accountant
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Ramalanjaona Vololoniaina
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Le Syndicat Malgache de l'Agriculture Biologique SYMABIO



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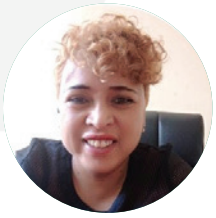
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Legal Manager
Role: Provides legal guidance and ensures compliance with regulatory requirements within the KHEA project.



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Rakotoson Miora
Finance Officer
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The 13 Principles of Agroecology and Organic Farming

Agroecology is a holistic approach to farming that integrates ecological principles into agricultural systems, aiming to create sustainable and resilient food production. Central to this approach are a set of principles that guide farmers and communities toward practices that are environmentally sound, economically viable, and socially just.

The KCOA-KHEA Project stakeholders have actively embraced agroecology and organic farming practices during Phase I and II to align with the 13 principles of agroecology. These efforts are aimed at fostering sustainable, resilient farming systems while enhancing environmental and socio-economic outcomes in Eastern Africa.

The High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition (HLPE) has identified 13 key principles of agroecology:

1. **Recycling:** Prioritize the use of local renewable resources and strive to close nutrient and biomass cycles.
2. **Input Reduction:** Minimize or eliminate dependence on external inputs, especially synthetic ones.
3. **Soil Health:** Enhance soil health and functionality to promote robust plant growth.
4. **Animal Health:** Ensure the well-being and health of animals within the farming system.
5. **Biodiversity:** Protect and enhance the diversity of species within the agroecosystem.
6. **Synergy:** Foster beneficial interactions among plants, animals, trees, soil, and water.
7. **Economic Diversification:** Promote diverse income sources for farmers to enhance financial stability.
8. **Co-Creation of Knowledge:** Encourage the sharing and development of knowledge through collaborative processes.
9. **Social Values and Diets:** Build food systems that respect local cultures, identities, traditions, and promote equitable access to nutritious food.
10. **Fairness:** Support dignified livelihoods and work conditions for all actors in the food system.
11. **Connectivity:** Strengthen connections between producers and consumers, and between different components of the agroecosystem.
12. **Land and Natural Resource Governance:** Advocate for equitable access to land and resources, ensuring secure tenure rights.
13. **Participation**: Encourage inclusive and effective involvement of all stakeholders in decision-making processes.

These principles serve as a comprehensive framework for transitioning toward agroecological practices that are sustainable and equitable. By embracing these guidelines, communities can work together to build food systems that are resilient, diverse, and rooted in local knowledge and traditions.

For a more in-depth understanding, you can refer to the HLPE's detailed report on agroecological approaches and other innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems. agroecology-pool.org

Dive deeper into FAO's 10 Elements of Agroecology—a guiding framework for sustainable food systems. Explore the insights from FAO regional seminars and read more via this link: https://kcoa-africa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/The-10-Elements-of-Agroecology.pdf

By integrating these principles and elements, stakeholders can collaboratively foster agricultural systems that are environmentally sustainable, economically viable, and socially inclusive.

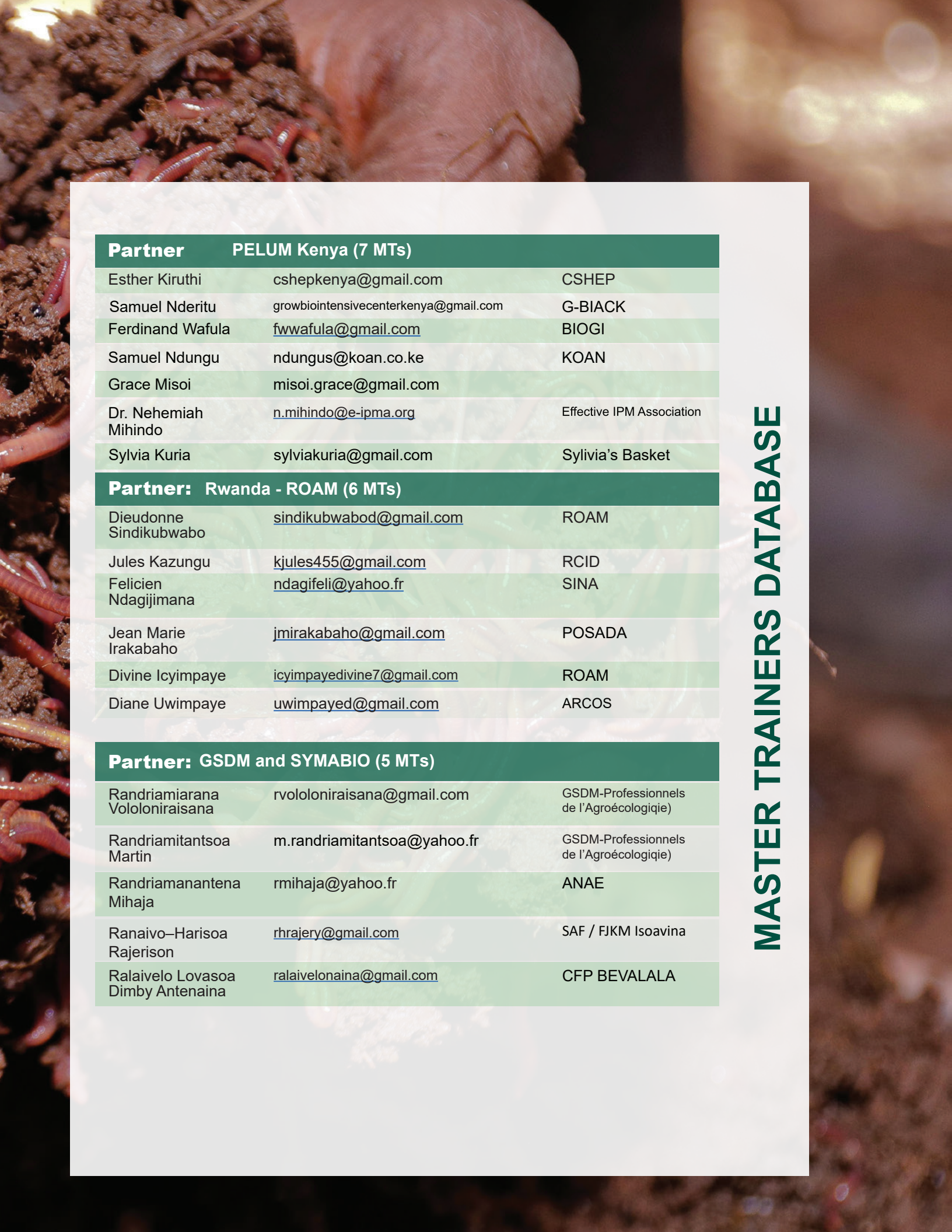
KHEA MASTER TRAINERS

Master Trainers on the KHEA Project are experienced practitioners trained by IFOAM – Organics International in various aspects of organic agriculture and agroecology. They specialize in sustainable farming practices, value chain development, markets development, climate resilience, and policy advocacy. Their role is to equip Multipliers and Farmers with knowledge and skills to enhance sustainable food systems and strengthen organic value chains across the region. At the end of Phase II, we realised a total of 30 Master Trainers across the 5 CIPs.

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KHEA Project Achievements Phase I & II

AUG 2019 – JAN 2025

A total Number of **1749** Multipliers trained through the Master Trainers across the five countries

121 Member Organizations working within KHEA Networking

Percentage of Youth Reached **30%**

Multipliers Trained = (youth= **641: 275** Female, **366** Male)

5541 Farmers trained through multipliers across the five countries



30 Trained Master Trainers by IFOAM Organics International across the five countries

The project Currently being implemented in **5** Countries

19 Farmer groups supported on Paticipatory Guarantee Systems (PGS) Across the five countries

Reached over **15M** people through social media

114 Knowledge Products collected and uploaded to the Digital Knowledge Platform

Milestones	Phase I			End of Phase II		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total (Phase I & II)
Number of Multipliers trained	646	888	1534	1049	700	1749
Farmer groups supported on PGS			9			19
Master Trainers	16	8	24	20	10	30
Farmers trained through Multipliers	806	1188	1,994	2,237	3,304	5,541
% of youths reached=30%						30%
Knowledge Products collected and uploaded to the DKP			139			114

Note: Phase I = 40% youths, Phase II = 30% Youths

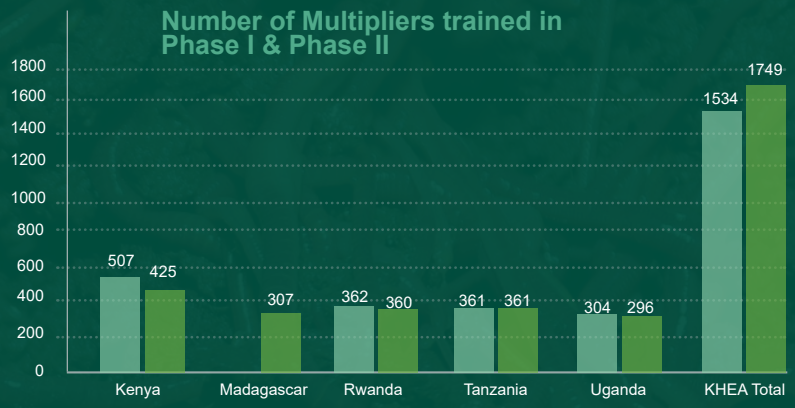
Numbers Reached through the KCOA-KHEA Project

KHEA's key role in advancing agroecology and ecological organic agriculture in Eastern Africa has been more evident based on results achieved over the period of its implementation. KHEA ensures the integration of ecological organic agriculture (EOA) into the regions agricultural systems, including policies, plans, and investments.

These have been achieved by focusing on knowledge dissemination, capacity building, market development, and networking. With the conclusion of Phase I (2019–2022), Phase II gained momentum, further strengthening organic farming systems and fostering a more resilient and sustainable agricultural landscape in the region.

Achievement

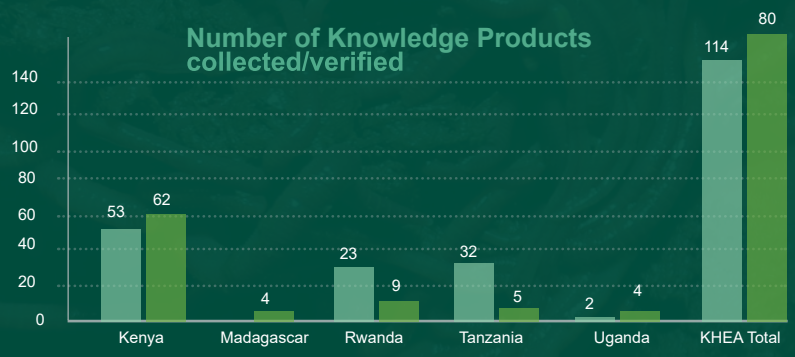
Currently, the KHEA Project across the five countries (Kenya, Madagascar, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda), has trained 30 Master Trainers (17Male:12 Female), 1749 Multipliers (14% increase from Phase I, 700 Female: 1,049 Male). As represented below.



