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About US

PELUM ASSOCIATION

Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Association is an indigenous African network of currently with over 250 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) from 12 African Countries namely; Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Botswana, South Africa, Malawi, Ethiopia, Swaziland and Rwanda. PELUM Association Regional Secretariat is based in Lusaka, Zambia. Each of the countries has a Country Working Group (CWG) comprising member organizations that work with smallholder farmers, and coordinated by a Country Secretariat (CS), most of which still remain hosted by one member organization in the respective countries.

PELUM Kenya

Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Kenya is a national network which currently comprises of 46 member organizations located in 19 Counties and operates in 42 Counties countrywide. PELUM Kenya is mandated by its members to promote Ecological Land Use Management (*elum*) practices and principles in Kenya through networking and capacity building, information sharing and advocacy.

The members of PELUM-Kenya are Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and other networks working with small scale farmers. PELUM Kenya's Country Secretariat is based in Thika at the SACDEP Training Centre.

OUR VISION

Empowered and prosperous communities deriving their livelihoods from sustainable land use

OUR MISSION

To promote participatory ecological land use management practices for improved livelihoods among smallholder farmers in Kenya.

OUR CORE VALUES

1. Innovativeness and Creativity
2. Equity and Justice
3. Gender Sensitivity
4. Transparency and Accountability
5. Commitment to partnership and action for result and impact

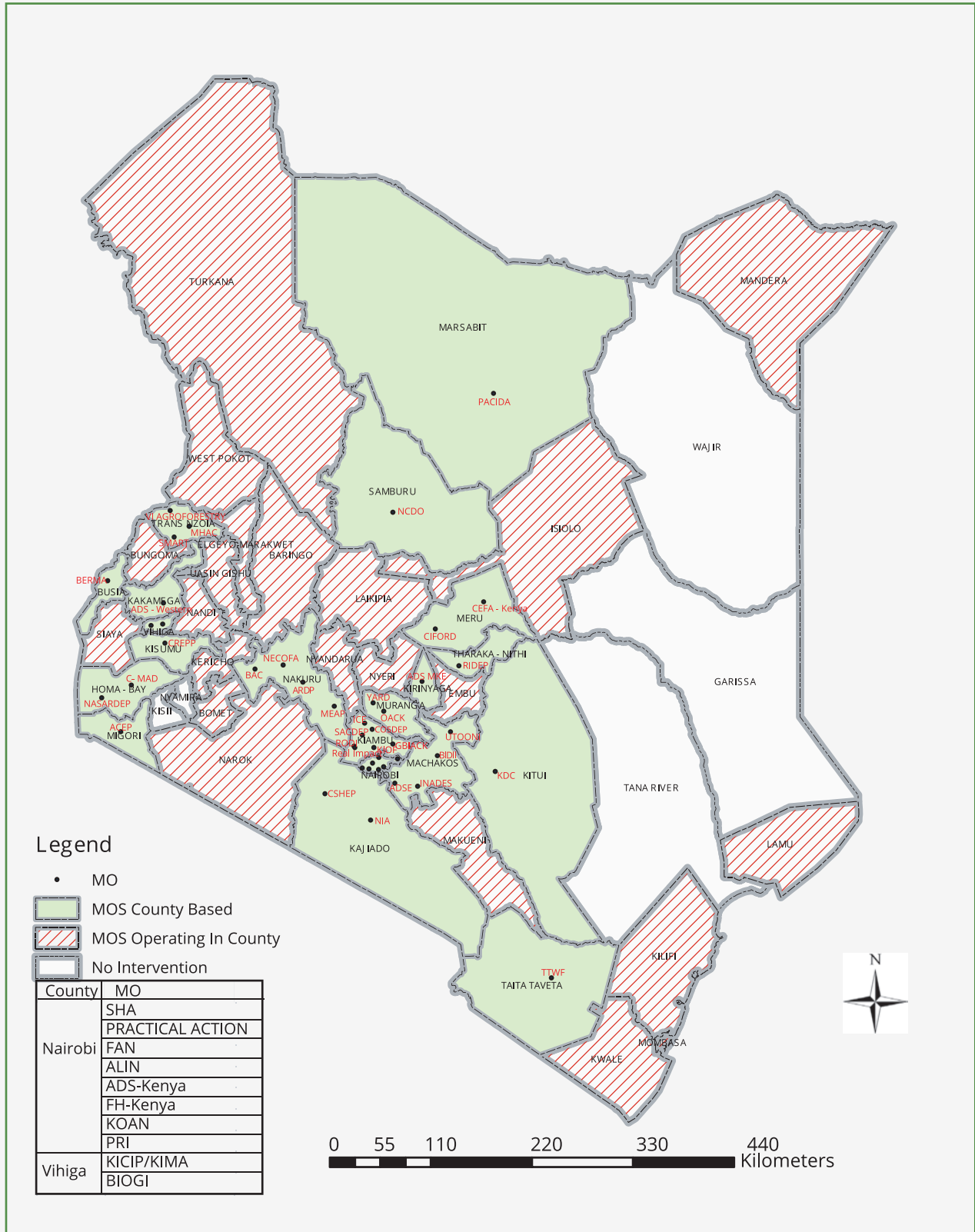
OUR STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS

PELUM Kenya has four Strategic focus areas namely;

1. Research, Information Management and Marketing
2. Campaign, Advocacy and Lobbying
3. Capacity Enhancement and Networking
4. Results Based Management



OUR MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS AND WHERE WE WORK





PELUM KENYA MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

A. CENTRAL AND NAIROBI ZONE

1. Sustainable Agriculture Community Development Program (SACDEP – Kenya)
2. Grow Bio – Intensive Agriculture Centre of Kenya (GBIACK)
3. Institute of Culture and Ecology (ICE)
4. Kenya Institute of Organic Farming (KIOF)
5. Kenya Organic Agricultural Network (KOAN)
6. Organic Agriculture Centre of Kenya (OACK)
7. Practical Action East Africa
8. Youth Action for Rural Development (YARD)
9. Real Impact for Sustainable Growth Organization (Real Impact)
10. Resources Oriented Development Initiative (RODI – Kenya)
11. Community Sustainable Development Empowerment Program (COSDEP)
12. Forest Action Network (FAN)
13. Arid Lands Information Network (ALIN)
14. Anglican Development Services- Kenya
15. Permaculture Research Institute (PRI) Kenya
16. Self Help Africa (SHA)

B. UPPER EASTERN/NORTH EASTERN ZONE

17. Community Initiatives for Rural Development (CIFORD)
18. Anglican Development Services Mt. Kenya East
19. Rural Initiatives Development Program (RIDEP)
20. CEFA-KENYA
21. Pastoralists Community Initiatives and Development Assistance (PACIDA)
22. FH Kenya
23. Nainyoiye Community Development Organization (NCDO)

C. RIFT VALLEY ZONE

24. Agricultural and Rural Development Program – Catholic Diocese of Nakuru (ARDP)
25. Baraka Agricultural College (BAC)
26. Network for Eco farming in Africa (NECOFA)
27. Maendeleo Endelevu Action Programme (MEAP)

D. NYANZA ZONE

28. Community Mobilization Against Desertification (C-MAD)
29. Community Rehabilitation and Environment Protection Program (CREPP)
30. Nyanza Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Programme (NASARDEP)
31. Agriculture Community Empowerment Programme (ACEP)

E. LOWER EASTERN AND COAST ZONE

32. Benevolent Institute of Development Initiatives (BIDII)
33. INADES Formation – Kenya (IFK)
34. Taita Taveta Wildlife Forum (TTWF)
35. Utooni Development Organization (UDO)
36. Neighbors Initiative Alliance (NIA)
37. Kitui Development Centre (KDC)
38. Anglican Development Services Eastern
39. Community Sustainable Agriculture and Healthy Environmental Program (CSHEP)

F. WESTERN ZONE

40. Anglican Development Services Western
41. Busia Environmental and Resource Management (BERMA)
42. Bio – Gardening Innovations (BIOGI)
43. Kima Integrated Community Initiative Program (KICIP)
44. Manor House Agricultural Centre (MHAC)
45. Sustainable Mobilization of Agricultural Resource Technologies (SMART) Initiatives
46. Vi Agroforestry (VIAFP)

WORDS FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



“Launching of PELUM Kenya zones made 2015 a memorable year for PELUM Kenya fraternity”

I am pleased to present to you the 2015 Annual Report for PELUM Kenya. This report provides an overview of PELUM Kenya activities in 2015 and a summary of achievements.

