

PELUM KENYA



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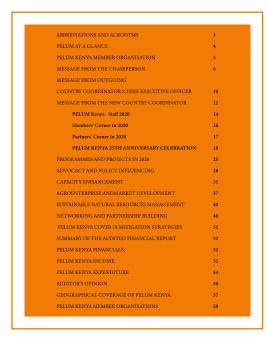
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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

| ABN | African Biodiversity Network | MOs | Member Organizations |
|----------|--|--------|-----------------------------------|
| AFSA | Africa Food Sovereignty Alliance | NEMA | National Environment |
| AGM | Annual General Meeting | | Management Authority |
| ASAL | Arid and Semi-Arid Land | NGO | Non-Governmental Organization |
| BAC | Baraka Agricultural College | NRM | Natural Resource Management |
| BERMA | Busia Environmental and | PELUM | Participatory Ecological Land |
| | Resource Management | | Use Management |
| BIBA | Biodiversity and Biosafety | PENELI | Promoting elum and |
| | Association | | Networking for Livelihood |
| BIDII | Benevolent Institute of | | Improvement |
| | Development Initiatives | PGS | Participatory Guarantee System |
| BIOGI | Bio Gardening Innovations | PRI | Permaculture Research |
| BROT | Bread for the World | | Institution |
| BvAT | Bio-vision Africa Trust | RIDEP | Rural Initiatives Development |
| CBO | Community Based Organization | | Program |
| CEN | Capacity Enhancement and | RODI | Resources Oriented |
| | Networking | | Development Initiative |
| CEC | County Executive Committee | RSC | Regional Steering Committee |
| CFA | Community Forest Associations | SACDEP | Sustainable Agriculture |
| CIFORD | Community Initiatives for Rural | | Community Development |
| | Development | | Program |
| CLO | Country Lead Organisation | | C |
| EOAI | Ecological Organic Agriculture Intiative | SDC | Swiss Agency for Development |
| IEC | Information, Education, Communication | | and Cooperation |
| ICIPE | International Centre of Insect | | • |
| | Physiology and Ecology | SHG | Self Help Group |
| IFOAM OI | International Federation of Organic | SSNC | Swedish Society for Nature |
| | Agriculture Movement-Organics | | Conservation |
| | International | TTWF | Taita Taveta Wildlife Forum |
| IPM | Integrated Pest Management | UNFCCC | United Nations Framework |
| IFK | INADES Formation Kenya | | Convention on Climate Change |
| ISFAA | Inter Sectoral Forum for | UENKZ | Upper Eastern and Northern |
| | Agroecology and Agrobiodiversity | | Region Zone |
| KARLO | Kenya Agricultural Research and | VACATA | Value Addition, Catering |
| | Livestock Organization | | services and Table Banking |
| KBioC | Kenya Biodiversity Coalition | WED | World Environment Day |
| KCB | Kenya Commercial Bank | WFD | World Food Day |
| KDC | Kitui Development Centre | WRUA | Water Resource Users |
| KICIP | KIMA Integrated Community | | Association |
| | Initiative Programme | YALTA | Youths in Groecology and Business |
| KIOF | Kenya Institute of Organic | | Learning Track Africa |
| | Farming | ZC | Zonal Coordinator |
| KOAN | Kenya Organic Agriculture | - | |
| , | Organization | | |
| KTDA | Kenya Tea Development Authority | | |
| LECZ | Lower Eastern and Coast Zone | | |
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PELUM AT A GLANCE

Who we are

Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Association is an indigenous African network currently with 283 Member Organizations (MOs) 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 small holder farmers and pastoralist and coordinated by a Country Secretariat (CS).

About PELUM Kenya

Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Kenya is a national network which currently comprises of 57 Member Organizations (MOs). PELUM Kenya works with its Member Organizations to promote ecological land use principles and management practices for improved livelihoods among small scale farmers and pastoralists in Kenya.

The members of PELUM Kenya are Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and other networks working with small scale farmers. The members of PELUM Kenya are categorized into four networking zones namely; Nairobi/Central zone, Rift Valley-Western Zone, Upper Eastern & Northern Kenya zone, Lower Eastern & Coastal zone. The Country Secretariat is based in Boma Estate, Kenyatta Road.

PELUM Kenya Vision

Empowered and prosperous communities deriving their livelihoods from sustainable land use.

PELUM Kenya Mission

To promote participatory ecological land use principles and management practices for improved livelihoods among small scale farmers and pastoralists in Kenya

PELUM Kenya Core Values

- 1. Commitment to Networking and Partnership
- 2. Transparency and Accountability
- 3. Innovativeness
- 4. Equity and Justice
- 5. Gender Sensitivity

PELUM Kenya Strategic

Directions

- 1. Advocacy and Policy Influencing
- 2. Climate Change Adaptation
- Agro-enterprise and Market Development
- 4. Sustainable Natural Resource Management
- 5. Capacity Enhancement
- 6. Networking and Collaboration

Principles that Guides PELUM Kenya Network

- Showcasing the diversity and the huge potential of ecological agricultural practices
- 2. Enabling learning from experiences and practices of its members and elsewhere
- 3. Implementing joint activities and programmes where there is potential for significant positive impact
- 4. Encouraging and supporting innovations across its network
- Always striving towards human health, soil health, plant health and environment health
- 6. Advocating for issues in favour of smallholder ecological farmers, pastoralists and fisher folks
- 7. Ensuring that PELUM Kenya is a Member-driven network
- 8. Promoting inclusive processes at all levels as the basis of ownership and Environmental sustainability
- 9. Always being accountable to ourselves and other stakeholder

PELUM KENYA MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

A) CENTRAL AND NAIROBI ZONE

- 1. Africa IPM Alliance (AIA)
- 2. Aid link- Ireland
- 3. Arid Lands Information Network (ALIN)
- 4. CARITAS Nairobi
- 5. Community Action for Rural Enhancement (CARE), Murang'a
- 6. Community Sustainable Development Empowerment Program (COSDEP)
- 7. Grow Bio Intensive Agriculture Centre of Kenya (GBIACK)
- 8. Institute of Culture and Ecology (ICE)
- 9. Kenya Institute of Organic Farming (KIOF)
- 10. Kenya Organic Agricultural Network (KOAN)
- 11. Organic Agriculture Centre of Kenya (OACK)
- 12. Permaculture Research Institute (PRI) Kenya
- 13. Resources Oriented Development Initiative (RODI Kenya)
- 14. Self Help Africa (SHA)
- Sustainable Agriculture Community Development Program (SACDEP – Kenya)
- 16. Youth Action for Rural Development (YARD)

b) Upper Eastern/North Eastern Zone

- 17. Anglican Development Services Mt. Kenya East
- 18. Caritas Meru
- 19. Caritas, Catholic Diocese of Nyahururu
- 20. CEFA-KENYA
- 21. Community Initiatives for Rural Development (CIFORD)
- 22. FH Kenya
- 23. Institute for Peace Development and Innovation (IPSIA) Meru
- 24. Laikipia Permaculture Centre (LPC)
- 25. Nainyoiye Community Development Organization (NCDO)
- 26. Pastoralists Community Initiatives and Development Assistance (PACIDA)
- 27. Rural Initiatives Development Program (RIDEP)

C) RIFT -WESTERN ZONE

- 28. Agriculture Community Empowerment Programme (ACEP)
- 29. Anglican Development Services Western (ADSW)
- 30. Baraka Agricultural College (BAC)
- 31. Bio Gardening Innovations (BIOGI)
- 32. Busia Environmental and Resource Management (BERMA)
- 33. Community Mobilization Against Desertification (C-MAD)
- 34. Community Rehabilitation and Environment Protection Program (CREPP)
- 35. Development In Gardening (DIG)
- 36. Maendeleo Endelevu Action Programme (MEAP)
- 37. Manor House Agricultural Centre (MHAC)
- 38. Network for Eco farming in Africa (NECOFA)
- 39. Seed Savers Network
- 40. Slow Food Convivia Association of Kenya (SFCAK)
- 41. Support for Tropical Initiatives (STIPA)
- 42. Sustainable Mobilization of Agricultural Resource Technologies (SMART) Initiatives
- 43. The mission of Tenwek Hospital Community Health & Development
- 44. Trans Community Organization (TRANSCOM)
- 45. Vi Agroforestry (VIAFP)

b) Upper Eastern/North Eastern Zone

- 46. Anglican Development Services Eastern
- 47. Benevolent Institute of Development Initiatives (BIDII)
- 48. Christian Impact Mission (CIM)
- 49. Community Sustainable Agriculture and Healthy Environmental Program (CSHEP)
- 50. Dryland Natural Resource Centre (DNRC)
- 51. Emayian Integrated Development Organization (EIDO)
- 52. INADES Formation Kenya (IFK)
- 53. Katoloni Community Based Organisation
- 54. Kitui Development Centre (KDC)
- 55. Neighbors Initiative Alliance (NIA)
- 56. Taita Taveta Wildlife Forum (TTWF)
- 57. Utooni Development Organization (UDO)

Message from the Chairperson



This annual report presents a summary of what transpired in our pursuit of improving the livelihoods of small folder farmers and pastoralists through promotion of "elum" principles and practices.