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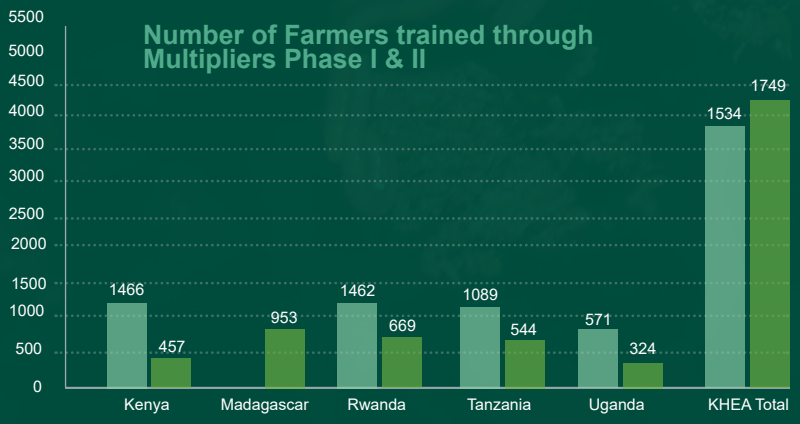
- Multipliers trained in Phase I
- Multipliers trained in Phase II

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Gender/Disaggregates	Male	Female	
Phase II	1,049	700	



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- Validated KPs (Phase II)
- Validated KPs (Phase I)



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- Multipliers trained in Phase I
- Multipliers trained in Phase II

KHEA Country Implementing Partners





i. PELUM Uganda
ii. PELUM Kenya
iii. TOAM (Tanzania)
iv. ROAM (Rwanda)
v. GSDM & SYMABIO (Madagascar)

"Empowered communities drive sustainable change. Agroecology thrives when knowledge is local and collective." –
~ PELUM Kenya~



Mrs. Josephine Akia Luyimbazi
Country Coordinator

Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Uganda

PELUM Uganda is a network of stakeholders acting together to promote agroecology among small holder farming communities in Uganda

Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Uganda is a network based organization with 76 member organisations with presence in 122 districts of Uganda reaching over 3 million small holder farners, It is affiliated to the PELUM Association, a regional netwrok of over 280 like minded organizations in 12 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa.

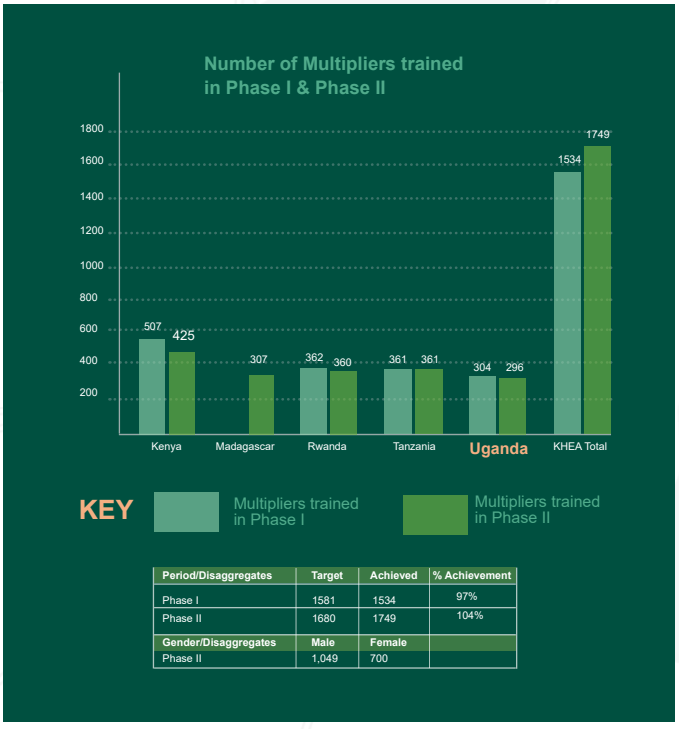
The Association works to improve the livelihoods of smallholder farmers and sustainability of rural communities by fostering ecological land use management.

Our Vision:

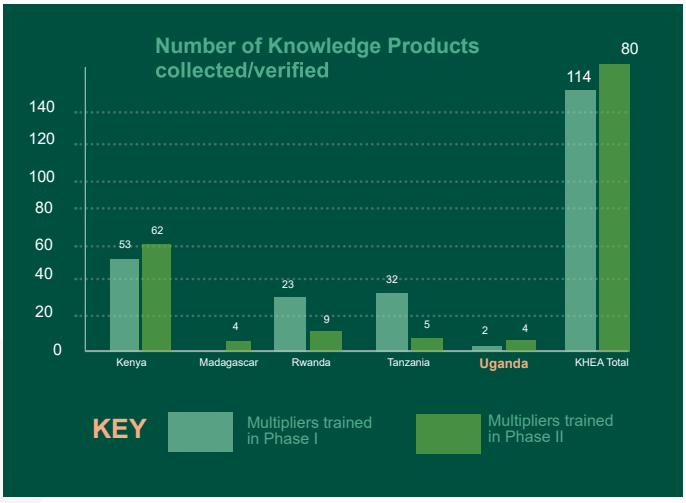
To enhance the effectiveness of member organisations to empower their affiliate smallholder farming communities in practicing agroecology through capacity building, research and innovation, networking, advocacy for equitable improvement in their livelihoods.

Our Mission:

To enhance the effectiveness of smallholder farming communities practicing agroecology through capacity building, research and innovation, networking and advocacy for equitable improvement in their livelihoods.



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Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Kenya

All PELUM Kenya Member Organizations do not promote GMOs or the use of synthetic agricultural inputs.

PELUM Kenya is the Kenyan country chapter of the PELUM Association and has a membership of 60 Member Organizations. PELUM Kenya network promotes agroecological principles and practices through the following approaches; advocacy and policy influence, networking, capacity development, information, and knowledge sharing.

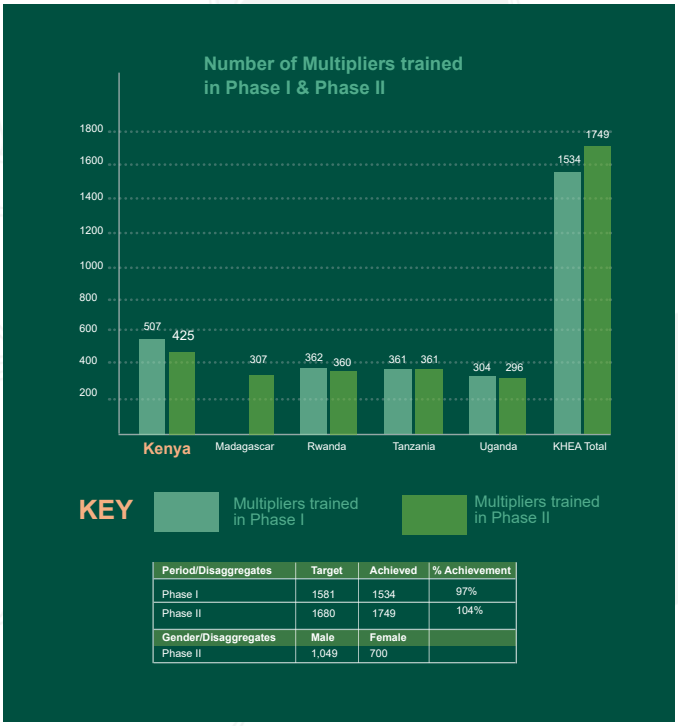
The various agroecological practices promoted include; organic agriculture, sustainable agriculture, regenerative agriculture, agroforestry, permaculture, conservation agriculture, biodynamic agriculture, family farming, and bio-intensive agriculture.

Our Vision:

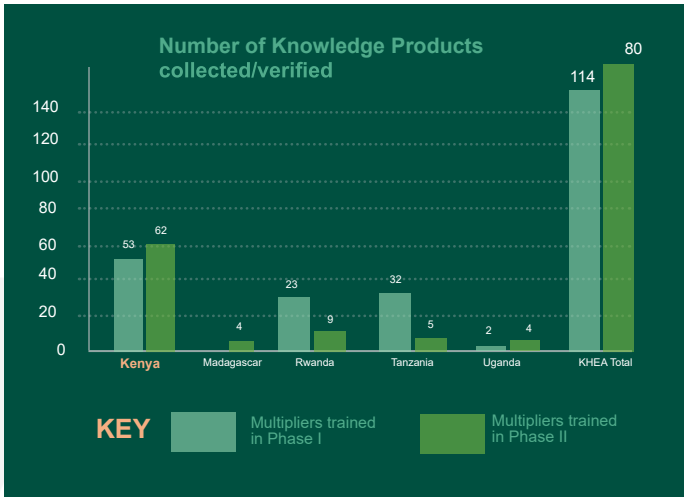
Empowered, prosperous and healthy communities in Kenya

Our Mission:

To Promote agroecological principles and practices among member organizations, small holder farmers and pastoralists communities in Kenya



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The Rwanda Organic Agricultural Movement (ROAM)

Rwanda Organic Agriculture Movement (ROAM) is a National Umbrella Organization of stakeholders involved in the organic sector including; producers, farmers, processors, BDS, exporters,importers and others.
ROAM has more than 5000 members who work in organic production, processing and marketing of organic coffee, tea, fruit and vegetables, potatoes, beans, cassava, the essential oil, etc.

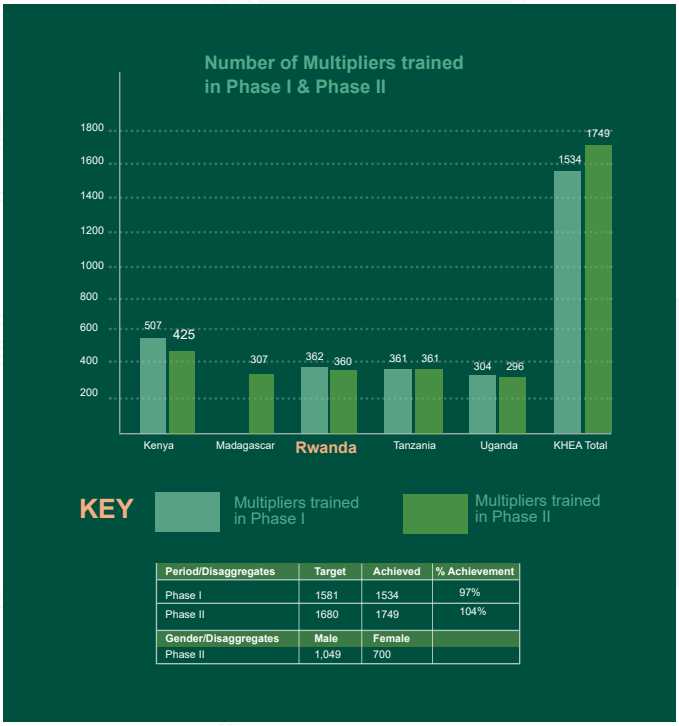
ROAM Is a member of International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movement(IFOAM), the worldwide umbrella organization for the organic agriculture movements which represents close to 800 affiliates in 117 countries founded in 1972 and also a member of AfroNet, the umbrella organization uniting and representing African organic stakeholders founded in 2008.

What we do

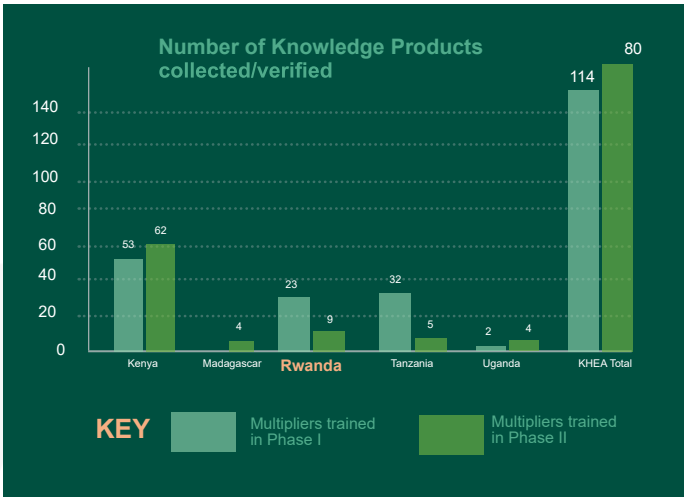
- Lobby and advocate for legal policy framework supporting organic agriculture in Rwanda
- Capacity Building of EOA value chain actors mainly through training
- Raising awareness of organic agriculture and its benefits
- Create market linkages
- Create synergies and networking among EOA stakeholders

Our Vision:
Vibrant and Sustainable agroecological systems that ensure food security, deliver safe nutrition, foster a healthy environment, improve livelihoods, and cater for a growing market.