The year 2015 was the fifth year of implementing PELUM Kenya's six year strategic plan 2010-2015. This year saw an increase in PELUM Kenya MOs numbers from 44 to 46 members following the ratification of 2 new Member Organizations namely; Community Sustainable Agriculture and Healthy Environment Programme (CSHEP) and Permaculture Research Institution (PRI) during the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

PELUM Kenya held its 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM), held from 28th to 29th May 2015 at SACDEP Kenya- Thika premises with 79 delegates participating. During the 2015 AGM, delegates elected two new Board Members namely; Ms. Sarah Muriithi and Mr. Stanley Bii representing Nairobi & Central Zone, and the Rift Valley Zones respectively to replace the Board Members that had left the PELUM Kenya network from Member Organizations or had their organization relocate from the zones they had been elected from.

Also, a participatory Organizational Network Analysis (ONA) was undertaken which identified the key

strengths and areas of improvement for the network. The implementation of the recommendations from the exercise will go a long way in contributing to the success for the network.

I therefore take this opportunity to acknowledge our development partners who supported our work namely; Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC), Bread for the World, Siemenpuu Foundation and Act! CRM Facility. I appreciate my fellow Board Members, staff and PELUM Kenya Member Organizations who contributed in the development of the network. Your support made the network contribute in the achievement of its Mission and Vision.

I urge all of us to continue working hard in the realization PELUM Kenya Vision, Mission and Goals.

CHARLES N. ONYANGO
CHAIRMAN

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CHAIRPERSON



MARGRET KISILU
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MEMBER

BOARD MEMBERS WHO LEFT IN 2015



STANLEY BII
MEMBER



SARAH MURIITHI
MEMBER



MIRIAM MUTEYO
MEMBER



COUNTRY COORDINATOR'S FOREWORD

“we all recognize and appreciate that success is founded on partnership and networking”

This report presents an overview of PELUM Kenya network in the year 2015. It highlights Institutional Programme and Financial related progress and achievements. The strategic areas of focus during the year were Research, Information Management and Marketing (RIMM); Campaign, Advocacy and Lobbying (CAL); Capacity Enhancement and Networking; and Results Based Management (RBM).

In order to strengthen its horizontal networking capabilities, PELUM Kenya launched its six zones namely; Nairobi/Central Zone, Western Zone, Nyanza Zone Central Rift Zone, Lower Eastern and Coast Zone and Upper Eastern/ Northern Kenya Zone.

PELUM Kenya also recruited six new staff for the positions of Zonal Networking Coordinators (ZNCs) in the newly created PELUM Kenya Networking Zones. A Program Officer for Research, Information Management & Marketing (RIMM) Programme was also recruited to fill in the position that had been left vacant when the former position holder was promoted to the position of Programme Operations Manager (POM). An assistant driver was also recruited.

In 2015, PELUM Kenya remained focused in rolling out its mandate. PELUM Kenya engaged in Capacity Building Interventions for its Member Organizations through trainings, workshops and exchange visits along its strategic areas of focus. In addition the small scale farmers were reached through a num-

ber of PELUM Kenya interventions in the zones and particularly through the Siemenpuu component and the PENELI 11 programme that were implemented in 2015. PELUM Kenya also continued its engagement in the Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative (EOAI) and the Green Action Week (GAW).

In addition, PELUM Kenya Secretariat Staff and Zonal Networking Coordinators were trained on Bread for the World Standards and Project Management, Resource Mobilization and Sub granting Management. PELUM Kenya also continued to receive different visitors in the year from the different development partners who support PELUM Kenya work.

I thereby express my sincere gratitude for all the stakeholders particularly PELUM Kenya MOs, PELUM Kenya National Board, our Development Partners for the support in making the year a success. Finally, I thank PELUM Kenya staff for their hard work and commitment in making the year a success. We all recognize and appreciate that success is founded on partnership and networking

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COUNTY COORDINATOR, PELUM KENYA

THE COUNTRY SECRETARIAT STAFF



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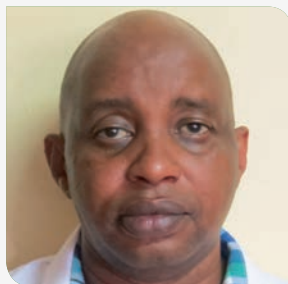
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Our People

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ASSISTANT DRIVER



THE ZONAL COORDINATING STAFF



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ZONAL NETWORKING COORDINATOR,
LOWER EASTERN AND COAST ZONE



ANNE RUTTO

ZONAL NETWORKING COORDINATOR,
CENTRAL RIFT ZONE



NEREA RADIDO

ZONAL NETWORKING COORDINATOR,
NYANZA ZONE



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ZONAL NETWORKING COORDINATOR,
UPPER EASTERN & NORTHERN KENYA



SARAH NANJALA

ZONAL NETWORKING COORDINATOR,
WESTERN ZONE



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ZONAL NETWORKING COORDINATOR,
NAIROBI/CENTRAL ZONE

ZONAL COORDINATORS WHO LEFT IN 2015



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ZONAL NETWORKING COORDINATOR,
LOWER EASTERN AND COAST ZONE



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ZONAL NETWORKING
COORDINATOR, CENTRAL RIFT ZONE

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PELUM KENYA MEMBERSHIP

During the reporting period, the membership of the organization increased from 44 to 46 Member Organizations with the ratification of two new members into the network.

Dropped members in 2015

During the report period, no member organization was dropped in the PELUM Kenya membership.

New members in 2015

A total of two organizations namely Permaculture Research Institution (PRI) and Community Sustainable Agriculture and Healthy Environmental Program (CSHEP) were ratified to join PELUM Kenya membership during the 2015 AGM.

STAFF CHANGES

Six zonal networking Coordinators (ZNCs) were recruited. The ZNCs are hosted by the following PELUM Kenya MOs; ICE, ADS MKE, CREPP, BAC, BIDII and ADS Western.

A new Program Officer for Research, Information Management & Marketing (RIMM) Programme was also recruited to fill in the position that had been left vacant when the former position holder was promoted to the position of Programme Operations Manager (POM).

THEMATIC COMMITTEES AND THEIR LEADERSHIP

In 2015, PELUM Kenya members' inaugurated three national thematic committees to offer strategic leadership on programme implementation as follows;

National Thematic Committee	Committee Leadership in 2015
Marketing	Mr. Ferdinand Wafula, BIOGI
Campaign, Advocacy and Lobbying	Ms. Wanjiru Kamau, KOAN
Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning	Mr. Karangathi Njoronge, MEAP



PELUM Kenya staff during a training on Results Based Management

2015 PROGRAMMES/PROJECTS FACT SHEET

PELUM Kenya delivers its programmes and projects through four focus areas: Research & Information Management and Marketing (RIMM); Capacity Enhancement and Networking; Campaign, Advocacy and Lobbying (CAL); and Results Based Management (RBM).