The 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 28th August 2021 innNakuru. Fifty four participants, comprising of 37 Member Organization delegates, new applicants' representatives, the Company Secretary, the Network's Auditor and the PELUM Kenya Staff, were present during the important meeting.

During the meeting, two new Board Members were elected to replace the ones who had completed their terms of the office. Mr. Paul Karanja from SACDEP (Central & Nairobi Zone) was replaced with Mr. Sebastian Wambugu from YARD and Ms. Janet Mumo from KDC (Lower Eastern and Coast Zone) was replaced with Ms. Anne Nashipae from NIA.

Six new members were ratified by the delegates thereby taking the membership of the network to 57 organizations. The six new members were AID Link, STIPA, IPSIA, CARITAS Nyahururu, DNRC, and Slow Food.

The year 2020 saw the Network achieve great results in its programming and resource mobilization as detailed in this report.

Most importantly, it's during the year 2020 that the network celebrated its Silver Jubilee of networking and empowering Small Holder Farmers, with all its members and a good number of its partners coming together to mark the great milestone.

It is also in the same year the Network developed its Strategic Plan for the year 2021 to 2025 with the involvement of its members and stakeholders.

It must however be pointed out that it is also in the same year, 2020, that the secretariat, the Member Organizations and the Small Holder farmers and pastoralists faced the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic that disrupted their day to day to activities in diverse ways.

I wish to once again take this opportunity to thank the entire PELUM Kenya fraternity for their resilience and creativity that led to the development COVID-19 mitigation strategies that reduced the impact of the pandemic to the Network's target beneficiaries.

The Board of Directors' commitment to promotion of Agro ecology through "elum" principles and practices among the Small-Holder Farmers and Pastoralists is steadfast as they are working on strategies and systems of taking this network to even greater heights going forward.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all the stakeholders and partners that contributed in one way or the other to this year's success amidst the many challenges that were experienced at different levels of the Networks operations. We are also grateful to all PELUM Kenya network members for their continued commitment to the achievement of the network's vision and mission.

Last but not least, I also wish to recognize and appreciate all the staff members of PELEUM Kenya, led by Mr. Zachary Makanya, the PELUM Kenya funding partners, the Members Organizations, and all our supporters for their continued engagement and support to the cause of PELUM Kenya.

I welcome you to read the report.

Collins Othieno

Chairperson PELUM Kenya Board of Directors

PELUM KENYA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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PELUM Association & Programme Officer, NIA

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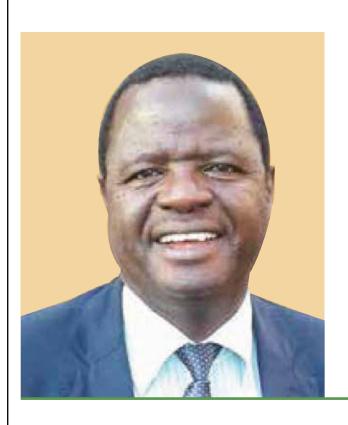
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Ms. Janet Mumo
Programme Director KDC
Former vice-chairperson

MESSAGE FROM OUTGOING COUNTRY COORDINATOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



The year 2020 marked yet another milestone for PELUM Kenya Secretariat and her 57 Member Organizations working to improve livelihoods of small scale farmers through agroecology.

The year 2020 was a historic one as PELUM Kenya celebrated its 25th years of existence. The 25th anniversary celebrations brought together stakeholders from government, private sector, development partners, member organizations among others. The anniversary celebrations provided an opportunity for PELUM Kenya to take stock of its successes, lessons learnt over the years. PELUM Kenya was also keen to get recommendations for its members stakeholders. The anniversary also included an exhibition by the network member organizations with the best three member exhibitors being awarded. The winners were GBIACK, BIOGI and MHAC respectively. This was also the time that the Greening a Village project was awarded to ADSE.

The later was supported by GLS Foundation for Future Development. We congratulate these members for shining brightest among others. We are very proud of what our members are doing.

The year 2020 also marked the end of PELUM Kenya five years (2016 to 2020) Strategic Plan. A process to develop a new Strategic plan (2021 to 2025) was initiated and is now completed. A new thematic sector of gender and youth has been anchored in the new Strategic Plan. The aim is to deliberately promote mainstreaming of gender and youth in agroecology and all network members of the network are called upon to adopt deliberate ways of strengthening the involvement of youth and gender in agroecology.

PELUM Kenya Country Secretariat continued to influence integration of agroecology in to policies, plans and programmes at regional, national and county levels. PELUM Kenya and other partners developed a position paper to highlight observable gaps in the preparedness, response and contingency planning by the government in the fight against COVID 19 with a deliberate focus on resilient food systems. PELUM Kenya also utilized the World Food Day to pass on the advocacy messages through the leading newspapers in six Eastern Africa newspapers. The yearly Green Action Week Campaigns continued and in 2020, it continued with the theme of seed sharing among communities.

Practical capacity building workshops on agroecology were organized and held reaching out to a multitude of network extension staff. The purpose was to equip and enhance the knowledge and practical skills of Member Organizations (MOs) staff on agroecology.

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Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture programme was also launched in Kenya and seven (7)Master Trainers recruited in the programme namely: Dr. Nehemiah Mihindo- Africa IPM Alliance, Sylvia Kuria- Sylvia's Basket, Esther Kiruthi-CSHEP, Samuel Nderitu - GBIACK, Grace Misoi- RODI Kenya, Samuel Ndungu-KOAN and Ferdinand Wafula - BIOGI. The Master Trainers have continued with training the multipliers in organic agriculture in Kenya.

In its Sustainable Natural Resources Management programme, PELUM Kenya actively engaged in agroforestry initiatives through trainings and direct support for the establishment of farmer level agro-forestry nurseries. Water conservation and management remained a key focus area with the support of water pans and other water conservation and management practices.

PELUM Kenya partnered with AgriProFocus Kenya under the YALTA Initiative to organize youth agroecology summits. The objective of the youth agroecology summits was to create a platform for the youth to connect, share and learn from all actors. In partnership with AFSA and GBIACK, PELUM Kenya organized an indigenous seed and food fair celebrations. PELUM Kenya also continued to be the Secretariat for Eastern Africa Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative.

Like any other organization, COVID 19 affected PELUM Kenya operations, implementation of projects, planning among others. The network however innovatively embraced new ways of working, communicating, networking and collaborations. PELUM Kenya joins all in praying that this pandemic ends soon.

All the above successes would not have been possible without your support and commitment. I take special recognition for the PELUM Kenya Secretariat Staff who worked extremely hard despite the challenges posed by the COVID pandemic to meet targets and make the network's work a success. The Management staff and staff are thankful to the PELUM Kenya Board for continuing to give strategic direction, continued supportive and providing an environment that made 2020 a success. We also thank the funding partners and all Member for their commitment to Organizations networking for a greener Africa.

I also take this opportunity to wish this great network the best in the years to come. As you may all know, I am now transitioning from PELUM Kenya having worked for 18 years. As the first full time staff, I would say that I have seen it all, been involved with PELUM Kenya through its thick and thin.

I am very happy to leave thriving and an active network with a strong Country Coordinator, and management team and staff. I thank the Almighty God for he has been with me as I led PELUM Kenya over the years. I warmly welcome my successor Rosinah Mbenya as she takes over from me. She requires our support and I urge that we all support her as she takes over this challenges position. The good news is that she is well able.

I now warmly welcome you to enjoy reading this report. .

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Zachary Makanya, Outgoing Country Coordinator / CEO PELUM Kenya

MESSAGE FROM THE NEW COUNTRY COORDINATOR



In March 2021, I had the honour and privilege to be recruited as the second Country Coordinator for PELUM Kenya Secretariat. This came in after the 25th anniversary celebrations held in November 2020 and the transition in to a new Strategic plan 2021 to 2025. The new Strategic Plan provides the overall strategic direction for the network in the next five years and was informed by the global, regional, national and County specific contexts.

As detailed in this report, 2020 experienced tremendous growth in annual budgets with the historic over 100 Million annual budget being attained for the first time. I am glad to have been part of the Country Secretariat team since 2015 as I have witnessed exponential growth of PELUM Kenya Secretariat over the years. It has also been my pleasure to witness the commitment of all Member Organizations in promoting agroecology in 2020 despite the challenging global COVID 19 pandemic experienced during the year. Despite the challenges experienced in 2020, the year was also a very successful year. This was due to everyone's hard work and dedication to ensure that the network succeeds.

I am grateful to God since I am taking up the steering wheel of this great network from my predecessor Mr. Zachary Makanya who has worked tirelessly for 18 years to make it a success.

I recognize, appreciate and applaud the work well done by Mr. Zachary Makanya in building a strong foundation based on strong and sound systems and policies at the Country Secretariat. As a builder and motivator of staff, I also benefited from his support and mentorship.