Our Mission:
To promote and support agroecology and organic agriculture as a farming method that improves soil health, strengthens ecosystems, and enhances the livelihoods of communities



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Tanzania Organic Agriculture Movement (TOAM)

TOAM was founded in 2005 and registered under the NGO Acts of 2002 as a membership-based non-governmental organization
with over 100 members across the country who promote and coordinate the development of organic agriculture in Tanzania.

The Ecological Organic Agriculture sector in Tanzania faces many challenges including organic inputs, soil health management, Integrated pests and diseases management, quality management of the products throughout the value chain, limited research as well as marketing information.

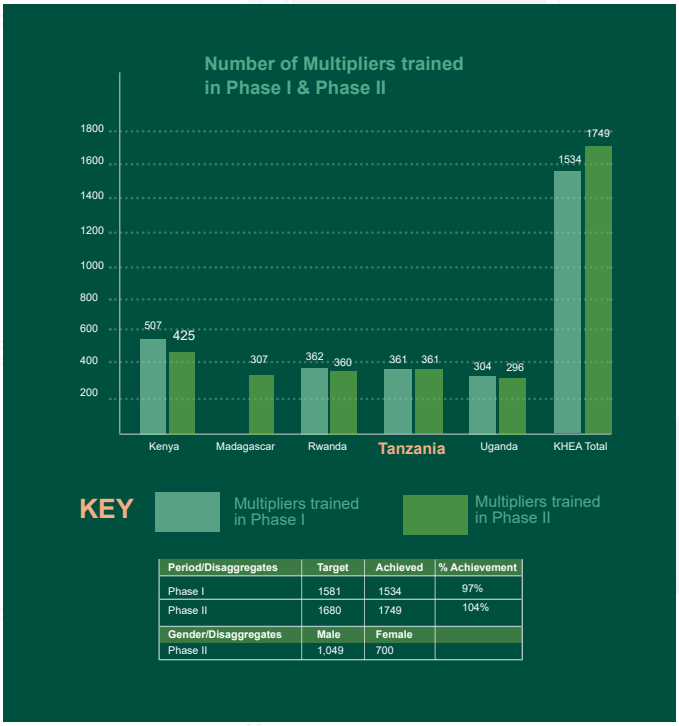
TOAM wants to be a part of the solution. Through our work, we build the capacity to our members to facilitate the transition of farmers to organic agriculture, raise awareness of the need for sustainable production and consumption, and advocate for a policy environment conducive to agro-ecological farming practices and sustainable development.
Together with our members in five agroecological zones and sector platforms, we are promoting eat organic!

Our Vision:

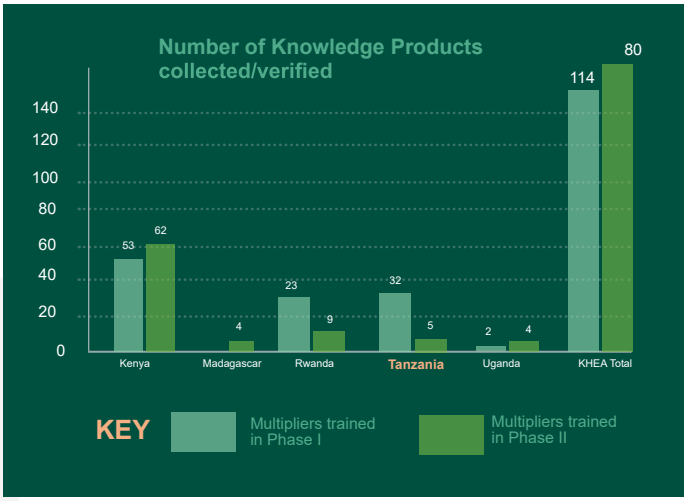
: TOAM envisages a Vibrant Organic Agriculture sector that provides opportunities for sustainable and mutually beneficial livelihoods to all people in Tanzania.

Our Mission:

TOAM is an umbrella organization that coordinates and promotes the development of the Organic Agriculture sector in Tanzania, for the benefit of ecological biodiversity, resilience, food security, and the health of producers and consumers.



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GSDM Executive Director and the KHEA Project Coordinator

Since its creation in 2000, the GSDM has been supported by CIRAD and has received support since 2004 mainly from the AFD (French Development Agency) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock to the Presidency. It is currently in the process of obtaining recognition of public utility in the field of support for the development of agroecology in Madagascar.

Vision
GSDM, a major player in change for sustainable agricultural and food systems throughout Madagascar by 2050.

GSDM Missions
Promote the agroecological transition to meet the challenges of environmental protection, food and nutritional security and economic and social development.

Objectives and targets
The general objective of the GSDM is to support the scaling up of the dissemination of Conservation Agriculture and Agroecology in Madagascar with a view to promoting sustainable agriculture and protecting the environment in the face of the depletion of natural resources and climate change.

GSDM Address
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Le Syndicat Malgache de l'Agriculture Biologique (SYMABIO) Madagascar



Heriniaina Ramboatiana
President of SYMABIO and KHEA Project Coordinator

The Malagasy Organic Agriculture Union SYMABIO was created in March 2011 at the initiative of operators aware of the challenges faced by the sector on an economic, social and environmental level and of the need to structure itself into a group to raise awareness among public opinion and the authorities in the promotion of organic agriculture.

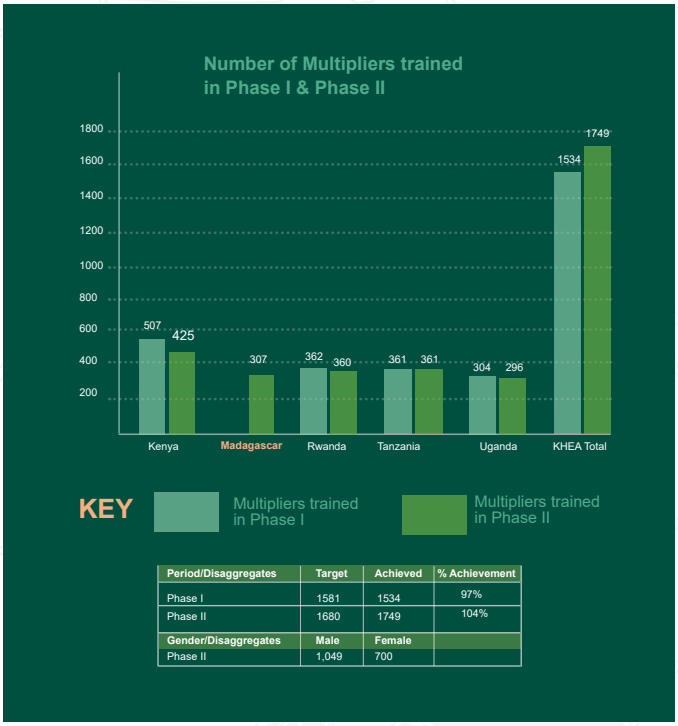
The union has around thirty members operating in the organic sector and holding certificates of conformity for their organic products. The network includes 5,000 rural producer partners located in different regions of Madagascar. Harvesting operations also provide a source of income for countless villagers in areas listed as organic.

Vision:
A massive commitment to organic farming in Madagascar

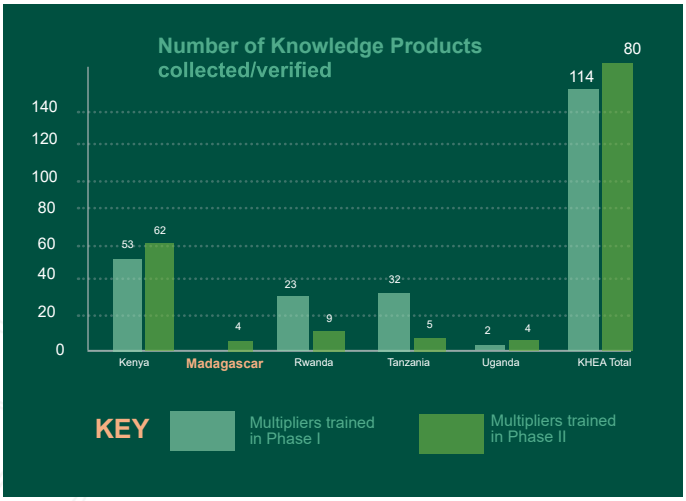
Missions;
- Represent the sector in the eyes of public authorities and technical and financial partners
- Support operators in the organic farming sector through access to services
- Defend the sector's interests and conduct advocacy activities to promote policies favorable to its development
- Promote organic farming among agricultural professionals and the general public

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Achievements for Madagascar (Combined GSDM & SYMABIO



Period/Disaggregates	Target	Achieved	% Achievement
Phase I	1581	1534	97%
Phase II	1680	1749	104%
Gender/Disaggregates	**Male**	**Female**	
Phase II	1,049	700	



NOTE:

GSDM and SYMABIO the Country Implementing Partners in Madagascar joined the KCOA - KHEA Project in the Phase II (June 2022 - Jan 2025). The figures in the two graphs represent Madagascar's reach and impact in the Phase II of the project.



A dedicated farmer from Madagascar proudly showcases her bountiful pineapple harvest—proof that sustainable farming nurtures both land and livelihoods. #KnowWhatYouEat

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PHASE I & II STORY

(Aug 2019 - Jan 2025)

FOCUS AREA ONE:

Collecting/ Preparing and Validating Organic Agriculture Knowledge

Validated technical and methodological knowledge for the promotion of organic agriculture, including processing, is prepared for the context of the participating countries and stakeholder groups made available through suitable knowledge products.

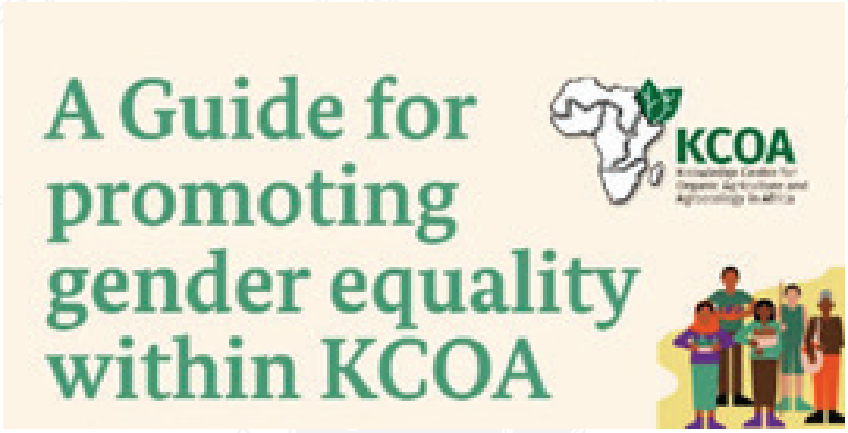
114 Knowledge Products collected and uploaded to the Digital Knowledge Platform



Cultivating sustainable growth, KHEA farmer from Uganda harvesting green pepper from her kitchen garden.

KCOA Launches Ground breaking Gender Guide to Promote Equality in Agri-Food Systems

The KCOA Network, in collaboration with GIZ, successfully launched the KCOA Gender Guide on August 7, 2024. The online event brought together approximately 100 participants, including farmers, women's groups, non-governmental organizations, and other key stakeholders in African agri-food systems. Moderated by both GIZ and KCOA representatives, the session emphasized the importance of integrating gender equality into agricultural initiatives.





The Gender Guide is a result of extensive research across 15 African countries, analyzing socio-cultural gender dynamics within the agricultural sector.
It presents strategic approaches to enhancing women's participation in agriculture and addresses key barriers that hinder their involvement and benefits in the sector.
According to Najla Dhen, Multiplier's coach at KHNA, "This guide is not just a document but a practical tool that organizations can use to incorporate gender equality into their activities."