1. PROMOTING ELUM AND NETWORKING FOR LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT (PENELI) II PROGRAMME (2014-2016)

FUNDING PARTNERS: Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC) and Bread for the World

Goal: To improve livelihoods of small scale farmers working with member organizations through application of elum practices and networking

Objectives:

1. To strengthen the capacity of PELUM –Kenya MOs facilitate small scale farmers' engagement with markets
2. To increase the capacity of MOs to enable mainstreaming and advocacy on cross cutting issues and global debates
3. To strengthen the Institutional Capacity of PELUM Kenya to deliver its mandate

Key Results Areas:

- Elum principles, practices and adoption among the small scale farmers working with PELUM Kenya MOs promoted
- Increased level of incomes from smallholder agricultural products
- Capacity of MOS to mainstream and advocate cross cutting issues and global debate increased
- The Institutional Capacity of PELUM Kenya strengthened

2. GLOBAL GREEN ACTION WEEK PROJECT (2013-2015)

FUNDING PARTNER: Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC)

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS: KOAN, ARDP

COLLABORATING COUNTRIES AND IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS: MASIPAG-PHILIPINES, CENTRO ECOLOGICO-BRAZIL, NOGAMU-UGANDA

Goal: To increase consumer awareness on the impacts of Sustainable Consumption habits on the environment

Objectives:

1. To empower consumers with knowledge on sustainable consumption attributes and their effects
2. To inculcate responsible consumption patterns among school students
3. To improve interactive networking among producers and consumers

Key Result areas:

- Assessment of the views by the general public on organic food consumption to inform customer trends and perceptions
- Popularizing the East African Organic Mark (Kilimohai)
- Students simulation for organic food production and consumption including creativity and involvement in Organic consumption discussions
- Profiling organic food sources, market points
- Increased appreciation for responsible consumption

3. ECOLOGICAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE (EOA) INITIATIVE IN AFRICA (2013-2015)

FUNDING PARTNERS: Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC) and Swedish Agency for International Development.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS: Bio Vision Africa Trust, SACDEP and KOAN

COLLABORATING COUNTRIES AND IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS: Ethiopia- Institute of Sustainable Development; Tanzania- Tanzania Organic Agricultural Movement (TOAM); Zambia-PELUM Regional Desk; Uganda- PELUM Uganda and NOGAMU

Goal: To strengthen a vibrant ecological organic system for enhanced food security and sustainable development in Africa

Objectives: To increase support of ecological organic agriculture in the national production systems by 2015

Key Results Areas:

- Ecological Organic Research mainstreamed into the national agricultural research system.
- EOA curricula established at all levels and sectors.
- Extension system is responsive to the end users farmers' demand for information and services in EOA.
- Increased Availability and accessibility of information on EOA for use by stakeholders.
- Smallholder farmers in Kenya access organic markets.
- Functional partnerships and networks among EOA actors in Kenya by 2015.
- Appropriate policies and programmes conducive for promotion of EOA developed and implemented
- Institutional capacity and coordination of EOA initiative actors improved.

4. SIEMENPUU SUPPORT IS FOR STRENGTHENING THE PELUM KENYA NETWORKING ZONES UNDER THE PENELI II PROGRAMME

Objectives

1. To enhance the capacity of small scale farmers served by PELUM Kenya member organisations in six zones to actively advocate for development and enactment of supportive agricultural policies at the county level by 2015
2. To increase adoption of ecological land use management technologies among the small sale farmers targeted by the MOs in 6 platforms (zones) by end of 2015
3. To increase collaboration and cooperation of PELUM Kenya member organisations at each of the six established zones

5. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (2012-2015)

FUNDING PARTNERS: Act! CRM

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS: SMART Initiatives, MHAC, Vi Agroforestry, ARDP, SHA, BAC, NECOFA, BERMA, BIOGI, KICIP, NIA, ALIN, KDC, IFK, UCCS, BIDII, ICE, YARD, COSDEP, GBIACK and RODI

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Goal: Improve the livelihoods of small holders farmers through supporting their engagement in governance, management and efficient utilization of natural resources in Kenya

Objectives: Smallholder farming communities empowered to engage in the governance and decision making

Processes in the management and utilization of natural resources in 5 platforms (Kajiado/Kitui/Machakos, Kiambu, Nakuru, Kakamega and Trans Nzoia) in Kenya by 2014

Key Result Areas:

1. Strengthened citizenry participation in governance, management and utilization of natural resources.
2. Increased engagement of PELUM Kenya and the member organizations in policy and legislative process for Natural resources at National and county level.
3. Strengthened PELUM Kenya.

PROGRAMMES PERFORMANCE

CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT AND NETWORKING

PELUM Kenya Annual General Meeting (AGM)

PELUM Kenya held its 2015 AGM held on the 28th -29th May 2015 at SACDEP Kenya premises. 79 delegates participated in the AGM held in Thika.

The AGM event has been hosted on rotational basis to provide an opportunity for Member Organizations to network and interact with different Community members as much as possible within the Country.



2015 AGM delegates pose for a group photo

Country Working Group meeting (CWG)

The Country Working Group (CWG) meeting was held at Kitui from 30th September to 1st October 2015. It was hosted by Kitui Development Centre (KDC) and attended by 33 participants. Participants visited three KDC sites- Mango processing plant, Mango farmer and a poultry farmer. Resource Persons made presentations on topical issues on climate change, Biotechnology, Soils and water conservation. The County minister for Environment and Natural Resources Dr. Muusya Mwinzi also graced the occasion.



Tree planting at Kanderendu Pri. School during 2015 AGM



PELUM Kenya Board Members in a Meeting in Dec 2015

Organization Network Analysis (ONA)

An Organization Network Analysis workshop for PELUM-Kenya Member Organizations was conducted from 27th to 28th April 2015 in Nakuru. The workshop was attended by 43 Participants and facilitated by Act! CRM Facility. An ONA is a diagnostic assessment, which is conducted in a participatory manner. It enables organizations to reflect, validate strengths, identify gaps and plan for organizational level improvement. An ONA is guided by a set of parameters or checklist also known as ONA tools. They include; Capacity areas or components, Sub capacity areas or categories and statements of excellence also known as indicators.

During the workshop, participants assessed 6 key capacity areas which were; Involvement and Accountability, Governance and Leadership, Network support, Financial Management, Advocacy and Programming, Internal and External Communication Network Support, Advocacy Governance and Leadership emerged as key areas of focus

Climate Smart Agriculture Workshop

A workshop on climate smart agriculture for PELUM Kenya Member Organizations was held from 24th to 26th June 2015 in Nakuru. 46 Participants learnt about the climate smart agriculture concepts. It integrates the three dimensions of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental) by jointly addressing food security and climate challenges. It is composed of three main pillars:

- Sustainably increasing agricultural productivity and incomes;
- Adapting and building resilience to climate change;
- Reducing and/or removing greenhouse gases emissions, where possible.



women innovators visit in Uganda

Women empowerment on Ecological Organic Agriculture - Women Innovators visit

Women Innovators visit was organized from 10th to 11th Jan 2016. 31 Women Innovators participated in an exposure trip hosted by PELUM-Uganda, The Women visited Kulika. Field visits PELUM Uganda model farmer, a successful motivational farmer who inspired the visitors with her success in farming and entrepreneurship.

Agribusiness Workshop

An agribusiness workshop for PELUM Kenya members was held on 3rd to 5th Nov 2016 and was attended by 32 Participants. The agenda of the training workshop was to equip the participants with the skills on how marketing and agribusiness can be incorporated together, where value chains and Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) processes for selected value chains would be of focus.

Trainings at the Secretariat

PELUM Kenya Secretariat Staff and Zonal Networking Coordinators were trained on:

- Bread for the World Standards
- Project management, Resource mobilization and Sub granting management

The Courses were facilitated by CORAT Africa

Terra Madre Day

The Terra Madre Day is celebrated every 10th December to promote the diversity of food traditional and production. In 2015 the event was hosted by Grow Bio intensive Agriculture Centre of Kenya (GBIACK). The event brought together representatives of local communities from Murang'a and Kiambu counties. A discussion on how to bring knowledge of endangered food production and preparation into modern times was held. During the event a cooking competition was held on the preparation of traditional food to raise awareness of these products, along with creativity, knowledge and techniques in the preparation.

NETWORKING AND COLLABORATION AT THE ZONES

Lower Eastern and Coastal Zone

The zone was launched on 15th April 2015 at Lysak Hotel, Machakos County. The event was graced by Farmer's, MO's representatives and PELUM Kenya Staff from the Secretariat.

Farmer leaders attended the Machakos ASK show on 26th June 2015 where their peers show-cased innovative ways of producing food organically. The visit involved 14 farmers and 4 Member Organizations staff.

An exposure visit was organized to Winnie's Pure Health Kienyenji Farm- Embu on 17th July 2015 for 37 farmers. The purpose of the visit was to learn best practices of managing Indigenous Improved local poultry breeds organically.



LECZ launch

Upper Eastern and Northern Kenya Zone

The zone was launched on 8th May 2015. A visit was organized for 35 Farmers (mostly pastoralist) from Upper Eastern and Northern Kenya zone to expose them on innovative elum practices on 27th November 2015 at GBIACK Center in Thika. The Farmers were exposed to bio-intensive agriculture activities carried out in the Center and on the community farms.