I am very determined to steer this network for its continuous growth. My visoin is to take this network to another level of growth. I look forward to a stronger network, sustained and growing funding coupled with continued impact to the communities we serve.

Last but not least, I would like to extend a thank you to all the network members, the Country Secretariat Staff, Board of Directors, outgoing Country Coordinator Mr. Zachary Makanya and the funding partners for their warm welcome and support so far. This kind of support increases my resolve and commitment to this great network.

Long live PELUM Kenya, long live PELUM Association.

Rosinah Mbenya Incoming Country Coordinator / CEO PELUM Kenya

PELUM Kenya Staff 2020



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PELUM Kenya Staff 2020



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Sarah Wambui ZC, Nairobi-Central Zone



Benson Isohe, ZC, Upper Eastern and Northern Kenya Zone



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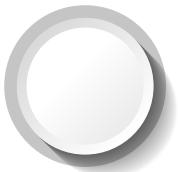
George Foro Messenger/Driver



Susan Kimani Cook/Cleaner



Mary Irungu Programme Officer Advocacy and Communications



Joseph Chokera Security Officer

Members' Corner

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Kenya in many ways including; enhanced skills in

policy advocacy, networking, organic farming

and Integrated Pest Management."

Morris Kirimi, Executive Director Caritas Meru

Caritas Meru is a non-profit faith based organization under the Catholic Diocese of Meru, operating in 13 sub counties of Meru and Tharaka Nithi. Caritas Meru first contact with PELUM Kenya was back in 2005 through CEFA in training on networking and information management. Excited by PELUM Kenya's work in capacity building, networking, advocacy and information sharing, CARITAS Meru joined the network in 2018.

Caritas Meru has benefitted greatly from PELUM Kenya in many ways including; enhanced skills in policy advocacy, networking, organic farming and Integrated Pest Management.

In the year 2020 for example Caritas Meru was supported by PELUM to subject the Meru County draft agroecology policy to public participation by the executive and citizens in 4 sub-counties. Caritas Meru also got an opportunity to participate in the review and analysis of the 2020 agriculture commodity bill which PELUM Kenya submitted comment and input to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.

Caritas Meru also commends PELUM Kenya for various trainings, learning and exposure visits carried out in 2020.

In particular, through the KHOA project, six (6)of the Caritas Meru staff were trained as organic farming multipliers and we are optimistic that many farmers will benefit from this.

It is also important to point out the Youth in Agroecology and Business Learning Track Africa (YALTA) initiative in Upper Eastern region, which Caritas Meru took part in. The YALTA initiative created a platform for the youth in the region to connect, share and learn from all actors including mentors agroecology, agroecology practitioners, agribusiness experts, and policy makers. Further, it was an opportunity for youths working with Caritas Meru to showcase their agroecology products and services.

Caritas Meru was very proud to be associated with PELUM Kenya in the 25th Anniversary celebration. We look forward to many more years of networking and raising the voices of small holder farmer.

Last but not least, we appreciate the PELUM Kenya board of directors and staff for their dedication to serve the network members. For the coming years, count on Caritas Meru support.

Partners' Corner



PELUM-Kenya has been a very good example of local NGO networking within the regional PELUM family as well as for wider civil society. I know that it has inspired many people around the continent. I had a connection to PELUM in the early days and that was when many networks were being set up by donors, with good intentions. They wanted their grantees to link up more. Most of these networks faded. PELUM was always local Civil Society driven and that's why I believe it has lasted this long, thriving in some places like Kenya.

Looking ahead, I have a challenge for PELUM-Kenya. It's time to move beyond networking, which you have done so well over the years, and which you should also keep doing. It's time for civil society working in the area of food and farming systems to step up to another level. And you have already started this in your watershed programme with PELUM members working in the tea growing areas of the Aberdares.

A very important study and report has emerged in the last couple of months. It's called The Long Food Movement. Old stalwarts in the global food sovereignty movement have come together to think well into the future. Based on their analysis, they paint two scenarios. The one is continued technology-driven approaches to food and farming systems, the other is hinged around food sovereignty.

Looking forward with PELUM

John Wilson Strategic Advisor

The report commends civil society for having worked more collaboratively in recent years but conclude that if we are to move towards the principles of food sovereignty, then we need to collaborate much more. Not for the sake of it. But because we truly are David in a world dominated by Goliath. We have to collaborate to bring our different strengths together in order to be very strategic in our approach. And if you don't like the word 'strategic' then think 'game changing' or 'systems change'.

We have to think very carefully and strategically about what we do. And that's my challenge to PELUM-Kenya. I believe with all the great work you've done to date, including establishing a network where the bonds of relationship between members are very strong, that you are in a position now to catalyse and facilitate more game-changing programmes, along the lines of your work in the Aberdares. This will need continual observation of the changing context to spot good opportunities as they arise. It will require creativity and boldness, and it will need accepting failure too.

If the team who have put the Long Food Movement report together are right, and it certainly looks like they are, we are at a crossroads. The potential of agroecology and food sovereignty is greater than it has ever been in the modern era, but the forces taking us towards evermore industrialised food and farming systems are also stronger than ever. Is this the beginning of a new phase for PELUM-Kenya?

PELUM KENYA 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION





PELUM Kenya 25th Anniversary celebration was held at Safari Park Hotel 27th November 2020. The event brought together eighty- five (85) participants drawn from Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, County Governments of Kiambu and Murang'a, private sector, service providers, development partners, NGOs, PELUM Kenya Member Organizations, PELUM Kenya founders and former staff members, PELUM Kenya Board of Directors, PELUM Kenya Secretariat and PELUM Regional Association and farmers representatives.

The 25th anniversary celebration was graced by two Chief Guests of Honor; Ms. Gudi Alkemade (First Secretary Water and Climate and the Deputy Permanent Representative to UNEP and UN HABITAT in Nairobi) and Honourable Ledama Ole Kina (Senator Narok County). Regional Association was represented by Mr. Hannington Owegi.

Anniversary Celebrations Pictorial



PELUM Staff cutting a cake to mark the 25th Anniversary Celebrations.



Hon. Ole Kina ,Senator Narok County receiving appreciation from Mr. Collins Othieno, Chairperson PELUM Kenya Board



Champagne all over.



Touring exhibitors stands.

PELUM KENYA'S ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS

In 2020, PELUM Kenya Marked 25 years in Existence. Over the years, we pride ourselves in having achieved the following:

- 1. Over 4 million Farmers Reached directly with agro ecological practices and principles.
- 2. Member Organizations Grown from 1 in 1995, to 57 in October 2020
- 3. Owns Land PELUM Kenya has a 1 acre land at Maguguni, Thika East District
- 4. Formation of EOAI In May 2011, PELUM Kenya led in the formation of the Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative (EOAI) and to date PELUM Kenya is one of the two Lead Coordinating Organizations of the EOAI, and is represented at the all levels of EOAI: National Steering Committee; Regional Steering Committee and Continental Steering committee
- 5. Current Regional Secretariat EOAI for Eastern Africa, and the secretariat for Alliance of Networks in Agroecology Kenya (ANAK)
- 6. Strong Relationships and Networks
 PELUM Kenya works closely with the government and other development partners like GIZ and AMBERO and is represented in several Key National Level Committees such as Climate Smart Multi-Stakeholders Platform and Inter-sectoral forums on Agroecology & Agro-biodiversity (ISFAA) led by the Ministry of Agriculture.
- 7. Over 10 Agro ecological
 demonstration sites Established in
 different regions in Kenya. Some of the
 practices being showcased
 include; Agroforestry practices, Permaculture, Grow Bio-Intensive farming, in
 situ water harvesting technologies,
 small livestock enterprises, seedbanks,
 crop diversification including indigenous crops.

- Over 2.5 million Trees PELUM Kenya has planted over 2.5 million trees in the country. PELUM Kenya led a one million tree campaign. Further, over 15 degraded sites across the country have been restored. These include restoration of degraded forests.
- 8. include restoration of degraded forests sites in Mau Forest, management of solid waste in Lake Elementaita, restoration of degraded hills such as Epanga valley in western Kenya, Kwamee valley in Machakos and Kispsing Gulley in Isiolo
- 9. Over 40 Community Tree Nurseries PELUM Kenya has supported its member organizations to establish over 40 community tree nurseries. The tree nurseries are aimed at supplying the communities with indigenous and agroforestry trees and are spread across Busia, Kakamega, Murang'a, Kiambu and Machakos Counties.
- 10. Awarded, Indigenous Food Torch Three
 Years in a Row PELUM Kenya won the
 Regional PELUM Association Indigenous
 Food Torch, three times in row: 2005
 (Kabwe, Zambia), 2008 (Morogoro, Tanzania)
 and 2011 (Maseru, Lesotho. The award
 was issued to PELUM Kenya permanently.
- 11. Supported over 10 different value chains: in enterprise development and marketing. Some of the key value chains include indigenous chicken, organic honey, mangoes, avocado, pepino melon, dairy goat, Galla goats, organic cassava and ground nuts and these are benefitting over 1 Million farmers and pastoralists.
- 12. Strengthened MOs Capacities; PELUM Kenya has strengthened the capacities of its MOs in different identified need areas such as financial management, governance, monitoring and evaluation, report writing, climate change, marketing and Organic Product Certification.
- 13. Contribution to Policy and Legislation Processes; PELUM Kenya has contributed to the development and integration of Agroecology in policies and Acts at Regional, National and County levels all in favor small hold farmers and pastoralists.