The Guide identifies five major obstacles that limit women's full participation in KCOA activities:

- **Limited access to resources and knowledge** – Women often struggle to obtain the necessary agricultural inputs and training.
- **Mobility and time constraints** – Balancing domestic responsibilities with farming activities can be challenging.
- **Violence** – Various forms of gender-based violence deter women from actively engaging in agricultural programs.
- **Limited participation and leadership opportunities** – Women face structural barriers that prevent them from taking on leadership roles.
- **Cultural and local constraints** – Social norms and traditions sometimes hinder women's active involvement in decision-making processes.

The Gender Guide is structured into nine phases, covering all aspects of a project from design to evaluation. This ensures a comprehensive approach to identifying and addressing gender-related challenges. Organizations looking to implement gender-inclusive agricultural initiatives can use the Guide to develop strategies that suit their specific contexts.

Access the Gender Guide

The KCOA Gender Guide is available for download in multiple languages:

- English Version: https://khea-africa.org/a-guide-for-promoting-gender-equality-within-kcoa/
- French Version: https://khea-africa.org/a-guide-for-promoting-gender-equality-within-kcoa-french/

For more details about the KCOA sharing and thoughts on the content in the Gender Guide; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ClPt4zAT10

As gender equality remains a core focus of the KCOA Project, this Guide serves as an essential resource in fostering an inclusive and sustainable agricultural landscape across Africa.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PHASE I & II STORY

(Aug 2019 - Jan 2025)

FOCUS AREA TWO:

Capacity Building and Dissemination of Organic Agriculture Knowledge

Validated technical and methodological knowledge, strategies and good practices in the field of organic agriculture, adapted to the contexts of the countries participating in the Eastern Africa regional Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture, have been disseminated.



Capacity building session on organic farming practices in Uganda

A total Number of **1749** Multipliers trained through the Master Trainers across the five countries

30 Trained Master Trainers by IFOAM Organics International across the five countries

5541 Farmers trained through multipliers across the five countries

Reached over **15M** people through social media

Farmers at the Heart of Agroecology: Transforming Lives Through Knowledge and Innovation

Across Eastern Africa, farmers are not just cultivators of the land—they are custodians of knowledge, innovators in agroecology, and key drivers of sustainable food systems. The Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Eastern Africa (KHEA) has been instrumental in empowering these farmers by equipping them with skills, market opportunities, and knowledge that enhance their daily livelihoods.

Empowering Farmers, Strengthening Communities

Through targeted training and knowledge-sharing initiatives, KHEA has reached thousands of farmers, enabling them to adopt organic and agroecological farming practices that enhance soil health, boost productivity, and secure better incomes. This impact is evident in the numbers:

- **Training for Transformation:** Over 1,749 multipliers have been trained through Master Trainers, who, in turn, have empowered 5,541 farmers across five countries with practical knowledge in organic farming and agroecology.
- **Building Local Expertise:** 30 Master Trainers, trained by IFOAM Organics International, are equipping farmers with cutting-edge organic farming methods, ensuring knowledge is deeply rooted within communities.
- **Enhancing Market Access:** 19 farmer groups have been supported through Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS), enabling small-scale farmers to access organic markets with certified produce, ensuring fair prices and economic sustainability.
- **Knowledge at Their Fingertips:** With 114 knowledge products collected and uploaded to the Digital Knowledge Platform, farmers and stakeholders have easy access to crucial resources that enhance their farming techniques and market strategies.

A Brighter Future for Farmers

These efforts are not just about numbers—they represent real lives transformed. Farmers are now confidently using organic methods, reducing dependence on synthetic inputs, and adopting climate-resilient practices. The knowledge they gain from KHEA is not only improving their yields but also creating a ripple effect in their communities, fostering a generation of organic champions.

As KHEA continues its mission under the KCOA Project, the commitment to farmers remains unwavering. They are, after all, the backbone of sustainable agriculture—the true stewards of our land, ensuring a food-secure and environmentally resilient future for generations to come.

Use the link or QR code to access the platform: https://kcoa-africa.org/



Empowering Farmers in East Coast, Madagascar

Enhancing Knowledge Dissemination: KHEA Refresher Training for Master Trainers in Eastern Africa





Refresher training for Master Trainers in Tanzania

As part of the Capacity Building and Knowledge Dissemination (Focus Area 2) of the KCOA Project, the Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Eastern Africa (KHEA) conducted a refresher training for 25 Master Trainers from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Rwanda. This training took place at the Protea Hotel in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, from July 19th to 21st, 2023.

The three-day training, organized under the auspices of IFOAM – Organics International, with support from Biovision Africa Trust (BvAT) as the lead coordinating agency and PELUM Uganda as the co-host, aimed at strengthening the capacity of Master Trainers in organic and agroecological practices. As a key international partner, IFOAM Organics International ensures the quality and adherence to organic principles across all KHEA training programs.
The workshop brought together Master Trainers from four Country Implementing Partners (CIPs), alongside members of the KHEA Project Team, including Mr. Francis Nsanga (Project Manager), Mr. Joseph Nyamesegere (M&E Officer), and Ms. Pamella Magino (Communications Officer).

The refresher training covered key critical topics that are essential in scaling up knowledge dissemination in organic agriculture, including:

- Organic and Agroecological Practices – Strengthening technical knowledge on sustainable farming methods.
- Organic Principles & Food Systems Approach – Exploring the holistic nature of food systems and their interconnectedness.
- Examining agroecological territories and their impact on local food systems.
- Organic Markets & Value Chains – Understanding market trends and opportunities for organic farmers in East Africa.
- Organic Guarantee Systems – Reviewing participatory certification and quality assurance processes.

Strengthening the Training of Trainers (ToToT) Model

With this refresher training, the quality and effectiveness of capacity-building initiatives under the KHEA project are expected to improve significantly. The Training of Trainers of Trainers (ToToT) model, which is central to the project, ensures that Master Trainers coach Multipliers, who then cascade knowledge down to farmers. By reinforcing their skills, the impact of the project extends to grassroots levels, equipping farmers with validated, practical, and applicable organic farming techniques.

This training marks a crucial step in enhancing knowledge sharing, improving organic agriculture practices, and strengthening market linkages—ultimately contributing to sustainable food systems in Eastern Africa.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PHASE I & II STORY

(Aug 2019- Jan 2025)

FOCUS AREA THREE:

Networking within the Organic Agriculture Value Chains

Key actors in the organic agriculture value chains of the participating countries in Eastern Africa have networked in an exemplary manner to strengthen markets and consumption patterns for organic products



PELUM Uganda Launches of the PESA Agro-Enterprise Marketing Model during the 5th Uganda Agricultural Extention Week 2024

Percentage of Youth Reached **30%**

19 Farmer groups supported on Paticipatory Guarantee Systems (PGS) Across the five countries

The project is Currently being implemented in **5** Countries



KHEA Project team officially launches Phase II of the project in Kenya

KCOA-KHEA Phase II Officially Launched During Evaluation and Planning Workshop in Kenya

The Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Eastern Africa (KHEA) officially launched Phase II of the Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Africa (KCOA) Project during the KHEA Evaluation and Planning Workshop, held in Kenya from January 31st to February 4th, 2023. This milestone event brought together key stakeholders to reflect on the achievements and lessons from Phase I while charting a strategic path for Phase II. 4 participants from each of the Country Implementation Partners (CIPs) were represented, including key staff from the finance, communications, project offices, market personnel, and knowledge managers bringing a total to 20 people , and 6 project staff

Phase II of the Project (June 2022-January2025) was officially launched by Dr. David Amudavi, Project Coordinator and Executive Director at Biovision Africa Trust, alongside Mrs. Josephine Akia Luyimbazi, Project Co-Host Coordinator and Country Coordinator at PELUM Uganda. The event was attended by CEOs and representatives from; TOAM (Tanzania Organic Agriculture Movement), PELUM Uganda, PELUM Kneya, Rwanda Organic Agriculture Movement (ROAM), GSDM (Madagascar) and SYMABIO (Madagascar)

The Objective of KHEA Project Phase II was Building on the successes of Phase I, Phase II's aim was to strengthen knowledge-sharing systems, scale up agroecological solutions, and enhance the sustainability of organic agriculture in Eastern Africa.

The key objectives included;

- Enhancing Capacity Building – Strengthening the Training of Trainers (ToToT) model to en sure more trainers and multipliers are equipped with knowledge on organic farming and agroecology.
- Strengthening Market Linkages – Supporting farmers and organic entrepreneurs by enhancing organic value chains and access to markets.
- Policy Advocacy and Awareness – Promoting enabling policies and advocating for the integration of organic and agroecological principles into national agricultural frameworks.
- Knowledge Documentation & Dissemination – Improving knowledge exchange by documenting success stories, best practices, and lessons learned for wider dissemination across the region.

With Phase II, the KHEA Project is set to make even greater strides in advancing organic agriculture and agroecology, strengthening networks, and empowering farmers across Eastern Africa.



GSDM and SYMABIO Partners in Madagascar *officially join the KHEA on the KCOA Project*

KCOA-KHEA Project Officially Launched in Madagascar

On May 12, 2023, the Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Eastern Africa (KHEA) Project was officially launched in Madagascar, marking a significant milestone in expanding agroecological and organic farming initiatives in the region. The launch event took place at CFFAMMA Nanisana and was graced by key stakeholders from PELUM Uganda, GIZ PRADA, SYMABIO, GSDM, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MINAE). Totalling to about 150 people from the boaders of Madagascar.

The event was officially launched by; Mrs. Josephine Akia Luyimbazi – Country Coordinator, PELUM Uganda, & KHEA Co-Host Coordinator, Mr. Francis Nsanga – KHEA Project Manager, Mr. Obed Atteka – KHEA Project Accountant, Mr. Joseph Nyamesegere – KHEA Monitoring & Evaluation Officer, Mme Hasina Ratovonirina – GIZ PRADA Representative and Mr. Lanto Ramaroson – Representative, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MINAE)

The event was chaired by: Heriniaina Ramboatiana, President of SYMABIO and Rakotondramanana, Executive Director of GSDM. Additionally, KHEA's international and regional partners attended the launch virtually, including; PELUM Uganda, Tanzania Organic Agriculture Movement (TOAM), Rwanda Organic Agriculture Movement (ROAM), and PELUM Kenya as well as the International Partners on the KCOA Project i.e; IFOAM Organics International, Access Agriculture, FiBL, and ICIPE.

With the launch of Phase II of the KCOA Project, GSDM and SYMABIO have been selected as the national implementing partners for the project in Madagascar. Their role will be to strengthen knowledge-sharing, farmer training, and organic market linkages while promoting sustainable agricultural practices across the country.

As part of the larger KCOA Project, KHEA aims to integrate organic and ecological agriculture into national agricultural systems. The initiative focuses on expanding agroecological knowledge and best practices in Madagascar, alongside other countries in Eastern Africa—Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, and Tanzania.

Through collaborative partnerships, capacity-building programs, and knowledge-sharing platforms, KHEA seeks to strengthen the organic farming sector, ensuring its sustainability and accessibility for smallholder farmers in Madagascar. This launch signifies a crucial step in advancing organic agriculture and agroecology in Madagascar, reinforcing the country's commitment to sustainable food systems and the regional integration of organic practices.