Farmers learn about Compost manure development

Central Rift Valley Zone

The zone was launched on 20th March 2015.



Central Rift Zone Launch

An exchange visit was organized to Karunga Women group located in Elburgon ward in Nakuru County on 18th December 2015. The purpose of the visit was to expose farmers on income generating projects. A total of 20 farmers participated in the visit



Farmers exhibiting organic products in central rift valley zone

Nyanza Zone

PELUM Kenya Nyanza zone chapter was officially launched by the Hon Mr. Onsongo the MCA for agriculture in Migori County. In attendance were representatives from the farmer groups who work with the MOs in the zone and staff of PELUM Kenya secretariat. This marked the onset of networking within the zone among the MOs, CSOs, government line ministries and farmer groups in the region.



Nyanza Zone Launch

Farmers learning visit was organized on 1st Dec 2015 in Migori County to expose farmers on successful farmers innovation. A total of 48 farmers participated in the exchange visit.



Nyanza zone farmers learn about orange sweet potatoes during an exchange visit



farmers learning about best practices in banana production and apiary management

Central and Nairobi Zone

The zone was launched on 15th May 2015. The zonal launch was graced by the Kiambu County Chief Environmental Officer on behalf of the County Executive, Environment, Water and Natural resources, and attended by the PELUM Kenya Country Coordinator. A visit was held to Kichozi Real IPM farm on 9th December 2015 for Farmer Leaders in the Central Zone to learn on sustainable agriculture technologies



Mr. Jamuhuri from Kichozi farm explaining to farmers about hydroponics

Western Zone

The zone was launched on 31st March 2015. Farmers participated in a renewable energy exhibition hosted by BIOGI organized to coincide with Terra Madre's slow food celebrations; farmers' best innovations were shared during the event. The event took place on 8th Dec 2015 at Emuhaya, Vihiga County. 70 farmers and local leaders participated in the event

RESEARCH, INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING

Marketing Committee meetings

Following the formation of PELUM Kenya marketing committee, PELUM Kenya organized four meetings for the marketing committee. The Marketing Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the PELUM Kenya Network through the Secretariat, on appropriate Strategies to be used in Strengthening marketing programmes. The meetings were held as follows:

- 30th March 2015 at Chester Hotel Nakuru and attended by seven committee members and 2 PELUM Kenya staff.
- 27th May at Kasarani Sporsview hotel and was attended by seven committee members
- 10th July at Kasarani Sportsview Hotel and attended by eight committee members
- 10th December 2015 and attended by nine (all) committee members.

Follow up PGS workshop and Exchange Visit

In its current PENELI 11 programme, PELUM Kenya started engaging the organic PGS processes. While a PGS workshop was held in 2014, staff changes and dynamism necessitated for a PGS follow up training which was combined with an exchange visit to a successful PGS certified organic farmer group. A follow up workshop and exchange visit on Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) certification was held on 3rd to 5th June 2015 and was attended by 22 participants; among them 10 were men and 12 female. The workshop was held at Kasarani Sportsview hotel, while the exchange visit was undertaken in Ngong Organic Farmer Association (NOFA). The farmers were equipped with skills on organic production standards and certification.



Exchange visit to Ngong Organic Farmers Association

Organic Market Development study

A market study aimed at analyzing the existing organic value chains (indigenous chicken, cassava and honey) among small holder farmers and offering options for improving marketing of organic products in Kenya through an analysis of the marketing channels was undertaken. The study also delved into the identification of the challenges and opportunities related to organic markets for indigenous chicken, honey and cassava value chains. The organic products market development study was conducted in the six PELUM Kenya operational zones. It was undertaken

by the PELUM Kenya network's marketing thematic committee. 200 copies of the market study booklet were printed and shared with PELUM Kenya MOs and other relevant stakeholders.

Market study validation workshop

A validation workshop for the organic market development study among smallholder farmers was held at Sportsview Hotel, Kasarani, Nairobi County from 9th to 10th of July 20, 2015. The workshop was preceded by an activity conducted by the marketing department of PELUM Kenya that undertook an organic market development study for small scale farmers in the six PELUM zones. The workshop was attended by 26 participants, PELUM Kenya zonal coordinators, PELUM Kenya marketing committee members and two farmer representatives from each of the six PELUM Kenya zones.

Marketing review meeting

PELUM Kenya held a marketing review meeting on 10th to 12th December 2015. Participants who attended the meeting included: marketing committee, PELUM K staff and Zonal Networking Coordinators. The objective of the meeting was to review the progress of the marketing department and also discuss the way forward in the marketing component. The reference point was the Organization strategic plan, a market study that had been conducted earlier and the marketing component under the PENELI 11 programme.



Kanyedero peanut on shelves ready for market

Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) certification for organic products

PELUM Kenya facilitated four PELUM Kenya MOs; CREPP, KOAN, NECOFA and ADS MKE to facilitate four farmer groups namely Kamicha Kabondo fresh organic cassava farmer group, Embu East Organic Group, Gacavari SHG and Malando cooperative society to undertake pilot PGS certification processes for their organic products. Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS) are locally focused quality assurance systems. PGS aims to provide a credible organic guarantee to consumers seeking organic produce seeking organic produce through direct participation of farmers and consumers in the organic guarantee process. The focus value chains are organic chicken, organic cassava and organic honey. The progress of the PGS farmer groups is as summarised below:

Gacavari SHG PGS progress

Gacavari SHG group was started in 2013 with a membership of 20 people. The focus value chain in the PGS certification process is the indigenous chicken. Through PELUM Kenya interventions, the farmer group undertook the following:

- Training on organic standards and certification.
- Training on organic local poultry production namely; housing, feeding and general chicken management.
- Formation and capacity building of PGS committees namely inspection committee, sanction committee, peer review and approval committee.



Gacavari S.H.G members during a field visit by SSNC and PELUM Kenya staff

Kamicha Kabondo fresh organic cassava PGS progress

Kamicha Kobondo PGS group consists of 25 members who were selected from the Kamicha Kobondo development group that has 90 members, in Kochogo location in Nyando Sub County.

Through PELUM Kenya interventions, the group undertook the following PGS related activities in 2015:

- Systems and internal procedures development
- Training on organic standards and certification
- Procurement and planting of cassava cuttings in seven acres
- Formation and capacity building of PGS committees namely inspection committee, sanction committee, peer review and approval committee.
- Training on agronomic practices and the basic introduction to PGS
- Training on group dynamics



Caption of Kamicha Kobondo farmers in the "seeds of gold article" during an exhibition in Kisumu displaying their cassava products



Kamicha Kabondo PGS group members in one of the cassava farms

Mukika SHG PGS progress

Mukika SHG is composed of 22 members (17 female and 5 male) and focuses on the improved chicken "kuku Afya" value chain.

Through PELUM Kenya interventions, the group has undertaken the following:

- Training on organic agriculture, organic chicken production and standards required to rear organic chicken.
- Training farmers on PGS
- Purchase of documentation materials
- Selection of PGS committee representatives namely; peer review, sanction and approval committees.
- Construction of improved chicken houses
- Branding of the PGS chicken collection centre
- Development of PGS manual

- Training on organic agriculture, PGS system formation and its importance
- Training on apiary management and hive fabrication
- Formation of by-laws to govern Malando honey PGS Group
- Training on introduction to organic standards and certification
- Training on PGS documentation and record keeping at both farmer level and committee level
- Training on value chain and marketing of products

Malando Bee Keepers Cooperative Society PGS progress

Malando Bee Keepers Cooperative Society is a registered cooperative society under the cooperatives act owned by Ogiek farmers in Mariashoni area along the Mau forest complex in Nakuru County. The cooperative has a total of 310 farmers and are engaged in the honey value chain.

Through PELUM Kenya interventions, the group has undertaken the following:



Training on beehive fabrication to Malando cooperative society

Youth marketing Projects

Two youth groups were supported to undertake agricultural youth projects along the value chains of honey and chicken. The youth groups are: Kulyouths and Advocate for change Bunge youth group respectively.