25 Years of Networking

- Some of these include: The draft Agriculture Policy, the Seed Act 2010, the forest Policy 2020, the Environment policy 2012, the 5 Agriculture commodity bills 2020 and the Biosafety Act 2009.
 25th Anniversary Celebrations, 2020A
- 14. Funding partners have increased from
 1 to 9 Some of the partners that have
 walked closely with PELUM Kenya include:
 Swedish Society for Nature Conservation
 (SSNC), Bread for the World, Act Change
 Transform (ACT!), Siemempuu, Biovision
 Africa Trust, Tudor Trust, HIVOS, IDEMS
 International, NOREC and Both ENDS.
- 15. Number of programmes increased from 1 in 2003 to 9 in 2020 The programmes aim at addressing different issues affecting small scale farmers such as climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation, sustainable agricultural production, agro enterprise development and natural resource management.
- 16. Adaptation to Climate Change PELUM
 Kenya has supported adaptation of over 1
 million small holder farmers against climate
 change through initiatives such as enterprise
 diversification, water conservation,
 Grow Bio-Intensive agriculture, Kitchen
 gardening and indigenous knowledge
 integration in farming
- 17. Supported over 1000 pastoralists directly in pasture and range land management. The pastoralists have been trained on different elements such as catchment approach; pasture management, water harvesting technologies, land & livestock management and integrating livestock and farming.
- 18. Bi-Annual Board Meetings & Annual General MeetingsConsistently held Board meetings (twice per year) and Annual General Meeting, once every year since 2004. It has also maintained a stable and competent board of directors.

 This has greatly improved on the governance and management of PELUM Kenya and greatly strengthened the operations and systems at PELUM Kenya.

- 19. Four functional networking Zones PELUM Kenya has initiated 4 functional networking zones in order to strengthen horizontal networking. The zones have zonal coordinators hosted by the Member organizations.
- 20. Developed 8 organizational policies and these make PELUM Kenya one of the most active, vibrant and best managed Network. These include but not limited to gender policy, human resource policy, procurement policy, finance policy, risk policy, salary and remuneration policy, HIV and AIDS and board manual.
- 21. Supported 34% of PGS certified farmer groups in Kenya to achieve organic certification through Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) thus giving them an edge in the organic market sector.
- 22. Supported more than 2000 farmers in income generating activities PELUM Kenya has contributed to increased incomes among the target group. The organization has supported more than 2000 farmers in income generating activities such as local poultry farming, piggery, cottage industry for healthy juice production like pepino melon juice, peanut butter and honey
- 23. Hosted and nurtured upcoming organizations-such as Schools and Colleges Permaculture Programme (SCOPE) Kenya and Biodiversity and Biosafety Association (BIBA) of Kenya
- 24. Collaborations Over the years, PELUM Kenya has collaborated with likeminded organizations in the regionally and Nationally such as Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA), Agriculture Biodiversity Community (ABC), Kenya Climate Change Working Group (KCCWG), Biovision Africa Trust, Kenya Organic Agriculture Network, World Rural Forum, etc.,
- 25. Increased staff from 1 to 21 These competent staff has expertise in diverse thematic areas and this strengthens the efforts to promote elum

25 Years of Networking



"a boat does not move forward if each is rowing own way, concerted teamwork by all the actors is important."

Ms Gudi Alkemade (First Secretary Water and Climate and Deputy Permanent Representative to UNEP and UN HABITAT in Nairobi) delivering her speech at the event. Exhibitors at the 25th Anniversary event.

There were 30 Exhibitors who competed for the best 3 exhibitors' awards. The following were the

Position 1; Grow Bio intensive Initiative (GBIACK)

Position 2; Bio Gardening Innovations (BIOGI)

Position 3; Manor House Agriculture Centre (MHAC)



Mr Samuel Nderitu CEO GBIACK taking the guests through G-BIACK products during the exhibitions



Mr Ngugi Mutura one of the PELUM Kenya founder appreciating Mr Zachary Makanya CEO PELUM Kenya for excellent performance

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



A section of 2020 AGM Delegates

PELUM Kenya AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at East Mark Hotel with 54 delegates in attendance.

Members were updated with key 2020 activities and also audit report for the Year 2019/2020. Two new Board Members were elected i.e. Mr. Sebastian Wambugu, Executive Director of YARD replaced Mr. Paul Karanja in Nairobi and Central Zone while and Ms. Ann Nashipae from NIA replaced Ms. Janet Mumo CEO KDC (Lower Eastern and Coast Zone)

Mr. Eustace Kiarie, CEO KOAN took over as the treasurer to the PELUM Kenya Board, a position previously held by Mr Paul Karanja, Deputy Director SACDEP whose term expired.

New Network Members

New members joined the Network

Six(6) new members were ratified and joined the membership. The total membership stands at 57. The ratified members were:

- 1. AID Link-Ireland
- 2. Support for Tropical Initiatives (STIPA)
- 3. Institute for Peace Development innovations (IPSIA)
- 4. Caritas Catholic Diocese of Nyahururu
- 5. Dryland Natural Resource Centre (DNRC)
- 6. Slow Food Convivia Association of Kenya (SFCAK)

PELUM KENYA GETS NEW STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2021-2025

The year 2020 marked the end of a strategic plan (2016 -2020) that PELUM Kenya has been using for the last 5 years. In the 2nd half of 2020, the organization commissioned an external consultant to review the previous strategic plan and also help develop a new strategy to be used from 2021 to 2025.

The review of the previous PELUM Kenya strategic plan was a very elaborate process to understanding the key achievements, lessons learnt, challenges and opportunities that the 2016 – 2020 strategic plan experienced. The process subjected the previous PELUM-Kenya Strategic Plan, 2016-2020, to further re-examination due to the changing realities.

The review entailed relooking at the historical path, visioning statements, both internal and external context, against the strategic directions, or broad goals stated in the 2016-2020 strategic plans.

The new strategic plan 2021-2025 has the following thematic areas: Climate Change Adaptation, Agribusiness and Market development, Sustainable Natural Resource Management, Advocacy and Policy influencing and Women and Youth in agroecology.

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



A section of PELUM Kenya board of directors during strategic plan 2021-2025 development



Participants of strategic plan 2021-2025 development workshop

Staff reflection Meeting

PELUM Kenya organized a reflection meeting for staff and board in Mombasa from December 17th to 20th 2020. The meeting mainly focused on reviewing the achievements, lessons, challenges experienced by the organization for the last 25 years. The board also had a chance to encourage staff on different need areas such as resource mobilization, working as a team, leadership etc. The 2-day meeting culminated with a team building exercise where the staff and board enjoyed a tour at the marine park.



PELUM Kenya Staff and Board of Directors during a reflection session in Mombasa.

PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS IN 2020

- 1. Promoting elum and Networking for Livelihood Improvement (PENELI) 2017 June 2021 to achieve the following results;
 - Agro-ecological principles and practices adopted by small holder farmers working with PELUM Kenya MOs
 - Enhanced capacity of MOs to mainstream and advocate cross cutting issues at the county,national, regional and international levels
 - Structured markets for small holder farmers established and strengthened for increased incomes
 - Key Natural Resources in the PELUM Kenya zones identified, rehabilitated and conserved
 - Improved seed security among target communities practicing agro ecology
- 2. Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative in Africa (2017-2020) to achieve the following;
 - Ecological organic agriculture mainstreamed into the national agricultural policy systems.
 - EOA curricula established and implemented in agriculture institutions at all levels and sectors.
 - Improved extension systems that are responsive farmers needs and demands for information and services in EOA.
 - Increased availability and accessibility of information on EOA for use by stakeholders
 - Improved access to organic products and markets by smallholder farmers and consumers
 - Strengthened partnerships and networks among EOA actors in Eastern Africa.
 - Relevant policies and programmes for promotion of EOA influenced
 - Improved institutional capacity and coordination of EOA initiative actors.
- 3. Global Green Action Week Project to achieve the following;
 - To create awareness on the importance of indigenous seeds/farmer managed seeds, local vegetables, herbs and spices.
 - To promote and inculcate the culture of community sharing with the aim of sustainably producing and multiplying indigenous/farmers managed seeds