Key outputs :

- **Currently trained atleast 300 multipliers**
- **18 KPs posted on the DKP with 4 validated**
- **Farmers 'training still ongoing**

KHEA at the 5th African Organic Conference in Rwanda

The 5th African Organic Conference took place from December 12–15, 2023, in Kigali, Rwanda, under the leadership of the African Organic Network (AfrONet) and hosted by the Rwanda Organic Agriculture Movement (ROAM). Themed "Strengthening Resilient and Sustainable Food Systems in Africa through Organic Agriculture," the conference brought together 300 attendees (both in person and virtually), comprising farmers, scientists, policymakers, students, and entrepreneurs in the organic business sector from all over Africa, as well as Europe, Asia, and Oceania. The conference served as a vital platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration among organic agriculture stakeholders. As part of its commitment to enhancing knowledge sharing and networking (Focus Area 2 of the KCOA-KHEA Project), the Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Eastern Africa (KHEA) actively participated in the event. The KHEA delegation, consisting of partners (2 Multipliers each) from Kenya (PELUM Kenya), Uganda (PELUM Uganda), Rwanda (ROAM), Tanzania (TOAM), and Madagascar (GSDM & SYMABIO), showcased innovative agroecological products and inputs, reinforcing the importance of ecological organic agriculture in building climate-resilient and sustainable food systems.

Call to Action:

Join the movement towards sustainable food systems! The 5th African Organic Conference in Kigali showcased global collaboration and knowledge sharing, with KHEA's active participation in highlighting agroecological products and practices. For key takeaways and the Kigali 2023 Declaration, explore the full details here: https://eoai-africa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/5th-AOC-2023-Kigali-DECLARATION-final.version.pdf

A Platform for Collaboration and Policy Influence

The conference, chaired by the African Union Commission's Division of Rural Economy, brought together policymakers, researchers, farmers, and private sector players to discuss actionable strategies for scaling up organic agriculture across the continent.

Discussions focused on:

- Strengthening organic value chains to boost market access for smallholder farmers.
- Policy development to integrate organic agriculture into national food security strategies.
- Knowledge exchange on best practices for agroecological transition.

Strengthening Regional Partnerships for Sustainable Agriculture.

ROAM, a key partner of KHEA and Biovision Africa Trust (BvAT) in Rwanda, played a critical role in co-hosting the event. With over 5,000 organic agriculture actors, ROAM continues to drive national efforts in ecological organic agriculture, aligning with KHEA's mission to empower farmers, enhance food security, and promote sustainable farming practices.

KHEA's participation in the 5th African Organic Conference underscores its regional leadership in organic agriculture and agroecology. By leveraging such high-level platforms, KHEA continues to build networks, share validated knowledge, and contribute to the transformation of Africa's food systems.



KHEA at the 5th African Organic Conference in Rwanda

Shaping the Future of Agro-ecology: Highlights from the 6th KCOA Networking Meeting 2024

The 6th KCOA Networking Meeting 2024, held from October 23rd to 24th, in a combination of virtual and in-person sessions, that took place on October 31st in Cape Town, South Africa, marked a significant milestone for the KCOA Project and its partners. With 120 participants—80 online and 40 in-person— the meeting focused on reflection, learning, and strategic planning for the future of organic agriculture and agroecology across the continent. The Networking Meeting 2024 was a dynamic and enriching gathering, designed to bring together key stakeholders committed to transforming food systems across Africa.



KCOA Hub partners at the 6th Networking Meeting in Capetown

The KHEA hub was represented by Dr. David Amudavi (Executive Director – Biovision Africa Trust and KHEA Project Coordinator), Mrs. Josephine Akia Luyimbazi (Country Coordinator-PELUM Uganda), Francis Nsanga (KHEA Project Manager-PELUM Uganda and BVAT), and Ms. Lise Chantal Dusabe (CEO-ROAM). Representatives from other African hubs also joined the discussions, fostering vibrant conversations about agroecology's potential to support sustainable food systems in Africa.

Key Objectives of the Meeting

- Reflection on KCOA Project Progress: Evaluating the KCOA project's achievements and challenges since its launch in 2019.
- Strategic Planning for KCOA 2.0: Developing new strategies to scale the project's impact from 2025 to 2030.
- Strengthening Partnerships: Fostering collaboration among stakeholders to exchange knowledge and ideas.
- Advocacy for Policy Change: Pushing for policies that support agroecology at national and regional levels.
- Fostering a Shared Vision: Creating a unified approach to agroecology's role in addressing Africa's food security and climate challenges.

Over the past five years, the KCOA Project (2019-2025) has made significant strides.

These achievements include:

- Enhanced Capacity: Through training programs, the project has increased the knowledge and skills of farmers, extension workers, and local communities, empowering them to adopt agroecological practices.
- Increased Policy Recognition: The project has successfully advocated for agroecology's inclusion in regional agricultural policies.
- Building Networks: KCOA has connected farmers, NGOs, and the private sector to create a collaborative network supporting agroecology.
- Support for Certification and Market Access: The project has facilitated organic certification, opening new markets for smallholder farmers.
- Gender and Social Inclusion: KCOA emphasizes equal access for women and marginalized communities in agroecological transitions.
- Raising Awareness: Through media campaigns and events, the project has increased visibility for agroecological practices, gaining international recognition.

To amplify KCOA's impact, the Cape Town meeting focused on several strategies, including:

- Strengthening Agroecology's Core Principles: Emphasizing biodiversity, ecological balance, and sustainable farming to maximize environmental and community benefits.
- Building Resilient Market Systems: Developing market linkages, strengthening cooperatives, and fostering partnerships to create sustainable agroecological businesses.
- Expanding Knowledge Exchange: Fostering farmer-to-farmer learning and youth involvement to inspire the next generation of agroecologists.
- Policy Advocacy: Promoting agroecology at the African Union level and advocating for supportive continental policies.
- Harnessing Technology: Using digital tools to support farmers with real-time information on weather, pest control, and market prices.

The meeting set the stage for the next phase of the KCOA 2.0 (2025-2030) Project. The key intended outcomes include:

- Knowledge Management for Sustainable Food Systems: By 2030, KHEA aims to integrate organic agriculture and agroecology into farming communities, promoting resilient and sustainable food systems.
- Entrepreneurship and Market Development: Strengthening market frameworks for agroecological products, helping farmers access fair and profitable markets.
- Networking and Linkages: Expanding networks among local, national, and international stakeholders committed to scaling agroecology.
- Policy and Advocacy: Advocating for pro-agroecology policies at national, regional, and international levels.
- Capacity Development: Building the capacity of stakeholders to promote and advocate for agroecology and organic agriculture.

The 6th KCOA Networking Meeting 2024 reinforced the growing momentum for agroecology in Africa. With renewed energy and commitment, stakeholders are poised to take bold steps toward expanding agroecology's impact, contributing to Africa's food security, environmental sustainability, and socio-economic development.

The KHEA Hub has so far participated in both online and physical neworking meetings organized by GIZ with representation from the 5 KCOA Hubs.

KHEA at the 2024 Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health Summit at KICC in Kenya

The 2024 Africa Fertiliser & Soil Health Summit brought together key stakeholders to address the pressing issues surrounding soil health and sustainable fertilizer use across the continent. Held in Nairobi, the summit aimed to enhance soil fertility, promote sustainable agricultural practices, and improve food security across Africa. The event saw participation from over 1,000 delegates, including policymakers, agricultural experts, farmers, scientists, and industry leaders from across Africa and beyond.

The summit's overall objective was to develop actionable strategies to improve soil health management and fertilizer usage, ensuring sustainable agricultural development. For further details, including the outcomes and commitments made, refer to the Nairobi Declaration here:
https://au.int/sites/default/files/documents/44056-doc-AFSHS_Decl_4_II_Rev_2_E.pdf



GIZ and KHEA Partners share light moment at the BvAT stall at the Africa Fertilizer and Soil Health Summit in Kenya

Showcasing Agroecology:

The KHEA Exhibition Tent became a hub of innovation, knowledge-sharing, and networking, featuring over 8 Multipliers from Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Madagascar.

Key exhibits included:

- Organic fertilizers & soil conditioners
- Agroecological crop management
- Sustainable seeds & planting materials KHEA Resource Materials

This platform demonstrated agroecology's potential in tackling soil degradation, food insecurity, and climate change while reducing reliance on synthetic fertilizers.
Advancing Policy & Research Through Dialogue

On May 8, KHEA co-hosted a side event on Agroecological and Organic Farming Systems in Africa to highlight system resilience and sustainability. Key speakers, including Dr. David Amudavi (BvAT), Dr. Milka Kiboi (FiBL), and Rosinah Mbenya (PELUM Kenya), presented evidence-based research on how agroecological practices enhance soil fertility and productivity.

Discussions emphasized:

- Climate-resilient farming models
- Organic soil health management

Sustainable production and consumption

Paving the Way for a Greener Future

The summit reinforced agroecology as a viable alternative to conventional farming. KHEA's participation not only showcased best practices but also strengthened collaborations between farmers, researchers, and policymakers.

As Africa moves towards sustainable agricultural systems, the insights from #AFSH24 will be instrumental in shaping future policies and farmer-driven solutions.

KHWA and KHEA Celebrate Women in Organic Agriculture and Agroecology

KHEA and KHWA's March 2024 webinar series celebrated women leaders in organic agriculture, drawing over 300 registrants and 150 attendees. The three-part series showcased 11 women from Nigeria, Kenya, Uganda, and Rwanda, highlighting gender inclusivity, farming innovations, and support structures for women in sustainable food systems.

Recognizing the crucial role women play in shaping sustainable food systems, the Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Western Africa (KHWA), in partnership with the Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Eastern Africa (KHEA), hosted a three-part webinar series dedicated to celebrating women leaders in organic agriculture.

Amplifying Women's Voices in Organic Agriculture

The webinar series, held in March 2024, brought together 11 outstanding women—8 from Nigeria and 3 from East Africa (Kenya, Uganda, and Rwanda)—who have significantly contributed to the advancement of organic farming and agroecology. With over 300 registrants from around the world, the sessions served as a platform for these women to share their experiences, challenges, and successes, inspiring many others in the organic sector.

Empowering Women for Sustainable Food Systems

The discussions not only showcased innovative and sustainable farming practices but also emphasized the importance of gender inclusivity, mentorship, and support structures within the organic agriculture landscape. Through these knowledge-sharing sessions, KHWA and KHEA continue to foster learning, collaboration, and empowerment for women in agroecology.

For those who missed the live sessions, the webinar content is available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzCaupqHe7I&list=PLGY7h1IdkfH-9gTARfwjSu4esM21Gr98D

By amplifying the voices of women in organic agriculture, KHWA and KHEA reaffirm their commitment to creating an inclusive, sustainable, and resilient agricultural future for Africa.



KCOA-KHEA Team and Partners at BIOFACH and VIVANESS 2024: Advocating for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology Globally



GIZ, KCOA Hub Partners and International Partners at the 2024 BIOFACH in German

The prestigious BIOFACH and VIVANESS 2024 event attracted approximately 35,000 trade visitors from 128 countries, including a delegation from the Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Eastern Africa (KHEA). With 2,550 international exhibitors from 94 countries, the event showcased a wide range of organic products, fostering global connections and promoting sustainable practices within the organic sector. For more information about BIOFACH, visit the link; *https://www.biofach.de/en/press/press-releases/2024/biofach-starter-global-bio-community*

This prestigious global event attracted approximately 35,000 trade visitors from 128 countries, including a delegation from the Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Eastern Africa (KHEA).

The KHEA team comprised representatives from: Uganda: PELUM Uganda, Kenya: Biovision Africa Trust & PELUM Kenya, Tanzania: TOAM, Rwanda: ROAM, Madagascar: GSDM & SYMABIO and the Funding Partner: GIZ-Germany.

Exploring the Theme: Women's Impact on Sustainable Food Systems

BIOFACH 2024 was held under the theme: "Food for the Future: Women's Impact on Sustainable Food Systems." The KHEA delegation was inspired by the diverse range of organic products, innovations, and services showcased by 2,550 exhibitors from 94 countries. More importantly, the event provided a rich platform for knowledge exchange, networking, and policy discussions—critical for advancing agroecology and organic agriculture in Eastern Africa.

The opening ceremony, officiated by Germany's Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture, Cem Özdemir, featured high-profile speakers, including ministerial delegates from Uganda and Madagascar, reinforcing the importance of organic agriculture in addressing global food system challenges.