Kulyouths youth group

Kulyouths youth group was formed in November 2011. The group has been actively engaged in the SPK potatoe value chain, MH 395 cassava value chain and honey value chain. The group has 15 members out of whom 7 are female. Through PELUM Kenya interventions, the group intends to commercialize the production of honey for processing, packaging, labeling and group marketing for income generation.

In 2015, the group was trained on modern beekeeping skills, stages of beekeeping, types of bee hives, value addition for honey value chain and apiary management.

The group purchased 30 langstroth beehives and has been installed at apiary sites.

Advocate for change youth Bunge

Advocate for change youth Bunge was formed on 23rd December 2011 with local poultry keeping being its main activity. There are fifteen members (5 female and 10 male). A total of ten improved chicken housing were constructed at individual homesteads for its members. The improved chicken housing will contribute to improved production levels and thereby enhancing the group's capacity in engaging effectively with markets owing to better volumes and consistency in supply.

MARKETING IN THE ZONES

Central Rift Zone

Through PELUM Kenya, Maendeleo Endelevu Action Program (MEAP) conducted a two days training on indigenous poultry value chain for twenty chicken farmers. The topics taught included:

- Improved chicken breed selection
- Improving the chicken stock
- Feeding
- Disease control and management
- Poultry housing
- Record keeping
- Marketing strategies.

MEAP also bought 10 improved cocks and distributed them to 10 selected farmers.

Upper Eastern and Northern Kenya Zone

Through the PELUM Kenya support, Tharaka rearing group purchased 5 cooler boxes, packaging papers and the transaction documents. This was done to;

- Ease the transportation to the market and reduce the transportation cost
- Increase the sales
- Reduce loss as cooler boxes can store the unsold poultry meat for sale the following day.
- Add value to fetch better prices.

This support has motivated the farmers to enlarge their production targeting larger entities. So far the group has started benefiting from the support due to collective marketing of their products and they have been able to access far markets. Another benefit that has come along with being in a group is that the members have not only been able to market their chicken but also have been able to market their cereals as well which has seen the group signing a contract with the bulk buyers like East African Breweries.

Lower Eastern and Coast Zone

Ti Kwenda Kwitu Group a farmer group working with KDC a PELUM Kenya MO was supported to strengthen its agricultural credit access for its small scale farmers. This was done in form of capital boost to the group which will be used for their community loaning facility. Lack of finances is one of the critical problems hindering growth, production, productivity and generation of income of farm income.

Farmers from Upper Eastern and Northern Kenya zone learn about fish farming

Nyanza zone

A farmer's exchange visit to an apiary centre consisting of farmer representatives and two staff from each of the four MOs. The apiary centre is owned by a farmer who has in the past been trained by ACEP and CMAD (both PELUM Kenya MOs) and owns 15 modern beehives. Farmers learnt on best apiary management practices aimed at improving their value chain interventions particularly in production levels.

CAMPAIGN, ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING

Training on devolved governance

From 17th to 21st February 2015, PELUM Kenya held a training workshop on devolved governance and 22 Advocacy officers and staff assigned advocacy responsibilities from the network participated. The training enhanced the capacities on key concepts in decentralization including delegation, fiscal decentralization, devolution and the association of risks and functions of the National and County governments and legislation processes. Zonal Advocacy Work plans for the year 2015 were also developed.



Consultative meeting on agriculture policy

Information sharing on policy and legislations

PELUM Kenya shared 4 updates on Policy and Legislation process to the network through emails. The updates included an analysis of Policy and legislation processes at the Regional, National and County level which took place in order to enhance engagement of the member organizations in the processes.

Consultative Meeting on Draft Agriculture Policy

PELUM Kenya held a Network Consultative Forum on the Draft Agriculture Policy on 21st April 2015. The main objective of the forum was to inform the network about the Draft Agriculture Policy and provide a forum for members to share and harmonize their views on the third draft Agriculture Policy.

Policy Engagement

PELUM Kenya developed and submitted a memo to the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. The memo addressed salient issues on inclusion of small scale farmers' issues and integration of elum and made twelve recommendations which included the consideration of the impact of climate change, indigenous knowledge, increasing participation of small holder farmers and Genetically Modified issues among others. Some of the issues such as that of climate change were included in the Fourth Draft of the policy.

Study on Gaps in integration of elum and small scale farmer issues in Policies and Legislation

On 16th September 2015, PELUM Kenya held a Validation Workshop for a Study on gaps in policy and legislation in Agriculture on issues affecting small scale farmers and intergration of elum. The study sought to provide a systematic evaluation of gaps in policies and legislations to be utilized in contributing to improving the same with focus on promotion of elum and small scale farmers. The study reviewed policies and legislations in agriculture, environment, land and social welfare. 1 partner and 18 member organizations participated and were represented the Advocacy officer or Officer assigned advocacy responsibilities. The members verified and validated the findings of the study, made recommendations for possible advocacy engagement interventions and developed a format for the simplified version of the study.



Advocacy review meeting

Advocacy Review meeting

PELUM Kenya held a review meeting on 3rd December 2015. The meeting brought together 27 representatives who are Advocacy officers and Officers assigned advocacy responsibilities. The participants reviewed the activities implemented by the PELUM Kenya zones based on the issues identified and addressed, lessons learnt and they listed advocacy priority areas for the zone for 2016.

Participation in Coalition building and partnership

Participation in policy dialogue by the Ministry of Agriculture

PELUM Kenya participated in other consultative foras on the policy organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries and the Agriculture Industrial Network.

Road to Paris and Post 2015 Development Agenda meeting

PELUM Kenya is a member of the Kenya Climate Change Working Group (KCCWG) and Pan African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) and in May PELUM Kenya participated in the Road to Paris and Post 2015 Development Agenda meeting organized by the KCCWG, Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources and PACJA. The meeting offered a rich forum of learning and dialogue and the participants held discussions on an analysis and recommendations from the Post Lima CSO workshop held in February. The outcomes of COP 20 and implication to Kenya and SB42 and ADP 2.9 were also discussed and a sub-committee tasked to Draft Kenya's position Statement.

Pre COP National Stakeholders Workshop

PELUM Kenya participated in the Pre COP National Stakeholders Workshop which was organized by the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Regional Development Authorities, Transparency International, KCCWG, PACJA, Act! Care International, among others where the Country's position in the UNFCCC-COP 21 was validated.

UNFCCC COP 21 in Paris

PELUM Kenya participated in the UNFCCC COP 21 in Paris where an agreement on Climate Change whose agreement was three fold to maintain the increase in the global average temperature to below 2°C and pursue 1.5°C, increasing the ability to adapt to adverse impacts of climate change and foster climate resilience and low Greenhouse gas emissions and ensure finance flows are consistent with a pathway to low greenhouse gas emission and climate resilient development.

African Biodiversity Network Strategy meeting and Policy and Advocacy Training PELUM Kenya also participated in the African Biodiversity Network Strategy meeting and Policy and Advocacy Training. It provided members with an opportunity to provide updates on progress in advocacy work and enhance skills for engagement in joint advocacy issues.



Advocacy fora in Nairobi and central zone covered by Utugi TV

Agriculture Industrial Network

PELUM Kenya also participated in the Agriculture Industrial Network events on the Draft Agriculture policy and on the Crops Act regulations held on 31st March and 22nd July 2015 respectively.

Anti-GMO campaigns

PELUM Kenya supported the Kenya Biodiversity Coalition (KBioC) demonstrations against Genetically Engineered Organisms (GMO) on 21st August 2015 in Eldoret. This demonstration was held during the period when the National Biosafety Authority had called for comments on an application for environmental release of genetically engineered maize referred to as Bt Maize by the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) and the African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF).