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- To improve interactive networking among Member Organizations (MOs), producers, marketers and consumers.
- 4. Integrated Watershed management for diversified farming Enterprises (IWAMA DIFE) (2019-2020) to achieve the following results
- To enhance agricultural productivity, nutrition and incomes for tea farmers in Kiambu and Murang'a through agro ecological practices and marketing by December 2021
- To promote conservation, rehabilitation and protection of the riparian areas and water catchment area in Aberdare Forest Ecosystem by December 2021
- To advocate for implementation of policies, legislations and programs that strengthen the protection and management of water sheds and ecosystems by December 2021
- 5. Capacity Building Programme (CAP) Tracing Resilience from Theory to Practice to achieve the following
- Increased capacity of MOs in integrating climate resilience practices in their programmes and projects
 - 6. Global Advocacy Programme (GAP) for achieving the following
- Policies, plans, regulatory frameworks and programmes that support EOA in Eastern Africa influenced
- Increased awareness and understanding among policy makers and relevant stakeholders on benefits of EOA
- Increased engagement of a critical mass of policy makers, technocrats and other relevant stakeholders in dialogues supportive of EOA
- Survey document on the status of EOA legislation and policies in different countries in Eastern Africa developed (Identify constraints, enabling conditions/levers and opportunities for change)
- Knowledge of structures and processes in decision making related to policy formulation
- 7. Strengthening on-Farm Agroforestry Practices in Western Kenya to achieve the following:
 - Increased production of high range of healthy foods.
 - Establishment of a farmers marketing network.
 - Increase cash income due to increase on-farm enterprises and marketing opportunities

PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS IN 2020

- Increase cash income due to increase on-farm enterprises and marketing opportunities
- Increased protection and conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems
- Increased collaboration with the key stakeholders including the Kenya Tea Development Authority, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Environment
- 8. Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture (KCOA) Project to achieve the followings:
 - Knowledge on organic agriculture is gathered, validated and made available
 - Different locally adapted organic farming practices are disseminated, and household's nutrition is improved
 - Markets and consumption patterns for ecological products are strengthened and stakeholders of the organic agriculture sector are well coordinated and networked

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Advocacy and Policy

PELUM Kenya has continued influencing integration of agroecology in policies, plans and programmes at the Regional, National and County levels. Though in 2020 there was limited engagement with policy makers, PELUM continued to support development and formulation of agroecology policies;

Meru County:

In the development of Meru County Agroecology policy, PELUM Kenya supported CARITAS Meru to hold a sensitization/orientation meeting for the Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Committee members and County Executive of County Assembly of Meru on agroecology policy

The members of the committee were brought up to speed on the need to support the adoption of the proposed agroecology policy in the county. PELUM also supported 4 public participation in the same County.



Proceedings of Igembe North Sub County public participation forum on agroecology policy at Mutuati parish hall

Kiambu County

PELUM Kenya participated in the Kiambu County steering committee task in the formulation of Kiambu County agroecology policy

Stakeholder Forum To Review Agriculture Commodity Bills

PELUM Kenya held a 2 days forum with EOA actors and reviewed five (5) agriculture commodity bills that were proposed by the Ministry of agriculture, livestock, fisheries and Cooperatives.

The forum brought together 16 participants (7 Female and 9 male) drawn from organic farmers, Government parastatals, PELUM Kenya members and Civil society. The forum key proposal was integration of EOA in the bills. The bills were;

- a) The coffee bill 2020
- b) The Fibre Crop Development Authority Bill 2020
- c) The food crop development bill 2020
- d) The Horticultural Crops Authority Bill 2020
- e) The Miraa, Pyrethrum and Industrial Bill 2020

Influencing government response to COVID PELUM Kenya, BIBA, Action Aid and other partners developed a position paper to highlight observable gaps in the preparedness, response, and contingency planning by the government in the fight against COVID 19 with a deliberate focus on resilient food systems. It also provided recommendations that are intended to elicit action from government, stakeholders, and other actors to support adoption, scaling up or scaling out of resilient food systems for Kenyan communities.

PELUM Kenya members raised issues affecting small holder farmers and pastoralist

PELUM Kenya held 4 zonal sensitization meeting, to identify issues affecting farmers. The forums brought together MOs and farmers to plan strategies to engage policy makers on the issues affecting farmers in the counties. Among the issues identified include:

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- Soil degradation
- Farmers conflicts with Velvet monkeys
- Murang'a County Need to integrate agroecology in the county policies as an adaptation measure and for food security.
- Water harvesting for pastoral communities
- Extinction of seed species
- Adaptation to climate change



PELUM Kenya team and officials from Kiambu
County Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources
and Water after an engagement meeting.





Small holder farmers working with CIFORD participate in the procession during World Food Day/GAW cerebrations in Meru County.

Green Action Week Campaigns 2020

The Green Action Week(GAW) campaign is held annually in the week of 16th October with the culmination being on World Food Day celebration. The Green Action Week 2020 was hosted by three Member Organizations namely LPC, RIDEP and CIFORD all from UENKZ under the theme "A sharing Community". The targeted communities shared their indigenous knowledge, skills and seeds. The GAW campaign reached over 3000 community members directly and over 1.5 Million indirectly through the local Media with organic agriculture information. The events also called upon the policy makers to support Agroecological practices at the county and National level.

2020 Gaw Exhibition At Ridep Tharaka Nthi County

The 2020 Youth and Agroecology Summit PELUM Kenya partnered with AgriProFocus Kenya under the YALTA initiative together with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Practical Action (PA), The Netherlands Development Organization (SNV), Africa Agribusiness Academy (AAA), Eastern Africa Farmers Federation(EFFF) and organised

National And Regional Youth In Agroecology Summit.

The theme for the summit was: Integrating Agroecology in Youth Agricultural Enterprises to Grow, Nourish and Sustain.

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The objective of the summit was to create a platform for the youth to connect, share and learn from all actors including mentors in agroecology, agroecology practitioners, agribusiness experts, and policy makers. PELUM Kenya organized the Lower Eastern and upper Eastern region summits.



From left: Mr. Kirimi Executive Director Caritas Meru,
Ms. Irungu PELUM Kenya Advocacy Officer, Mr.
Makanya Country Coordinator PELUM Kenya, Ms.
Dionisia Eruaki, the Chief Officer for Agriculture in
Meru County Government and Mr. Gitau of Helitech
youth group explaining the organic products from their
farm



Ms. Rosinah Mbenya, PELUM Kenya Programmes Manager and Ms. Manei Naanyu, Coordinator EOAI Eastern Africa, reading the communique from Upper Eastern and Lower Eastern Regions during the National Youth Summit at Safari Park Hotel

Capacity enhancement on Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

PELUM Kenya organised four (4) days training under the title 'Integrated Pest Management for Safe and Nutritious Food'. The purpose of the training was to equip and enhance the knowledge and practical skills of the Member Organizations (MOs) staff on ways to control pests and diseases using Integrated Pest Management (IPM) measures.

A total of thirty-two (32) participants from MOs who included twenty (20) men and twelve (12) women acquired the IPM knowledge and skills.

Exposure and learning visit

The Participant of the IPM training Workshop participated in an exposure visit at Kiania Organic Farm in Limuru and Organic Agriculture Centre of Kenya (OACK). The participants acquired practical skills on pest and diseases control from organic farmers in the two sites visited.



Participants of IPM training workshop preparing biopesticide using locally available materials. The training was held at SACDEP

Grounding Ecological Organic Agriculture (GEOA) Workshops

PELUM Kenya held two (2) workshops on Grounding Ecological Organic Agriculture at SACDEP and GBIACK. The objective of the GEOA training workshop was to create a pool of TOT on EOA among the PELUM Kenya Member Organisations



Farmers trained on making Biofertilizers and Biopesticides

A total of 25 TOTs (16Men and 9 Ladies) were trained on making Biofertilizers and biopesticides under IWAMA DIFE programme. The biofertilizers and biopesticides trained on included: Bokashi, Supermagro foliar, Ash and Lime Sulphur brew. The TOTs have cascaded the knowledge gained to 270 farmers.





Farmer Exchange And Learning Visit

IWAMA DIFE Programme supported 151 (91 females and 60 males) farmers to exchange and learning visits at various farms including Sylvia's Basket in Ndeiya-Limuru, Mataara Farmers group and Gituamba Farmers Group. The selected farmer acquired knowledge on agro-ecological practices such as diversification, water harvesting, agroforestry and organic farming.



SACDEP farmers during an exchange learning visit to OACK farmers

Tea farmers trained on livelihood diversification to strengthen diversification of farming enterprises among smallholder tea farmers and link them to market providers & input suppliers

IWAMA DIFE project trained 127 farmers (53 males, 74 females and 16 youth) farmers on livelihood diversification to reduce overreliance on tea. The participants were taken through agroecological farming enterprises including organic farming, raising of indigenous poultry, pig rearing and growing herbs and spices as alternative income generating activities.



Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture Programme Launched in Kenya



Master Trainers and Multipliers for the Kenya Hub recruited PELUM Kenya recruited (7) Seven Master of Trainers for Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture (KCOA) programme to each facilitate (2) two training workshops with each training involving 30 Multipliers.