KHEA's Active Engagement in Key Sessions

Throughout the event, the KHEA delegation actively participated in discussions, exhibitions, and congress sessions, contributing valuable insights on scaling up agroecology and organic agriculture. Notable engagements included:

1. **Women in Organic Agribusiness: Sowing Seeds of Change**
   - A panel discussion organized by IFOAM – Organics International, where female leaders in organic agribusiness shared their experiences in driving food system transformation.
2. **Global Market Overview & Agroecology in Africa**
   - Dr. David Amudavi, Executive Director of Biovision Africa Trust and KHEA Project Coordinator, was a key speaker in two critical side sessions:
   - Global Market Overview – Providing insights into market trends and opportunities for organic products.
   - The Landscape of Agroecology and Ecological Organic Agriculture in Africa – Discussing the current state and future of agroecology in the region.
3. **KCOA Women Change Makers in Africa: Insights & Experiences for Food Transformation**
   - Organized by GIZ and IFOAM – Organics International, this session featured outstanding women leaders from the KCOA Hubs, who shared success stories on their contributions to sustainable food systems.
   - Attended by KCOA partners, GIZ, BMZ, and Uganda's State Minister for Agriculture, Animal Industry, and Fisheries, Hon. Fred Bwino Kyakulaga.

KHEA's Future Strategy: Preparing for Phase 3/KCOA 2.0

A significant highlight of the event was the KHEA Delegation Continuity Strategy Meeting, presided over by KHEA Project Manager, Mr. Francis Nsanga (PELUM Uganda), alongside Biovision Africa Trust. In this session, he outlined strategic priorities under the four focus areas of the KHEA project, paving the way for the implementation of Phase 3 of the KCOA Project in Eastern Africa.

The meeting brought together GIZ, KHEA Country Implementing Partners, and the EOA-I Project Team, reinforcing commitment to expanding agroecology and organic agriculture initiatives in the region.

Building on Past Engagements

This marked the second time the Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Eastern Africa (KHEA) participated in BIOFACH, following its debut in 2022. The continued presence at such international platforms solidifies KHEA's role in shaping the future of organic agriculture in Africa, strengthening networks, and positioning Eastern Africa as a key player in the global organic movement.

Strengthening Gender Inclusiveness in Agroecology: A Historic Exchange Between PELUM Uganda and PELUM Kenya

In a significant milestone for regional collaboration, PELUM Uganda and PELUM Kenya, both Country Implementing Partners (CIPs) in the KCOA-KHEA Project, convened for a Gender Learning Exchange from August 19-23, 2024. The event, hosted by PELUM Uganda, brought together 23 staff members from PELUM Kenya, fostering knowledge sharing and dialogue on gender inclusiveness in agriculture.



PELUM Uganda hosts PELUM Kenya for the first ever Gender Learning exhange in Uagnda

On August 21, staff from both PELUM chapters gathered at Silver Springs Hotel in Bugolobi, where they exchanged insights on gender-responsive agricultural practices. Key discussions focused on integrating gender-sensitive approaches into agroecology and organic farming initiatives. As part of KHEA's ongoing commitment to gender-responsive programming, it was highlighted during the exchange learning sessions among the Country Chapters that 3,304 women have been trained as Multipliers across the 5 CIPs, empowering female leaders in organic agriculture.

Key Highlights of the Learning Exchange:

- Diverse Perspectives: Participants shared experiences on promoting gender equality in agricultural programs.
- Innovative Solutions: Practicalapproaches were discussed, showcasing strategies that have successfully advanced inclusivity across regions.
- Strengthened Partnerships: Closer collaboration between PELUM Uganda and PELUM Kenya was fostered, paving the way for future joint initiatives.
- Experience Sharing: Participants explored gender mainstreaming tools to enhance regional agricultural efforts.

The exchange also featured the launch of the KCOA Gender Guide, developed with support from GIZ, which provided practical recommendations for integrating gender considerations into agroecological transitions. A short documentary summarizing the guide's key insights was shared.

Impact and Successes:

1. Enhanced Gender Awareness: Staff gained deeper insights into gender-sensitive project implementation, strengthening inclusivity in their organizations.
2. Improved Knowledge Sharing: Exchange of departmental experiences refined approaches to gender integration.
3. Policy Advocacy: Reinforced the need for policies that support gender equity in agriculture at national and regional levels.
4. Scaling Up Best Practices: Inspired participants to implement new gender-responsive initiatives within their projects.

This successful exchange underscored the importance of gender inclusion in agroecology, aligning KHEA's efforts with its goal of creating more inclusive, transformative farming systems. Moving forward, both PELUM Uganda and PELUM Kenya aim to strengthen gender integration, promote more learning exchanges, and advocate for gender-equitable agricultural policies. The event marks a crucial step towards ensuring that agroecology is accessible and empowering for all.

Advancing Agroecology Through Policy Advocacy: The Launch of Kenya's National Agroecology Strategy (NAS)

The launch of the National Agroecology Strategy for Food System Transformation (NAS-FST) marked a significant milestone in Kenya's commitment to sustainable agriculture. Held under the leadership of Dr. Andrew M. Karanja, Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Development, the event set a strong foundation for integrating agroecology into national policies.

Advocacy



Kenya Multiplier showcases Organic products during the launch of the NAS

During the launch, Dr. Karanja emphasized the need to reduce reliance on chemical inputs by incorporating organic fertilizers and biopesticides into national programs. Additionally, he highlighted plans to streamline KEBS certification processes to enhance market access for organic products, both locally and internationally. at the launch some of the KHEA farmers and multipliers got an opportunity to exhibit their agroecological products.

Dr. Kiprono Ronoh, Principal Secretary for Agriculture, hailed the NAS-FST as a transformative policy framework that unites stakeholders across the food system. He reiterated the importance of aligning national action plans to support agroecological transitions. The Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) advocated for increased funding for the National Gene Bank, emphasizing its critical role in preserving indigenous seeds for future food security. Farmers and stakeholders at the event echoed these calls, underscoring the need for greater resource allocation towards agroecology, including extension services and capacity-building programs.

Collaborations between the Kenyan government and development partners such as GIZ and the European Union were highlighted as key drivers of policy implementation. Stakeholders called for continued engagement to ensure effective execution of the strategy.

Counties like Nakuru have already begun domestifying the NAS-FST, integrating agroecology into their local agricultural policies and programs. This localized approach ensures that agroecology principles are adapted to specific regional contexts, enhancing their effectiveness.

The NAS-FST launch underscores the growing momentum behind agroecology in Kenya. With strong policy backing, multi-stakeholder collaboration, and increased investment, the country is poised to lead in transforming food systems for sustainability, resilience, and inclusivity.

The successful launch of the NAS-FST demonstrates the critical role of advocacy in driving policy reforms that support agroecology. The KCOA-KHEA project continues to play a vital role in these efforts, working with partners to champion sustainable agricultural practices across the region.

Advocating for Ecological Organic Agriculture: The National Ecological Organic Agriculture Conference (NEOAC 2023)

The National Ecological Organic Agriculture Conference (NEOAC 2023) organised by TOAM in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture in Tanzania brought together organic stakeholders and sustainability advocates to explore the future of agriculture and food systems from 8-9th Nov 2023 in Tanzania. This highly anticipated event served as a platform for knowledge exchange, networking, and discussions on the latest innovations shaping the organic industry.



The National Ecological Organic Agriculture Strategy officially launched at the NEOAC in Tanzania

Key Advocacy Highlights from NEOAC 2023:

- Launch of the National Ecological Organic Agriculture Strategy (NEOAS): Hon. David Silinde, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, officially launched the strategy, marking a significant milestone in Tanzania's commitment to ecological organic agriculture. The strategy aims to enhance food and nutrition security, improve livelihoods, preserve biodiversity, and contribute to climate change mitigation.
- Policy & Frameworks for Sustainable Food Systems: Stakeholders engaged in discussions on strengthening policies and regulatory frameworks that support organic and ecological agriculture.
- Community Seed Bank Sustainability: Experts shared insights on preserving agrobiodiversity through sustainable seed banking initiatives.
- Technological Advancements and Their Impact: Participants explored the role of technology in organic farming, assessing its implications for farmers and food production.

problem-solving, audience engagement, and meaningful discussions. The event underscored the need for continued advocacy, investment, and action to propel ecological organic agriculture forward.

The launch of the NEOAS was done by Hon. David Silinde the Deputy Minister of Agriculture Tanzania.

Dr. David Amudavi the Executive Director and KHEA Project Coordinator of Biovision Africa Trust gave his keynote speech on "Food Systems Transformation: Nurturing Political Environment for Advancing EOA"

The National Ecological Organic Agriculture Strategy (NEOAS) is a fundamental guiding tool for supporting sustainable agricultural sector transformation.

Hon. Silinde expressed the Ministry of Agriculture's commitment to support ecological organic agriculture.

As we move towards a greener future, let's keep sowing the seeds of change for sustainable food systems.

THE ROAD MAP TO KCOA 2.0

Advancing Agroecology for Sustainable Agri-food Systems (2025-2030)

As KCOA enters its next phase (2025-2030), KCOA 2.0 aims to strengthen agroecology and organic agriculture across Africa.

The initiative will focus on:

i. **Knowledge Management for Sustainable Food Systems – Integrating agroecology into farming communities for resilient food systems.**

ii. **Entrepreneurship & Market Development Strengthening market access for farmers and promoting fair trade for agroecological products.**

iii. **Networking & Linkages – Expanding stakeholder networks at local, national, and international levels.**

iv. **Policy & Advocacy – Driving policies that support agroecology and organic agriculture.**

v. **Capacity Development – Empowering stakeholders with knowledge and skills to champion sustainable agriculture.**

KCOA 2.0 is set to scale impact, strengthen resilience, and transform food systems for a healthier planet.

THE KHEA STORIES OF CHANGE

KCOA Success Stories: Showcasing Impact and Inspiring Change

Documenting success stories is a key activity in the KCOA initiative, providing tangible evidence of the transformative impact of organic agriculture and agroecology across Africa. These stories highlight real experiences from farmers, organizations, and stakeholders, showcasing best practices, lessons learned, and the positive outcomes of sustainable farming approaches.

Capturing success stories is essential for knowledge exchange, advocacy, and scaling up impactful interventions. They serve as a source of inspiration, demonstrating how agroecology improves food security, livelihoods, climate resilience, and environmental sustainability. Additionally, these stories help influence policies, attract partnerships, and strengthen the commitment to agroecological transitions.

By profiling KCOA success stories in the Phase 2 booklet, we not only celebrate achievements but also provide a roadmap for continued growth and transformation in organic agriculture.



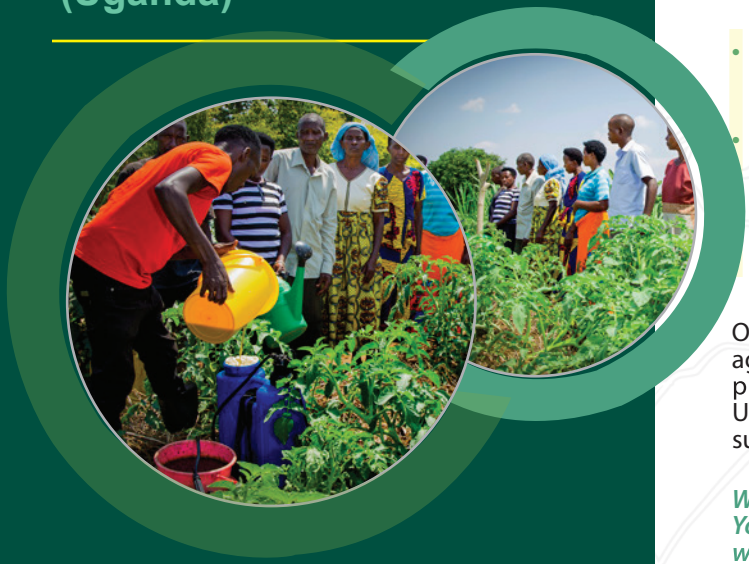







Empowering Farmers Through Organic Agriculture:

The Journey of KHEA Multiplier- Onesmus Asiimwe (Uganda)



Onesmus Asiimwe, a dedicated organic farmer from Uganda, has become a catalyst for change in his community. After receiving training through the KCOA-KHEA Project, he founded the Kakoni Organic Farmers Initiative in 2021 to share his knowledge with fellow farmers. His trainings have reached multiple districts, including Kabale, Ntungamo, and Rukungiri, where farmers have learned to make organic fertilizers and grow nutrient-rich crops like sukuma, beetroot, and cabbages.