Campaigns, Advocacy and Lobbying in the Zones

- Two meetings were held for the Advocacy Committee on 17th February 2015 and 24th November 2015 at the Luke Hotel and Hillcourt Hotel which brought together 8 participants who were drawn from the PELUM Kenya regions and the Secretariat. Planning and review of planned activities were undertaken in the meetings. The PELUM Kenya advocacy officers and the Officers assigned advocacy activities also held a series of planning meetings for advocacy activities.
- PELUM Kenya held a series of advocacy for a in the zones. These meetings were held together with farmers to jointly identify issues, develop workplans and memos for submission to duty bearers and legislators, sensitize farmers and duty bearers and legislators on policy issues. PELUM Kenya together with Advocacy officers and officers assigned advocacy activities from the zones engaged in advocacy activities in the following counties Nakuru County for Central Rift Zone, Kitui, Makueni, Machakos, Taita Taveta and Kajiado Counties for Lower Eastern and Coast zone, Meru and Tharaka Nithi for Upper Easter and Northern Kenya zone, Migori, Homabay, Siaya and Kisumu Counties in Nyanza Zone, Kiambu and Murang'a Counties in Nairobi and Central Zone, Busia, Trans Nzoia and Vihiga Counties in Western zone. Some of the common issues identified included access to markets, inadequate extension services, increased natural resource degradation, poor infrastructure, budgetary allocation to agriculture, decreased access to water and increase of middle men among others. The zones engaged with respective ministries and Members of the County Assembly.
- Media-There was increased coverage of PELUM Kenya activities in the media houses such as Nation newspaper, Milele Fm, KBC Tv, Athiani Fm. In the zones, coverage was in the following media houses: Lower Eastern zone was covered in Wikwatyo FM, Musyi Fm, Western zone Anyole FM, In Upper Eastern and Northern Kenya in the Eye County Magazine, Central Rift in K24 and Radio Amani and Radio Ramogi in Nyanza and in Nairobi & Central zone in Utugi TV and the Star Newspaper.

ECOLOGICAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE INITIATIVE (EOAI) IN AFRICA

The 3rd African Organic Conference

In October 2015 PELUM Kenya participated in the 3rd African Organic Conference which was held in Lagos Nigeria from 5th – 9th October 2015. The conference ended successfully with the adoption of the Lagos Declaration on “Achieving Social and Economic Development through Ecological Organic Agriculture Alternatives”, and also the honouring of the twelve (12) eminent persons, among them from Kenya Ngugi Mutura (SACDEP) and John Njoroge (KIOF). PELUM Kenya was among the organizations that presented the updates on progress of EOA in Eastern Africa as supported by the SSNC, which will form one Chapter in the subsequent documentation of the proceedings later in 2016.



The EOAI Continental Steering Committee

Regional Steering Committee (RSC) Meetings

Two RSC Meetings were held in 2015. The first was held by a smaller team of participants of Gender and M&E guidelines writeshop in July 2015 at the Kivi Hotel in Nairobi. In August 6-7, 2015 a full committee meeting was held in Nairobi to deliberate on matters of EOA in the Eastern Africa Region. The Committee developed a workplans for the year, prepared Terms of reference, defined their mandate, roles and responsibilities, and proposed some resource mobilization strategies for the region. The committee also discussed the expected scope of work in length of service of committee members, frequency and venue of RSC Meeting, and regional subcommittees' establishment.

Continental Steering Committee (CSC) Meetings

The CSC for EOI Initiative held two meetings in 2015. The first meeting was held in Arusha Tanzania in from 20th to 22nd May 2015, with the CSC Sub-committee meeting being held on the first day. The reports for 2014 and workplans for 2015 for EOA in Eastern and West Africa EOA Initiative were presented and ratified. Discussions were held on how to harmonize both SSNC and SDC reports and workplans especially for presentation to the CSC, based on the challenges experienced. This would give a good oversight of the progress made. The CSC intended to visit the EAC office and request support in confirmation of a member of EAC who would chair the Eastern Africa RSC. This however was not realized as the EAC representative was not available on the proposed meeting date.

The second CSC meeting was held at Mdrand Conference Centre in Johannesburg South Africa from 9th – 10th December 2015. This was the 4th Meeting of the CSC. Opening remarks were made by Dr. Janet Edeme, the Head of Rural Economy Division and acting Head of Agriculture and Food Security Division, African Union Commission



Participants in EOA Albama training visiting supermarkets with organic shelves

who chairs the CSC. She conveyed greetings from Her Excellency, Mrs. Tumusiime Rhoda Peace, the Commissioner of Rural Economy and Agriculture who was very pleased with the progress made by EOAI in Africa in its contribution to addressing challenges of food security and climate change.

A post analysis of the 3rd African Organic Conference held in Lagos Nigeria was carried out with feedback shared via Skype by Dr. Olugbenga AdeOluwa from NOAN who was also one of the main committee members organizing the conference. The next African Organic Conference which will be held in Cameroon should be communicate ealier and circulated widely. The Organic Conference realized honoring Champions in the Organic Sector, and a publication of the conference was being prepared and would be shared in the course of 2016.

Training on Programme and Finance Management for the EOAI implementing teams

BvAT organized a training for EOA Implemtng teams for Eastern and West Africa in Machakos, Kenya from 26th to 30th Ocotober 2015. The main aim of the meeting was to strengthen institutional capacities in programme management, implementation, coordination and financial management as a result of serving as CLOs; and coordinating the initiative for in-country partners; and regionally for the Country Lead Organizations.

Regional Secretariat for the Coordination of the EOIA in Eastern Africa

PELUM Kenya was proposed as the transitory regional secretariat for the Eastern Africa Region for EOAI in Eastern Africa for Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia; during a side meeting held in July 2015. This was later presented to the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) and Continental Steering Committee (CSC) in July and November 2015 respectively; and confirmed as the interim host for the reginal secretariat for two years to begin with. The secretariat will ensure that all regional activities around EOAI in Eastern Africa are implemented by the region as panned, in order to realize the expected results. The interim secretariat status will remain as such until EOAI can meet the costs of supporting its own coordination of programmes and activities. The secretarial support will be a small percentage from the programme areas.

GREEN ACTION WEEK CAMPAIGN

Green Action Week is a campaign to promote sustainable consumption. In 2015, the GAW theme was organic food and farming for all. PELUM Kenya collaborated with INADES Formation Kenya to call farmers, consumers, policy makers and all relevant stakeholders to play their roles in promoting the production and consumption of organic foods. The following key activities were held:



Engaging Media

The local FM stations that broadcast in Kamba language (Musyi, Mbaitu and Athiani FM) were engaged and helped in sharing the information about consumption and farming organic foods. The WFD celebrations were also featured in the Sunday Nation Newspaper dated 18th October 2015.

Social Media engagement

PELUM Kenya shared organic foods information on the twitter and face book accounts. An organic “selfie” competition was also held as a way of popularising the organic agenda and two organic winners were awarded during the WFD celebrations.

Awarding of best organic selfie to promote organic food

Engaging schools

PELUM Kenya and Inades Formation Kenya participated in Green Growth for Food Security and Poverty Reduction campaigns organized by Kenya Organization for Environmental Education (KOE) in conjunction with the County Government of Machakos at St .Mary’s Girls Primary School in Machakos town. The public campaign’s overall goal was to promote adaptation to climate change through faith-based education for sustainable development (ESD).

Talk on organic foods

At Kenya Utalii College an organic talk was organised and held with over 80 participants. A presentation on history, objectives and activities of GAW were made. Participants were taken through the importance of organic food and discussion were made along the topic.



Students from Kenya Utalii College enjoy a cup of fresh organic juice from Bridges Organic Health Restaurant

Public awareness on organic market outlets

As a way of making the public aware of the key organic market outlets, PELUM Kenya engaged Bridges Organic Restaurant and Kalimoni Organic Foods in the GAW. Bridges Organic Restaurant provided catering services of fresh organic juice during the Organic Talk held at Kenya Utalii College while Kalimoni Organic Foods provided the organic baskets that were used to award the “organic selfie” winners.

Exposure and learning visit on organic farming at Katoloni CBO and KARLO:

20 organic product consumers and 16 farmers participated in a learning exchange visit to organic farm in Katoloni CBO and KARLO. The visit gave participants exposure to organic farming techniques and Post-harvest handling was also explained and much emphasis was given to the organic chemical free grain storage bags namely PICs which are available in most of the agro vets. As a result of this farmers promoted the organic farming techniques among the affiliate farmers.

Open day exhibition

Small scale organic farmers showcased their farm produces in Machakos town market near Mulley's supermarket. The main aim of the exhibition was to create awareness on the importance of sustainable consumption and production of organic food. A total of 230 consumers were reached.