The Master Trainers representing Kenya hub include;

- 1. Dr. Nehemiah Mihindo- Africa IPM Alliance
- 2. Sylvia Kuria- Sylvia's Basket
- 3. Esther Kiruthi- CSHEP
- 4. Samuel Nderitu GBIACK
- 5. Grace Misoi- RODI Kenya
- 6. Samuel Ndungu- KOAN
- 7. Ferdinand Wafula BIOGI

Upgrading G-BIACK Demonstration Site

Upgrading G-BIACK Demonstration Site to a Centre of Excellence PELUM Kenya supported G-BIACK to upgrade demonstration site to a Centre of Excellence of the KCOA-KHEA Project. The upgrading included: fencing a section of the farm, Improvement of the fish pond by constructing a multi storey structure (for poultry, rabbit and goat keeping) technology, integrate aquaponics Improvement of the compost area and vermiculture, tree nursery structure and procurement of seeds and construction of seed/vegetable



Curriculum development for Country Level training on Agroecology



The KCOA Kenya hub Master Trainers and Field officers from Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda participated in the Regional IFOAM OI training. The participants gained skills to

customize the training curriculum to be utilized in the Country Level Trainings and later developed work plans for country level trainings.

Training in organic agriculture value chains

PELUM Kenya and its Associate partners (GBIACK and KOAN) participated in Value Chain & Market Development Training organized by BvAT. The participants were from EOAI and KCOA project partners in Eastern Africa. 27 participants from the 5 implementing countries of Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Tanzania participated.

The participants familiarized with the guiding principles of value chain programs/projects that seek to improve competitiveness and benefits to Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) through sustainable market-based solutions. In addition, the participants understood concept of intervention strategies, the kinds of interventions and the criteria for selecting in value chain development and also designing evidence-based value chain development projects.

Small holder farmer groups supported to access organic information via smart phone.

PELUM Kenya through Mc Knight Foundation, supported 3 farmer groups with 10 smart phones. The groups were Gitwe Farmers Group reached through COSDEP, Umbrella Women Group reached through CREPP and Iyale Angamiza Jangwa Self Help Group reached through TTWF. Each phone is shared by 5 farmers.

To make them access a range of agroecology information, the phone is loaded with a SD card with over eighty (80) short videos on various successful practices from other small holder farmers in different regions of the world. The agroecological practices in the videos include; IPM, soil health, post harvest management, animals health etc. The purpose of the phone is to increase access of agroecological information as well as adoption of agroecological practices by small holder farmers.





Ms. Mary Irungu (second from right) demonstrating how to access videos to some members of Gitwe farmers group

Virtual course on multi media extension for agroecology radion hub

Four (4) PELUM Kenya staff were virtually trained on mutli media extension for agroecology radio hub. The course was supported by Mc Knight Foundation and facilitated by Access Agriculture. Among the skills acquired included: fact sheet development, script writing for radio and videos, video making and photography.

The trained staff are utulising the skills by collected and recording income generation intitative among small holder farmers working with PELUM Kenya MOs. The information is packaged and disseminated back to farmers



AGROENTERPRISE AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT

The main objective of the programme is to enhance agro-enterprise initiatives among SHF for increased household incomes and adoption of agro-ecological practices. To achieve the objective, PELUM Kenya organised; exchange visits for youth & women to successful agribusiness, facilitation of organic Market forums, support to value Addition initiatives and documentation of various entrepreneurship best practices.

Exchange Visits for women and youth to successful agribusiness ventures





Right, UENKZ champion farmers learning about bee-keeping during an exchange visit in Meru arm enterprise, left RWKZ farmer champions learning from Mr. Juma's at

Awasi during an Exchange Visit

Organic Market Forums



Organic Market forum in progress in Nanyuki through Laikipia Permaculture Centre Geoffrey from COSDEP addressing the farmers and shoppers on importance of consuming organic products during Nairobi & Central Zone Organic markets

AGROENTERPRISE AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Kangari organic market established

OACK was supported to establish an organic market in Kangari, Murang'a County under IWAMA DIFE programme. OACK lobbied Murang'a County Government for a space in Kangari market for organic section. The market runs every Tuesday and Thursday during the normal market days



Youth and Women visit EOA Model Garden and Agribusiness ventures in Nakuru County

A two days exposure visit was organized for EOA Pillar Implementors Partners(PIP) and MOs in Nakuru County in collaboration with Slow Food International. 15 Extension Staff and Farmers from Kenya Organic Agriculture Network (KOAN), Sustainable Agriculture and Community Development Programme (SACDEP), Institute of Peace Development and Innovation



Ms Beth Omae, Zonal Coordinator RVWK Zone with some of the participants being taken through Black soldier flies keeping by Bee
Our Partners Youth Group members.

(KOAN), Sustainable Innovation (IPSIA), Dryland Natural Agriculture and Resource Centre (DNRC), Slow Food Community Devel- Kenya, Bio vison Africa Trust and opment Programme PELUM Kenya participated. The (SACDEP), Institute Participants were exposed to EOA and of Peace Develop- Agribusiness models at Wanyororo, ment and Innovation Wendani where the group visited Mrs

Mrs Salome Mwangi's Kiririkana farm in village of Kuresoi and Bee Our Partners Youth Group in Sinendet Village, Lare ward, Nakuru County. The participants acquired knowledge on poultry farming, bee farming, bio-fertilisers enterprises, feed making enterprises, value addition in vegetables and milk.

AGROENTERPRISE AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT

Tea farmers trained on value addition

Ninty one (91) tea farmers (27 males, 64 females and 15 youth) were trained on value addition for farm produces as an alternative livelihood diversification and income generation off from tea farming reliance under IWAMA DIFE PELUM Kenya programme. Murang'a County MOs in collaborated with Ministry of Agriculture in carrying out the trainings on value addition. The participants were trained on sun-drying, hand grinding, packaging and branding of herbs and spices, vegetables, and fruits. The essence of value addition is for easy marketing and thrive in a competitive market.



SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Community engagement in Natural Resource Management

PELUM Kenya members have been actively involved in engaging community members in Natural Resource Management(NRM), however due to COVID 19 Pandemic only few numbers were allowed to congregate in some few occasions like tree planting where farmers were issued seedlings and seeds for planting.

In Rift Valley and Western Kenya Zone; ADS Western sensitized Communities living along River Yala on natural resources conservation. Sixty (60) Community members were involved in planting 600 tree seedlings after an intensive training. The seedlings species included bamboos, guavas, indigenous trees and grevillea





Pictures 3.1 (a)&(b): (a) community members observe impacts of river bank degradation on Yala river during awareness raising sessionon 23rd December 2020 and (b) community members offload tree seedlings from a pick-up on 29th December 2020 at the selected tree nursery site

Tea farmers trained on value addition

In Lower Eastern and Coast Zone, KDC mobilized community members in a project on integrating youth and women into gulley's rehabilitation through run off water harvesting for vegetable production. The purpose of the project was to integrate youth from the peri- urban areas into vegetable production and marketing with emphasis on the change of attitudes for the youth to embrace farming as source of income for the young generation while rehabilitating the environment (Gulley Rehabilitation). 400,000 cubic litres water pond was built for use by the community for establishing organic gardens and tree nurseries for food security and income generation.

Naningoi women sub-groups in rehabilitation of degraded sites. The community members were also sensitised on management of invasive species Cactus Opuntia Stricta and Acacia reficiens that have colonized their land leading to severe degradation. Each women group established demo sites and planted an assorted mix of tree seeds and seedlings to counter the invasive species. 985 aloe and moringa seedlings were planted and 11kgs of



Mr. Ngunjiri Kihoro Zonal Coordinator LECZ officially handing over a water pond to Kithambagii community in Kitui

In Nairobi and Central Zone, the communities engaged in rehabilitation of degraded sites in Mairi area along Chathanda river in Murang'a County. PELUM Kenya in collaboration with OACK and SACDEP planted over 2,000 Giant Bamboo seedlings, Meru Oak, Podo Carpus and Prunus Africana to minimize landslides occurrences. Below: a section of the area affected by landslide in Mairi Murang'a County





In Rift Valley and Western Kenya Zone, 5 Member organizations of the Region MEAP, NECOFA, TRANSCOM, MHAC and CREPP- engaged their farmers in planting 4035 assorted agroforestry trees and fruit species.

The species planted included: avocados, tree tomatoes, oranges, mangoes, bananas, guavas, grivellia markharmia lutea, calliandra and pine.

World environmental day 2020 celebrations theme time for nature with a focus on biodiversity"

On 5th of June, the World Environmental Day PELUM Kenya member organisations commemorated differently. Unlike previous years, where the event was marked by large numbers of community members and stakeholders, in the year 2020 fewer members were involved in compliance with COVID 19 protocols. In some instances, farmers were provided with seedlings and seeds to plant in their farms.

In Nairobi and Central Zone, PELUM supported ICE Kenya and Africa IPM Alliance to issue their farmers with agroforestry fruits and tree species for planting. 40 farmers from Kiambu County were involved in planting over 560 seedlings comprising of grafted Mango, grafted avocado trees and tree tomato seedlings.