KHEA Project Impact/Successes

- **Community Impact:** Trained over 50 farmers across various districts, spreading the knowledge of organic farming.
- **Soil Health & Sustainability:** Promoted organic fertilizers that enhance soil fertility and improve farm productivity.
- **Climate Resilience:** Advocated for agroecology to help farmers combat drought and climate challenges.

Onesmus' journey underscores the importance of agroecology in building sustainable, resilient farming practices. His efforts continue to inspire farmers in Uganda to embrace organic agriculture for long-term success.

Watch more stories of change on YouTube; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9kBXeafjoo&t=5s

From Idle Land to Organic Wealth:

Galiwango's Success Story - Uganda

In 1962, a family friend promised Mr. Moses Galiwango's father land for his firstborn. That firstborn was Galiwango, but for years, he struggled financially while his 10-acre land remained unused.

Initially, Galiwango focused on tree planting, mainly pine trees, but lacked sustainable farming knowledge. His perspective changed after attending a training by Ms. Margaret Kabuye from Africa 2000 Network (A2N) in Wakiso, marking the start of his agroforestry journey.

Later, through PELUM Uganda's

KCOA-KHEA project, Galiwango embraced organic farming. He learned the value of agroecological practices and transformed his farming approach.

Key Successes from KHEA's Support:

- Diversified Farming: Galiwango's farm now grows 30,000 trees, fruits, yams, maize, sugarcane, and has livestock including goats, cows, and pigs.
- Environmental Conservation: He uses organic methods like intercropping, composting, and water harvesting to maintain soil fertility and ecosystem balance.
- Sustainable Income: Organic farming has significantly improved his income and turned his land into a self-sustaining farm.

Today, Galiwango's farm is a thriving ecosystem, proving the power of organic farming and knowledge.

Watch more stories on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9kBXeafjoo&t=5s



From Training to Bio-Fertilizer Success:
Alphonse Nsengiyumva's Journey - Rwanda

Alphonse Nsengiyumva, a KHEA multiplier from Rwanda, used his training under the Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture (KCOA-KHEA) project to create a bio-fertilizer innovation that has transformed farming in his community. After noticing that most farmers relied on inorganic inputs, Alphonse developed a homemade fertilizer using nettles, marigold, and rabbit urine, offering a sustainable alternative to chemical

Key Successes from KHEA's Support:

Bio-Fertilizer Development: Alphonse created a natural fertilizer rich in NPK and a natural pesticide.

Increased Adoption: The bio-fertilizer was well-received, sold at $1 per liter to make it affordable for local farmers.

Business Growth: Alphonse plans to scale production and expand his reach, turning his innovation into a profitable business.

Alphonse's success shows how training and innovation can drive sustainable agriculture in Rwanda.



COPROBIO Cooperative in Rwanda:
Transforming Lives Through Mushroom Farming

In Ngoma District, Rwanda, 30 farmers from COPROBIO Cooperative have transformed their lives through organic farming. Trained under the KCOA-KHEA Project and supported by ROAM, they were inspired by video-based agricultural resources from Access Agriculture to adopt mushroom farming.

Key Successes from KHEA's Support:

- **Mushroom Farming Adoption:** The cooperative successfully integrated mushroom farming, boosting nutrition and income.
- **Income Generation:** Selling mushrooms in local markets has improved their financial well-being and local food security.
- **Collaboration & Knowledge Sharing:** A strong support network has helped farmers innovate and grow together.

With continued support, COPROBIO is scaling its impact, contributing to Rwanda's thriving organic agriculture sector.



Youth Driving Food System Transformation
Through Agroecological Practices - Kenya



Youth are crucial in transforming food systems through agroecological practices, promoting sustainability and resilience. Their involvement brings innovation and fresh perspectives to farming, encouraging methods that enhance biodiversity, improve soil health, and reduce reliance on synthetic inputs. With technology and communication tools, youth are spreading awareness and mobilizing communities toward sustainable food practices

KHEA Project Impact/Successes

- **Empowerment through Knowledge and Training:** KHEA equips youth with agroecological skills, enabling them to improve farming techniques and lead community initiatives.
- **Increased Adoption of Agroecology:** Youth have played a key role in spreading agroecological principles, boosting local food security and biodiversity.
- **Promotion of Local Food Systems:** Many have revived traditional farming methods, strengthening local food systems and promoting environmental sustainability.

By integrating these practices, youth are contributing to healthier food production and environmental preservation, ensuring a sustainable future for agriculture.

KHEA Multipliers Innovate with Profitable
Bio-Fertilizer Solution - Rwanda

Robert Nshimiyimana and Abed Niyonshuti, trained under the KHEA Project, created a bio-fertilizer business using cow dung, cow urine, and Tithonia diversifolia. Their innovative product enhances soil fertility and supports sustainable farming practices.



KHEA Project Impact/Successes

- **Profitable Bio-Fertilizer Business: They turned their training into a successful venture, providing a sustainable alternative to synthetic fertilizers.**
- **Improved Crop Yields: Initial trials on vegetables have shown positive results, increasing farm productivity.**
- **Promotion of Sustainable Agriculture: Their bio-fertilizer contributes to healthier soil and reduces dependency on chemical fertilizers.**

Their story demonstrates how KHEA training empowered them to transform knowledge into a profitable and environmentally sustainable solution.

Revitalizing Agriculture:
The Success of Organic Farming in Rungwe, Tanzania



Andimile Tende, trained through the KCOA-KHEA Project in 2021, has transformed his farming practices in Rungwe and inspired his community to adopt organic methods.

Key Successes from KHEA's Support

- **Innovative Composting:** Tende developed a composting method using avocado stones, cow dung, and forest mud, enriching soil and crops.
- **Sustainable Farming:** His zero-waste approach has improved soil health, yields, and crop diversity.
- **Community Impact:** Tende's organic produce has boosted local markets, encouraging nearby farmers to adopt organic practices.
- **Knowledge Sharing:** He plans to create a demonstration plot to teach others about organic farming.

Tende's farm is now a model for sustainable agriculture, promoting greener farming in Tanzania.

Peskin Nahabwe's Journey
to Sustainable Agriculture - Uganda







Peskin Nahabwe, a 25-year-old KHEA Multiplier from Rweshande village, never envisioned herself as a farmer until 2020. Her interest in organic farming sparked after joining the "Youth in Agro-Ecology & Business Learning Track Africa (YALTA)" and attending a KHEA training in Masaka.

KHEA Project Impact/Successes

- **Transition to Organic Farming:** Nahabwe adopted organic methods on her father's farm, growing hot pepper, cabbages, and eggplants.
- **Training Others:** As a KHEA multiplier, she has trained 17 farmers and co-trained 16 more, advocating for organic farming.
- **Access to Higher Markets:** Organic hot pepper has earned her family UGX 800,000 weekly from international sales.

Nahabwe's story illustrates how KHEA empowers individuals to transform their farms and communities through organic farming.

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9kBXeafjoo&t=5s

Antonita Odira's Path to Self-Sufficiency: From Vendor to Thriving Farmer - Kenya



In Aora Dak village, Homa Bay County (Kenya), Antonita Odira, a 45-year-old mother of eight, turned her life around through sustainable farming. With her husband, a carpenter, Antonita worked hard to provide for their family, but her former job as a vegetable vendor was unstable. She often traveled to markets like Sori, only to find that vegetables were unavailable, leaving her without income.

A Life-Changing Opportunity

In February 2024, Antonita joined the Soko Genga group under the Development in Gardening (DIG) Field School. With guidance from facilitator Sarah Obonyo, Antonita learned sustainable farming techniques, such as raised beds, composting, and using natural homemade pesticides made from soap, garlic, onions, pepper, aloe vera, charcoal ash, and cow dung.

Armed with these skills, Antonita began growing a variety of vegetables, including spinach, kales, black nightshade, carrots, onions, capsicum, and cilantro. She focused on growing kales and cilantro for income generation.

Antonita Odira's story aligns with the objectives of the Development in Gardening (DIG) Field School and sustainable farming practices, which are key components of the KHEA project. Here's how:

Building a Better Future

Through the DIG Field School, Antonita's hard work and dedication have transformed her life. From an uncertain vendor to a thriving farmer, her story is one of perseverance and success. By securing financial stability for her family, she has also inspired those around her to pursue sustainable farming practices and improve their livelihoods.

Empowering Farmers in Pemba: Uwamambo Group's Organic Farming Success - Tanzania



In 2022, the Uwamambo group from Pemba, comprising 15 members (11 women, 4 men), received training on organic farming from KHEA Lead Multiplier Juma Khatib Shehame and Master Trainer Brigitha Didas. Their training in soil health, pest management, and composting led to their PGS certification for organic farming.

KHEA Project Impact/Successes

- **Adoption of Organic Practices:** The group uses mulching and Muokozi biopest to increase crop yield and reduce costs.
- **Higher Yields & Certification:** Their 1.5-acre farm grows tomatoes, peppers, passion fruits, and more, with increased yields and certified organic products.
- **Market Success:** Despite market challenges, they earned 1,500,000 Tshs from tomato sales last season.

Hidden Gold in Rabbit Droplets: Macklin Asiimwe's Organic Farming Transformation - Uganda



Macklin Asiimwe's journey from chemical pesticide struggles to organic farming success is one of resilience. After losing UGX 3.7 million on a watermelon crop due to chemical damage, Asiimwe turned to organic farming after joining the KHEA project.

Key Successes from KHEA's Support

- Organic Fertilizer & Income: Asiimwe now makes and sells organic fertilizer from rabbit urine, improving productivity and generating extra income.
- Healthier Farming Practices: She uses homemade organic pesticides, improving plant health and sustainability.
- Improved Health & Life Quality: Switching to organic farming has relieved her from sinus issues caused by chemicals, enhancing her overall well-being.

Asiimwe's story is a powerful example of how organic farming can transform both livelihoods and health

Watch more stories of change on YouTube; https://www.*youtube.com/watch?v=j9kBXeafjoo&t=5s*

Harnessing Agroecology for Sustainable Energy: Rwihandagaza's Biogas Innovation - Uganda

Ms. Janet Rwihandagaza, a 60-year-old farmer from Mende, Wakiso district, has been practicing mixed farming for 12 years. After facing challenges with agrochemicals, she transitioned to organic farming, improving her farm's productivity and health. Her six-acre farm grows a variety of crops and raises livestock, including rabbits, chickens, and goats.

KHEA Project Impact/Successes

- **Biogas Innovation:** Using cow dung, Rwihandagaza created a biogas system to produce methane for cooking and electricity, significantly reducing her household energy costs.
- **Organic Practices:** She now uses organic pesticides and fertilizers made from rabbit urine, garlic, and red pepper, promoting healthier crops and reducing chemical exposure.
- **Economic and Health Benefits:** By switching to organic farming, Rwihandagaza has improved farm profitability and lowered health risks associated with chemicals.

Through agroecology, Rwihandagaza has not only improved her farm's productivity but also enhanced her family's livelihood and contributed to her community's sustainability.