Exhibition of fresh organic vegetables and fruits

World Food Day "social protection and agriculture"

2015 World Food Day registered an increase in people participating in the WFD celebrations. The year's event was hosted by Inades Formation Kenya at Mwala market in Machakos County. The celebration was preceded by a procession to the venue about 5KM away. The match was led by Salvation Army band from Mwala. Various organizations and organic farmers from Machakos county show cased their exhibitions in line with the theme of the occasion. PELUM Kenya in collaboration with INADES Formation Kenya used the platform to emphasize the importance and role of organic farming to improve food security and nutrition as well as poverty alleviation. The County Assistant Minister for Agriculture Livestock, Fisheries, Lands and urban Development, County Agriculture officers and journalists graced the function



Procession at Mwala Market during the World Food Day cerebrations

Participation in GAW Review Meeting in Brazil

PELUM Kenya was represented in GAW review meeting held in Brazil. The meeting was hosted by Centro Ecológico (Brazil), a GAW partner in Brazil. The meeting entailed a field visit on day one and review sessions for two days. All the participants from the different organizations were able to present their three years of GAW summary. Participatory sessions were also engaged to review the progress made by GAW in the three years of implementation and also come up with a clear way forward for the sam

COLLABORATIONS

FAO Agroecology Symposium for Sub-Saharan Africa

PELUM Kenya with the support of SSNC mobilized EOA implementers from ISD in Ethiopia, PELUM Tanzania, Biovision Africa Trust (BvAT), Kenya Organic Agriculture Network and SACDEP to participate in the Regional Meeting on Agroecology. More than 300 participants representing governments, civil society, research and private sector met in Dakar for the Regional Meeting on agroecology for Sub-Saharan Africa and co-organized by the government of Senegal and FAO. The opening ceremony was chaired by the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Equipment, S. E. Papa Seck. This meeting was based on the International Symposium on Agroecology for Food Security and Nutrition held in September 2014 and followed the regional meeting on agroecology of the FAO in Latin America and in the Caribbean.

Agricultural Biodiversity Community (abc) Meetings

1.1 *The abc steering Council Meeting*

PELUM Kenya is represented in the abc community Steering Committee/Governing Council. A meeting for the Steering Council was held in Madurai India, on 28th and 29th July 2015 hosted by DHAN Foundation. The members discussed on how to forge a way forward for continuity of the community after the completion of HIVOs / OXFAM Financial support, which was coming to an end in October 2015. A workplan for the rest of the year, that included strengthening the thematic areas of Open Seed Varieties, Resilient Communities, Communication & Partnerships, Making markets work for agricultural biodiversity and co-creation was prepared.

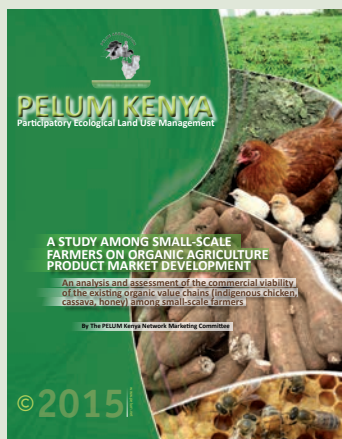
1.2 *The abc Annual Meeting for 2015*

The Annual Meeting for abc members was hosted by PELUM Kenya on behalf of DHAN Foundation, who hosts the abc secretariat. The four day meeting was held from 23rd – 26th November 2015 with financial support from SwedBio (Sweden) and HIVOs (Netherlands).

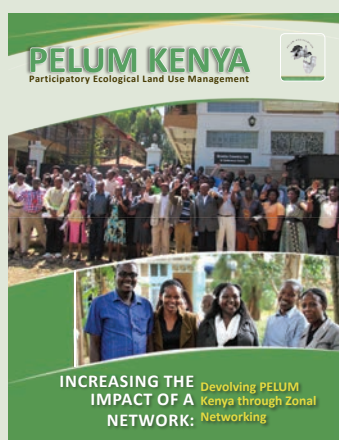
On 23rd November participants made two field visits to community groups. One group, visited Gakindu community garden on biodiversity conservation working with SlowFood International Kenya Chapter, which is part of the 1000 gardens in Africa project, and is involved in various activities including creative arts, civic education, entertainment, publicity and gardening. Slow Food is a member of the agricultural Biodiversity Community – abc.

The second group focused on a community project with Va Mweki network, a community project that carries out indigenous seed conservation and protection of orphaned crop seeds, based in Kivaa and working with the Institute for Culture and Ecology (ICE); a member organization of PELUM Kenya.

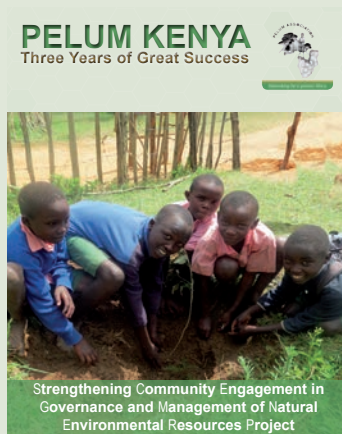
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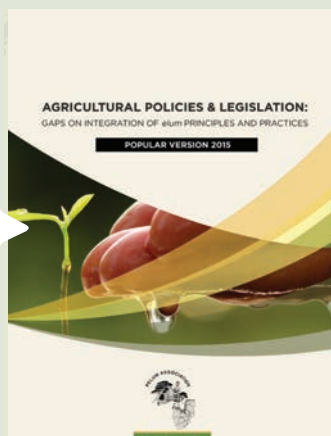
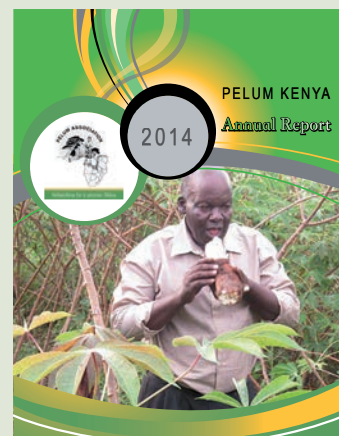


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Three years of great Success



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THE FINANCIAL STATUS

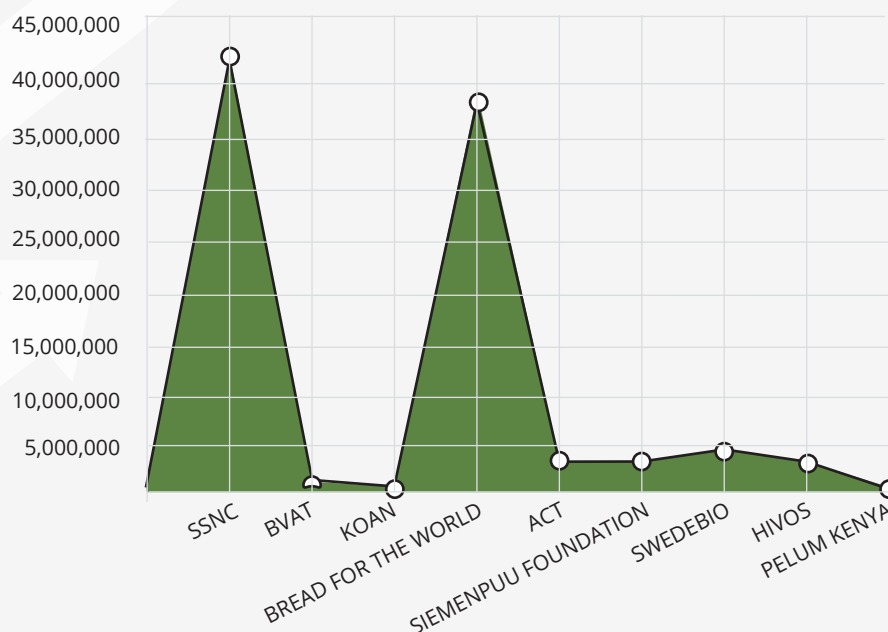
The Sources of PELUM Kenya funds for the period ended December 2015

In the year 2015, PELUM-Kenya received financial support from: ACT (CRM Programme), Bread for the World (PENELI II Programme) and SSNC (PENELII, GGAW and EOA Programme), Siemenpuu Foundation, Kenya Organic Agriculture Network (KOAN), BioVision Africa Trust (BVAT), Swede Bio and HIVOS