Farmers working with ICE Kenya & Africa IPM Alliance receiving the fruit trees seedlings at Africa IPM demo farm Kiamhu

PELUM Kenya MOs trained in Agroforestry

Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC) supported a training workshop on Capacity Development on Agroforestry for Climate Resilience and Rural Development in August 2020 for Extension Officers. Participants were drawn from 24 PELUM Kenya Member Organizations, 3 from BVAT, Egerton University, 3 PELUM Kenya Staff and 2 Participants from Kenya Forestry Service (KFS) and KEFRI. Participants were exposed to agroforestry nursery training at Egerton University, Department of Natural Resources, agroforestry nursery site and a field visit to agroforestry plots managed by Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) at Njoro site.

After the Training 8 members organizations BERMA, CREPP, ADS Eastern, GBIACK, MHAC, YARD and TTWF were supported to pursue agroforestry initiatives conceptualized as after workshop action plans.

BERMA

BERMA engaged 45 women and youth from Jitegeme women and Nelaa youth bunge groups (targeting 200,000 different trees and fruits agro forestry species). The groups established nurseries with 20,000 seedlings.

CREPP

CREPP sensitized 55 women and youth from post test support and Kwegilamo women groups. 2 tree turseries for agroforestry were established by the groups comprising of assorted seeds such as gravellia robusta, casuarinas, eucalyptus grandis, makhamia lutea, moringa, calliandra, sesbania, passion fruits, pawpaw's and croton.

ADS Eastern

ADS Eastern engaged 66 Members of the Community from Mukundi Disable SHG and Ngwatanio ya Ndiwa Women group Kitungati comprising women, men and outh in Nov ember 2020 in Kitui County. After the trainings, the members established 2 mango fruit tree nurseries integrated with gravellia, melia volkensii, and eucalyptus species.

GBIACK

GBIACK engaged 326 community members composed of women from Bidii self-help group in Gatuanyaga in Kiambu County and Mithini women group in Machakos County. Over 2,800 seeds were planted in 2 nurseries comprising of assorted agroforestry species grafted mangoes, avocadoes, passion, tree tomatoes, pawpaw, oranges and lemons and other tree species like Tephrosia vogelii and Grevillea robusta.





Potting and pricked seedlings for Jitegemee women group, Pricked out seedlings of assorted varieties (bischofia and neem and fruits such as passion and pawpaw)



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Lucy Mweche from GBIACK training farmers from Mithini Women Group on agroforestry

MHAC

MHAC trained Organic Mashinani farmer group from Transzoia County on agroforestry practices. Assorted fruits and tree varieties grevellia, caliandra, cypress and macadamia were planted.

YARD

YARD engaged 2 groups; Mukurwe Umoja Women Group and Tumaini Women Group from Gatanga Sub-county of Murang'a County. The groups were trained on agroforestry nursey management. 2,780 seedlings of moringa, avocado, grivellia were planted. 5kgs of guava, calliadra and trichadra seeds were sowed.



Tumaini group members working in the tree nursery site

TTWF

TTWF engaged 38 Women and Youth from 2 groups; Furaha Women and Ilelenyi Youth Groups. The groups are located in Taita Hills within the fragments of Chawia forest in Taita Taveta County. The groups' objective is to increase tree cover within the farms by planting grevillea and grafted avocado trees within the community members' farms and improve the livelihood of the members through selling of the seedlings. The members are targeting production of 6,000 seedlings comprising of grivellia and grafted avocados.



Greening a Village Project



The Chief Guest, Ms. Alkemade and the PELUM Kenya C.E.O Mr. Makanya presenting the GAV project award to Mr John Mutua CEO ADS Eastern for winning position 1

Aberdare Forest Ecosystem stakeholders trained on Environmental Conservation and Management

The training reached a total of 19 (7 Females and 12 Males) stakeholders' representative from Kiambu County and Murang'a Counties. The stakeholders were drawn from: KTDA, County, Ministry of Agriculture extension officers, WRUAs like Ndakaini Dam Environmental Conservation Association (NDEKA), CFAs, KFS (Forest extension officers) and Partners Project Officers. The participants acquired knowledge on watershed management and concepts on development of a watershed management plan, international, regional and local watershed management legislation and developing advocacy plans for local watershed management.

Promoted water harvesting technologies

The project held 5 trainings on water harvesting including practical on construction of earth pan for 75 farmers

Greening A Village (GAV) project was launched during PELUM Kenya 25th Anniversary event. The member organizations were invited to submit proposals and out of the 8 PELUM members Kenya who submitted, ADS Eastern emerged number 1 and therefore earned GLS support of 3,000 Euros for the project implementation

The beneficiary groups were given the dam liner that was purchased by OACK by support of IWAMA DIFE project and benefited from training facilitated by Mr. Ndegwa of SACDEP. This enhanced collaboration among IWAMA DIFE partners who capitalized on the water engineering skills provided by the SACDEP staff. The 5 water pans collected water during October-December rainy season that will be used for irrigation.



NETWORKING AND PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

World soils day celebration

PELUM Kenya partnered with RODI Kenya to celebrate World Soil Day on 5th December 2020 at RODI Kenya Centre, Ruiru. The theme for the event was; "Keep Soils Alive, Protect Soil Diversity"



Participation in 2020 BIOFACH Trade Fair

Three participants were sponsored by PELUM Kenya to attend BIOFACH 2020 in Germany as a strategy for lobbying policy makers to support Policy and programs in favor of EOA at the national and regional level. The 3 included the Deputy Director of Crops from the Ministry of Agriculture- Kenya, Project Manager at Kenya Organic Agriculture Network (KOAN) and Regional secretariat Coordinator. Key observations noted were;

- The exhibitors in Africa pavilion had greatly reduced compared to the previous years. There was participation of private companies from Kenya, Sudan, Mozambique and South Africa. Main products exhibited included chia seeds, acacia gum and Baobab.
- It was also noted that, the natural resources found in Africa can be transformed into several valuable products and only required the appropriate technologies and skills. For example, developing essential oils for the dried sap of Acacia tree was unimaginable or producing a body cream from the slime of a snail. It was amazing to see other continents doing it.

NETWORKING AND PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative coverage in print media

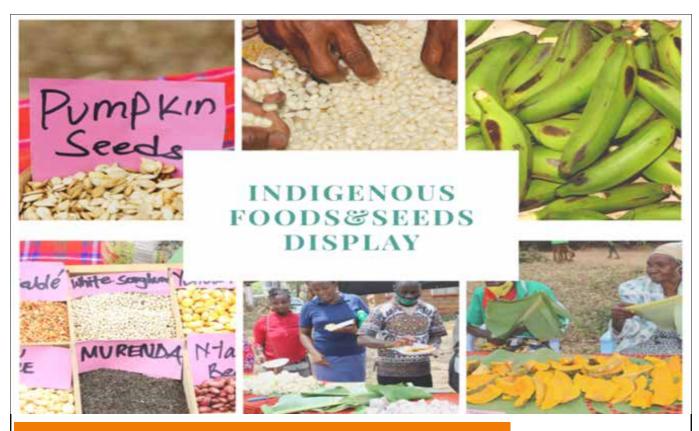
The Regional Secretariat for Eastern Africa EOAI supported Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda Country Lead Organisations(CLOs) to mark World Food Day 2020 on 16th October. The CLOs passed the organic information through newspaper with key message being Time to resume production of affordable organic foods . The message was covered in Kenya Daily Nation,Rwanda New Times, Tanzania Guardian and Uganda Vision.











INDIGENOUS SEEDS AND FOOD FAIR CELEBRATIONS

PELUM Kenya in partnership with AFSA, GBIACK and farmers from Gatuanya held a Seed and Food Fair celebration. The objectives of the food and seed fair included; raise awareness of the local crop diversity at the rural community level, educating the community (including the younger generation) about the crop diversity and the health benefits of consuming indigenous food, exchange Seed to encourage the conservation of crop diversity and spread it among local farmers.