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KCOA
Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture anc Agroecology in Africa

KHEA
Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Eastern Africa

Meet Africa's Organic Farmers

#FarmersOfAfrica #KHEA



Florence Gachugwa: Kenya
Specialises in Growing Kales, Tomatoes, Onions, Blacknight shade, and Amaranthus.



Kayemba Mathias: Uganda
Specialises in Vegetables, Onions, and Banana production.

The Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology (KCOA) collaborates with five knowledge hubs across Africa—Northern, Western, Central, Eastern, and Southern—to scale up organic agriculture. One of its key objectives is to strengthen networking among organic actors across the continent, raising awareness and fostering collaboration.

In line with this, the Meet Africa's Organic Farmers campaign was launched during the Phase one to capture and amplify the voices of smallholder farmers practicing ecological organic agriculture.

Over 50 farmers from different countries under the Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Eastern Africa (KHEA) have shared their experiences, highlighting both their successes and challenges, as well as the policy support they need to farm sustainably.
This campaign serves three main purposes: raising awareness of KCOA, providing farmers with a platform to voice their needs, and gathering data to support policy advocacy at national and continental levels.

With smallholder farmers making up a significant portion of Africa's food producers, their voices are crucial in shaping agricultural policies that promote sustainability.

Through storytelling and digital engagement, the campaign seeks to influence policymakers and spark public dialogue on the future of agriculture in Africa.

Watch and listen to these farmers' stories here: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGY7h1ldkfH-l8P40JCCYgZo2g0H1uRw7

> *Meet Africa's Organic Farmers campaign has amplified voices, showcased successes, and* inspired a movement—proving that organic farming is not just a practice, but a path to resilience, sustainability, and thriving communities
>
> *~ MAgino Pamella , KHEA Communications Officer, BvAT/PELUM Uganda ~*





Asiimwe Jolly : Uganda
Specialises in Production of green pastures



Tumaini Msigwa: Tanzania
Specialises in Growing Chilli, Avocado, and Carrots



Bleski Mnegerwa: Tanzania
Produces biofertilizers like Bokashi but also grows Avocado



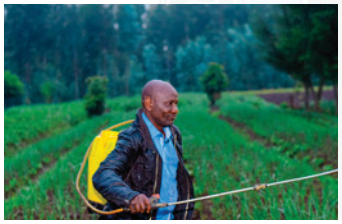
Baraka Elisha Augustino: Tanzania
Specialises in Growing Grows tomatoes



Mutua Mutungi: Kenya
Grows vegetables like Kales, Spinach, Chilli, Hot Pepper, Onions and Coriander.



Kakande Albert: Uganda
Rears fish, grows vegetables, banana production and also produces bio fertilisers



Semugeshi Emmanuel: Rwanda
Specialises in Organic Garlic production.



Hatangimfura Emerithe : Rwanda
Organic cabbages production shade, Amaranthus



Mukanoheli Colombe: Rwanda
Specialises in Organic Peas production



Jemimah Ngina: Kenya
Does Vegetable farming such as kales, spinach and amaranthus

> "When it comes to biodiversity in nature, Africa is a continent that embraces it all. From the variety in soils, animals,and plants, to the climate and cultures, the continent's wealth in biodiversity is undeniable. With it being largely an agricultural continent where about 70% of the population is employed within the sector, Africa has a long history in organic and agroecological farming practices."



TOTO François: Madagascar:
Specialises in Spices products (cinnamom, vanilla



Regional Organic Markets

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The demand for organic products and markets is increasingly growing both at the local and regional levels. This has made more farmers to participate in the organic agriculture value chains, businesses and agro-enterprise development”

Markets are important. They give businesses access to cash. Markets are critical in price formation, liquidity transformation and allowing firms to service the needs of their clients

Name of Organic Market	Location: (Village/ District/Country)	Agro-commodities	Contact
I am Organic Shop	Dar es salaam (Masaki) Tz	Horticulture, leguminous, cereal crops	+255768782821
Kilimo Hai Shop	Morogoro Tz	Horticulture, leguminous, cereal crops	+255754925560
Kwetu Kwenu Market	Zanzibar Tz	Horticulture products/spices	+255764523530
South - East Cost Market	Zanzibar Tz	Horticulture products/spices	+255773167779
Kirwarwa Market	Gatanga, Muranga' Kenya	Vegetables, Fruits Tubers, Kienyeji eggs	+254723669212
Githumu Market	Githumu centre, Muranga' - Kenya	Vegetables, Fruits Tubers, Kienyeji eggs	+254723669212
Kangari Market	Kangari, Muranga' Kenya	Vegetables, Fruits Tubers, Kienyeji eggs	+254723669212
Garden city Market	Nairobi Kenya	Vegetables, spices, Honey, and cereals.	+256727977009
Kiserian Market	Kiserian Kenya	Vegetables, spices, and cereals.	+256727977009
Kiserian Market	Tunyai, Meru. Kenya	Vegetables, spices, and cereals.	+256727977009
Meru herbs shop	Kikuyu Kenya	Herbal teas, hibiscus, lemon grass, lemon	+254722515328
Kikuyu Market		Vegetable, spices and honey	+256727977009
Garden Picks farm produce Shop	Eldoret Uasin Gishu County - Kenya	Vegetables, Cereals, Condiments, Flours, Fruits, Herbs & Spices, Juices, Kienyeji Eggs, Roots & Tubers etc.	+254726054710
Sylvia's Basket Shop	Ngong Road Kenya	Vegetables, value added farm products	+25438211687
Foodlinx	Rugando/Gasabo Rwanda	Vegetables, value added farm products	+250782112692
Pride Farms	Masaka Rwanda	Vegetables, value added farm products	+250784442406
Organic Products Market	Abayita Ababiri Entebbe - Uganda	Herbal teas, hibiscus, lemon grass, lemon	+256702616988
Organic Farmers Market	Nsmbya, Caritas Kampala - Uganda	Vegetable, spices and honey	+256772494277
MADABIO - Codal	Ankorondrano, Antananarivo Madagascar	Spices, essential oils, honey, juice, dried fruit.	+261 32 05 233 07
Le colisée	Ankorondrano, Antananarivo Madagascar	Essential oils, spices, vanilla	+261 32 11 830 13
Corona plaza – Box 9 Bio soa	Ankorondrano, Antananarivo Madagascar	Juice – essential oils – coco oils – dried fruit	+261 34 96 637 06
Aromebio	Isoraka, Antananarivo	pharmaceutical products	+261 34 21 295 53
Marotia	Toamasina - Madagascar	Organic vinegar	+261 34 91 890 40
Tresor & sens	Tsimbazaza Ankaditoha lot 3 K 8 Bis, Antananarivo-Madagascar	Vegetal oils – coffee – red & white rice – honey	+261 33 11 305 80
Arome & Sens	Lot IB12 Isoraka Antananarivo ANTANANARIVO 101 Madagascar	Essential oils	+261 32 78 132 24
Chocolaterie Robert	Sonierana, Antananarivo-Madagascar	Chocolate – cocoa	+261 34 70 205 65
APL Vanille vanille	Andraharo- Madagascar	Vanilla – spices	+261 32 05 070 31
VANIALA	Antsakaviro- Madagascar	Essential oils – organic water	+261 34 12 619 68

The Gallery



KHEA Project Team Management shares a moment for a group photo at the PELUM Uganda offices



KHEA Multipliers from PELUM Uganda showcase their organic products at the 5th Harvest Money Expo,



KHWA and KHEA at the 5th African Organic Conference (AOC) in Kigali, Rwanda



ROAM-trained farmers showcase their organic produce and make sales at the Farmers Market Day organized by ROAM



The KCOA Hubs and GIZ team gather for a briefing at Hotel Leonardo Royale ahead of BIOFACH 2024



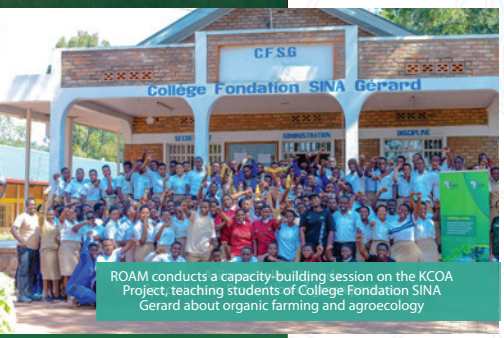
KHEA Country Implementing Partners gather at the 5th African Organic Conference in Rwanda, from December 12-15, 2023,



KHEA team actively participating at the 5th African Organic Conference (AOC) in Kigali, Rwanda, from December 12 -15, 2023



Media representatives from various outlets gather for a group photo at the Stakeholders Media Envisioning Workshop organized by Rwanda



ROAM conducts a capacity-building session on the KCOA Project, teaching students of College Fondation SINA Gerard about organic farming and agroecology



KHEA Project Team, Country Implementing Partners, and GIZ/KCOA Coordinators at the 4th KCOA Networking meeting and mini exhibition in Nuremberg, Germany



ROAM team pose for a photo with students from College Fondation SINA Gerard



Building capacity for KHEA farmers in Madagascar through training in sustainable organic farming practices

The Gallery



KHEA Master Trainers Daniel Sajjabi and Faizo Wasswa leads a hands-on Multiplier training at St. Jude Family Projects



The KHEA Project team joins PELUM Kenya at their stall during the 5th African Organic Conference (AOC) in Kigali, Rwanda, from December 12-15 2023



Farmers of COPROBIO Cooperative assess their mushroom farming progress,



Stakeholders at the December 2023 launch of Tanzania's National Ecological Organic Agriculture Strategy (NEOAS),



KHEA farmers under PELUM Kenya engaging in a practical session on Bokashi making



KHEA farmers under PELUM Kenya actively participating in a hands-on practical session, learning essential skills for sustainable organic farming techniques



Farmers ready to plant the seeds of a greener future during 2024 Green Action Week. #GreenActionWeek



KCOA Hubs, GIZ, and international partners at a glance during BIOFACH 2024 in Nuremberg, Germany.



KHEA Project Officer from PELUM Kenya hosts a training session on the KCOA Digital Knowledge Platform



KHEA Multiplier Kakande Albert showcases his exhibited products to Ministry of Agriculture officials during the Agroecology Week of Action 2023



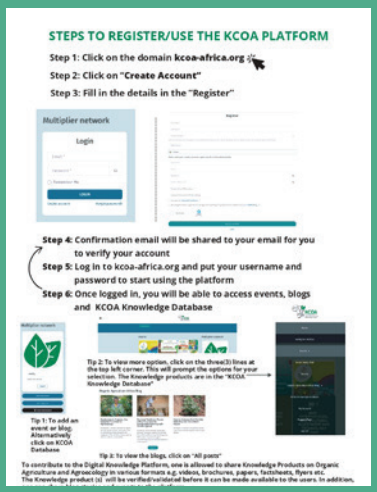
GSDM and SYMABIO, the CIP in Madagascar, participating in the 25th FIERMADA Fair in Madagascar

Key Resources

The KHEA Phase 1 & 2 Story Booklet highlights key resources, including training manuals, policy briefs, case studies, and practical guides on organic agriculture and agroecology—just a few of the many available materials. Each resource includes a link for easy access, allowing stakeholders to explore and utilize them for deeper learning and implementation.

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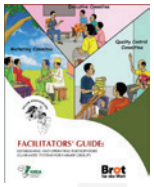
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Meet Africa's Organic Farmers Campaign. Access the Farmer stories here;
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGY-7h1IdkfH-I8P40JCCYgZo2g0H1uRw7



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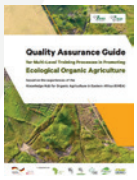
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KCOA-KHEA PHASE 1 STORY (AUGUST 2019-JUNE 2022)
https://khea-africa.org/kcoa-khea-phase-1-story-booklet-august-2019-june-2022/



7 Reasons to go Organic
https://www.pelumkenya.net/2023/01/1st-eastern-africa-agroecology-conference-19322.html



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