Below is a representation of funds received in 2015:

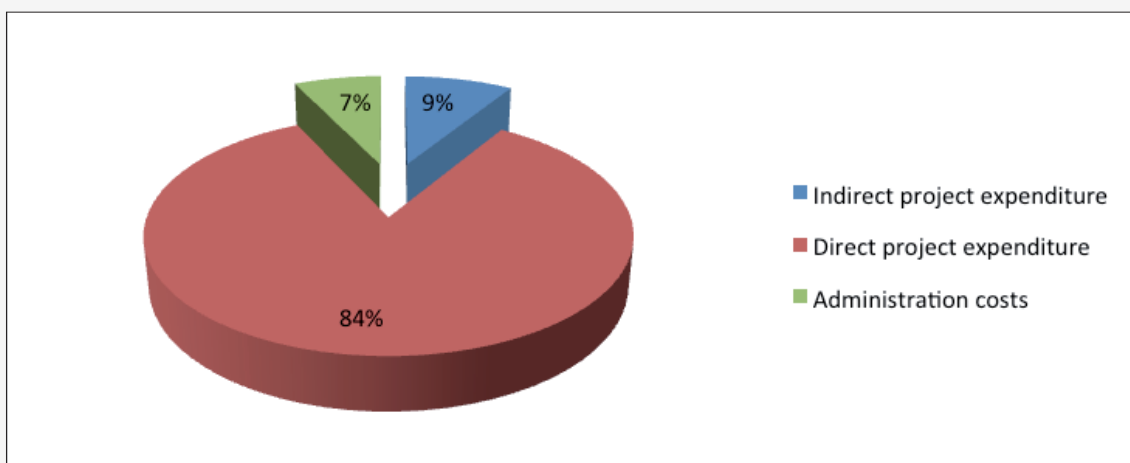
PELUM KENYA INCOME IN 2015	
FUNDING PARTNER	KSHS
SSNC	42,048,897
BVAT	374,768
KOAN	50,000
Bread for the world	26,084,461
ACT	2,161,578
SIEMENPUU Foundation	2,073,060
Swede Bio	2,454,966
HIVOS	1,853,000
PELUM Kenya	700,703
TOTAL INCOME	77,801,433

PELUM KENYA INCOME IN 2015



PELUM KENYA EXPENDITURE IN 2015	
Indirect project expenditure	8,006,328
Direct project expenditure	76,127,161
Administration costs	6,463,479
TOTAL COST	90,596,968

PELUM KENYA EXPENDITURE IN 2015



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Report of the independent auditor

to the members of Participatory Ecological Land Use Management Association (PELUM) Kenya

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Participatory Ecological Land Use management Association (PELUM) Kenya set out on pages 5 to 13 which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31st December 2015, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in fund balances and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

National Board's responsibility for the financial statements

The National Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and the requirements of Kenyan Companies Act. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the company's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the National Board as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as of 31st December 2015 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and Kenyan Companies Act.

Report on other legal requirements

As required by the Kenyan Companies Act, we report to you, based on our audit that:

- we have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for purposes of our audit;
- in our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the company, so far as appears from our examination of those books; and
- the company's statement of financial position and the statement of comprehensive income are in agreement with the books of account.

The engagement partner responsible for the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is CPA Charles R. Gitau - P. No. 723.

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CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNT

1. Zonal establishment is key for enhancing horizontal networking and strengthening the impact of a network. Through the zones, members have been able to network more through program interactions along key strategic issues. Zonal establishment also improves on joint planning and programme implementation leading to resource (human, material and financial) optimization for the network.
2. The recruitment of zonal networking coordinators has strengthened the face of PELUM Kenya at local levels. The Zonal Networking Coordinators are important in enhancing the impact of PELUM Kenya's program work and strengthened the ownership and impact of the network through follow ups and involvement in member organizations key activities.
3. With growth in membership and establishment of zonal structures, there is need for more efforts on fundraising to increase the resource base to meet the rising needs. More zonal structures imply more resource need and therefore for the network needs to rise at all levels; secretariat and zonal levels.
4. The use of network committees is necessary for strengthening impact results for the network. Through the various committees in the year; marketing, advocacy and MEAL committees, the involvement of the network has been increased. This has contributed to capacity development for the network members and also enhanced the governance of the various programs. The committees have enhanced relevance and program implementation based on the needs of a growing and diverse network.
5. There is great need to constantly keep refreshing on current economic and development trends e.g. the tax system in order to effectively adhere to the set requirements. The requirements and standards are dynamic and change from time to time and when this is effected, development agencies just like other public institutions are required to adhere and comply with the regulations.
6. Participation in relevant thematic ecological land use conferences keeps the network abreast of development agenda in the international, regional and national/local levels and deliver on their mandate better
7. The integration of financial field monitoring and follow ups with member organizations gives a better understanding of programmes and projects to finance staff. In effect therefore, interaction in the programme budgeting and evaluation of financial expenditures is necessary. Field monitoring visits to Member organizations held understand institutional issues better and therefore positions for better for accompanying the MOs in programme planning, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, reporting and learning.



Networking for a greener Africa.

ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

AATF	African Agricultural Technology Foundation
ABN	African Biodiversity Network
ACB	African Centre for Biosafety
ACEP	Agriculture Community Empowerment Programme
Act	Act Change Transform
ADS	Anglican Development Services
AfroNET	African Organic Network
AGM	Annual General Meeting
ASAL	Arid and Semi-Arid Land
ASK	Agricultural Show of Kenya
BAC	Baraka Agricultural College
BERMA	Busia Environmental Management Programme
BIDII	Benevolent Institute of Development Initiatives
BIOGI	Bio gardening Innovations
BROT	Bread for the World
CBO	Community Based Organization
CEP	Capacity Enhancement Programme
CIFORD	Community Initiatives for Rural Development
CIN	Consumer Information Network
CLA	Cluster Level Association
COP	Conference of Parties
CREPP	Community Rehabilitation and Environmental Protection Program
CRM	Changieni Rasilimali
CSC	Continental Steering Committee
CSHEP	Community Sustainable Agriculture ad Healthy Environment Programme
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
CWG	Country Working Group
Elum	Ecological Land Use Management
EOA	Ecological Organic Agriculture
EOASC	Ecological Organic Agriculture Steering Committee
ESD	Education for Sustainable Development
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
GAW	Green Action Week
GBIACK	Grow Bio-Intensive Agriculture Centre of Kenya
GM	Genetic Modification
GMO	Genetically Modified Organisms
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
IEC	Information, Education, Communication
IFK	INADES Formation Kenya -
KARLO	Kenya Agricultural Research and Livestock Organization
KBioC	Kenya Biodiversity Coalition
KCCWG	Kenya Climate Change Working Group
KDC	Kitui Development Cooperation



Networking for a greener Africa.

KESSFF	Kenya Small Scale Farmers Forum
KFS	Kenya Forest Service
KICIP	KIMA Integrated Community Initiative Programme
KIOF	Kenya Institute of Organic Farming
KOAN	Kenya Organic Agriculture Organization
LECZ	Lower Eastern and Coast Zone
MEAP	Maendeleo Endelevu Action Programme
MOs	Member Organizations
NEMA	National Environment Management Authority
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NIA	Neighbours Initiative Alliance
NOAN	Nigeria Organic Agriculture Movement
NOARA	Network on Organic Agriculture Research in Africa
NOGAMU	National Organic Agriculture Movement Uganda
NRM	Natural Resource Management
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ONA	Organizational Network Analysis
PACJA	Pan African Climate Justice Alliance
PELUM	Participatory Ecological Land Use Management
PENELI	Promoting elum and Networking for Livelihood Improvement
PGS	Participatory Guarantee System
PRI	Permaculture Research Institution
RSC	Regional Steering Committee
SACDEP	Sustainable Agriculture Community Development Program
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SoE	State of Environment
SSNC	Swedish Society for Nature Conservation
TOAM	Tanzania Organic Agriculture Movement
TTWF	Taita Taveta Wildlife Forum
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
WED	World Environment Day
WFD	World Food Day
WRUAs	Water Resource Users Association
ZNC	Zonal Networking Coordinator



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