DOCUMENTATION AND PUBLICATIONS

PELUM Kenya presence in the media

Below are some of the links, to open copy paste in the google:

https://youtu.be/5HIYkvZ5Cq0

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qLu9h6fU483 9xeqfAFqoQANEgLF852JR/view?invite=CIaNx NQJ&ts=602fa29fhttps://www.dropbox.com/sh /vbf43sqr6b5olj5/AABibIyDCjput9TDU4T_kjr na?dl=0

https://nation.africa/kenya/counties/muranga/murang-a-couple-reaps-big-from-organic-agric ulture-1929718

https://www.monitor.co.ug/uganda/magazines/farming/manures-you-should-make-on-your-farm-this-new-year-3281550

https://www.pd.co.ke/business/embracing-organic-farming-for-better-health-51016/

https://nation.africa/kenya/counties/kajiado/urban-farmers-embrace-organic-agriculture-2373584

https://nation.africa/kenya/business/seeds-of-g old/manures-you-should-make-on-the-farm-th is-new-year-3244998

https://nation.africa/kenya/business/seeds-of-g old/experts-take-on-topical-issues-affecting-far ming-agribusiness-3229552

GAW Event coverage:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KqBMq0NNF_EOvqfDkRp51qbU0lQVUsww/view?usp=sharing

https://www.the-star.co.ke/counties/eastern/20 20-10-18-eat-indigenous-food-to-curb-cancer-merus-told/

ROAM-EOA documentary

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qLu9h6fU483 9xeqfAFqoQANEgLF852JR/view?invite=CIaN xNQJ&ts=602fa29fhttps://www.dropbox.com/s h/vbf43sqr6b5olj5/AABibIyDCjput9TDU4T_k jrna?dl=0

Television coverages links; Please copy and paste on youtube

KTN:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5E_dTU0 Q26g&t=65s

EBRU TV: https://youtu.be/UlG3rEDmez0

K24:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcHlHQz KBt4

KBC:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NfkmelPO wpE&t=1s

Kameme tv:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3LW2pL-hlU

KTN: https://youtu.be/BBGftOmSLBM

KTN: https://youtu.be/3ytKnRvK-P4

KTN: https://youtu.be/tH1xDtTOftE

KBC: https://youtu.be/pOH6hVegFjI

KBC: https://youtu.be/NfkmelPOwpE

KTN Farmer TV:

https://youtu.be/bJ8mcUCvQ

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PELUM KENYA COVID 19 MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Like any other organisation, PELUM Kenya was highly affected by COVID 19 pandemic from implementing projects, planning ,partners and MOs collaborations among other. PELUM embraced new style of working, communicating , networking and collaborations.

Among the strategies adopted included:

- PELUM Kenya redesigned the projects , to respond to the rapidily changing landscape caused COVID 19
- PELUM Kenya leveraged on technology to hold and plan activites and also in meetings and trainings
- Staff were encouraged to work from home and only few staff were reporting to the office
- The office space was portioned with each staff having well enclosed working area. In addition, staff were provided with individual sanitizers. Water points were also increased, and placed at the gate and office entrance.
- PELUM Kenya produced branded mask for secretariat and MOs staff.
- A covid 19 committee was formed to advise the management on key mitigation measure that should be put in place. The committee also regularly report to the management on the progress and challenges in implementation of the proposed measures.
- Physical meetings were reduced and also number of participants were cuts by 50%
- Staff who suspected to be exposed to the COVID 19 viruses were requested to quarantine for 14 days
- The security officers were also sensitized on precautions to adhere to while staff and visitor are entering the office compound.



A hand washing area at the entrace of PELUM Kenya office

SUMMARY OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

PELUM KENYA FINANCIALS:

| STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER |
|--|
| 2020 |

| | 2020 | 2019 | |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|--|
| Income | KES | KES | |
| Grants Received | 106,790,078 | 93,974,313 | |
| PELUM - Kenya Income | 1,794,492 | 1,061,141 | |
| Total Income | 108,584,570 | 95,035,454 | |
| | | | |

Expenditure

| Indirect Project Costs | 5,953,890 | 5,532,685 | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|--|--|--|
| PELUM - Kenya | | | | | |
| Administration Costs | 1,779,136 | 2,085,719 | | | |
| Direct Project Expenditure | 82,820,884 | 78,851,166 | | | |
| Total Expenditure | 90,553,910 | 86,442,570 | | | |

8,592,884

(Deficit) / Balance for the

| (Deficit) / Dataties for the | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| year | 18,030,660 |
| Financed by: | |

| Funds Brought Forward | 8,592,884 | (5,724,865) |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|

| STATEMENT OF FINANCIA | L POSITION - YEAR ENDED | 31 DECEMBER 2020 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Assets | 2020 | 2019 |
| Non-current Assets | KES | KES |
| Property and Equipment | 8,917,151 | 5,852,530 |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and Bank | 34,174,893 | 16,676,971 |
| Accounts Receivable | 2,999,331 | 2,464,283 |
| Total Current Assets | 37,174,224 | 19,141,254 |
| Less: Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts Payable | 5,090,588 | 1,954,558 |
| Net Current Assets | 32,083,636 | 17,186,696 |
| Net Assets | 41,000,787 | 23,039,226 |
| Represented By: | | |
| General Funds | 2,116,191 | 953,365 |
| Restricted Funds | 30,933,337 | 16,233,331 |
| Sub-Total | 33,049,528 | 17,186,696 |
| Capital Fund | 7,951,259 | 5,852,530 |
| Fund Balance | 41,000,787 | 23,039,226 |

PELUM KENYA INCOME

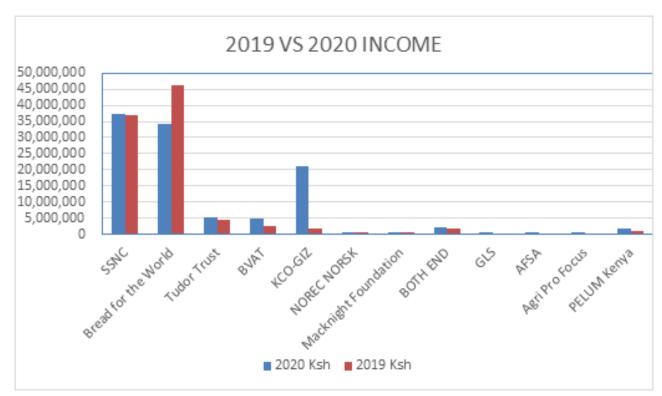
PELUM KENYA INCOME.

The total grants to PELUM Kenya in the financial year ended 31st December 2020, increased from Kshs 95,035,044 in 2019 to Kshs 108,584,570 this being a 14.25% increase. This increase can be attributed to:

- There was addition of 3 new funding partners GLS, AFSA and AgriproFocus who funded small projects amounting to a total of Kes 1,090,277.
- There was significant increased funding from Biovision Africa Trust (BVAT) to support Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture (KCOA) Project from Kes 1,663,672 in 2019 to Kes 21,125,104 in 2020 representing a 1,193% increment in the project funding. McKnight foundation funding also increased from Kes 296,590 in 2019 to Kes 651,692 in 2020 representing a 119.7% increment in project funding.
- There was a reduction in Funding from Bread For The world of Kes 12,043,432. This was due to the nature of activities to be undertaken within the year.
- The undesignated funds increased by Kes 733,351 due to new members joining and gain on disposal of assets but had reduced coordination income during the year due to fewer small projects within the year.

| Funding Partner | 2020 | | 2019 | |
|--------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Ksh | Percentage | Ksh | Percentage |
| SSNC | 37,245,352 | 34.30 | 36,900,283 | 38.90 |
| Bread for the World | 34,351,790 | 31.64 | 46,395,222 | 48.90 |
| Tudor Trust | 5,149,850 | 4.74 | 4,301,064 | 4.53 |
| BVAT | 4,830,889 | 4.45 | 2,505,500 | 2.64 |
| KCO-GIZ | 21,125,104 | 19.45 | 1,633,672 | 1.72 |
| NOREC NORSK | 166,242 | 0.15 | 286,605 | 0.30 |
| McKnight Foundation | 651,692 | 0.60 | 296,590 | 0.31 |
| BOTH END | 2,178,882 | 2.01 | 1,655,377 | 1.74 |
| GLS | 359,155 | 0.33 | 0 | - |
| AFSA | 196,875 | 0.18 | 0 | - |
| Agri Pro Focus | 534,247 | 0.49 | 0 | - |
| PELUM Kenya | 1,794,492 | 1.65 | 895,771 | 0.94 |
| Total Grants Received | 108,584,570 | | 94,870,084 | |

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Kindly do note as above PELUM Kenya Income is 1% of total income received during the year. The membership fees income as represented under PELUM Kenya has been accrued.

PELUM KENYA EXPENDITURE

Our total expenditure in year 2020 was Kshs 90,553,910 as compared to year 2019's expenditure of Kshs 86,442,570. This is a 4.54% increase, which is attributed to increased funding during the year; this in turn increased the level of activities in the country secretariat during the financial year ended 31st December 2020.

| | 2020 | | 2019 | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Expenditure | Ksh | Percentage | Ksh | Percentage |
| | | | | |
| Direct Project Expenditure | 82,820,884 | 91.46 | 78,851,166 | 91.22 |
| | | | | |
| Indirect Project Costs | 5,953,890 | 6.57 | 5,532,685 | 6.40 |
| PELUM - Kenya | | | | |
| Administration Costs | 1,779,136 | 1.96 | 2,058,719 | 2.38 |
| Total Expenditure | 90,553,910 | | 86,442,570 | |





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PELUM Kenya has strived to ensure funding partner grants are used to enhance the activities implemented and reduce on administration cost. As per above the organization has managed to reduce administrative cost from 2.38% of total expenditure to 1.96%. This has been through cost saving measures as continuously advised by the board and auditors.

Assets amounting ksh 4,856,563 were procured during the year ended 31st December 2020

AUDITORS REPORT

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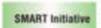
























































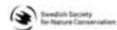








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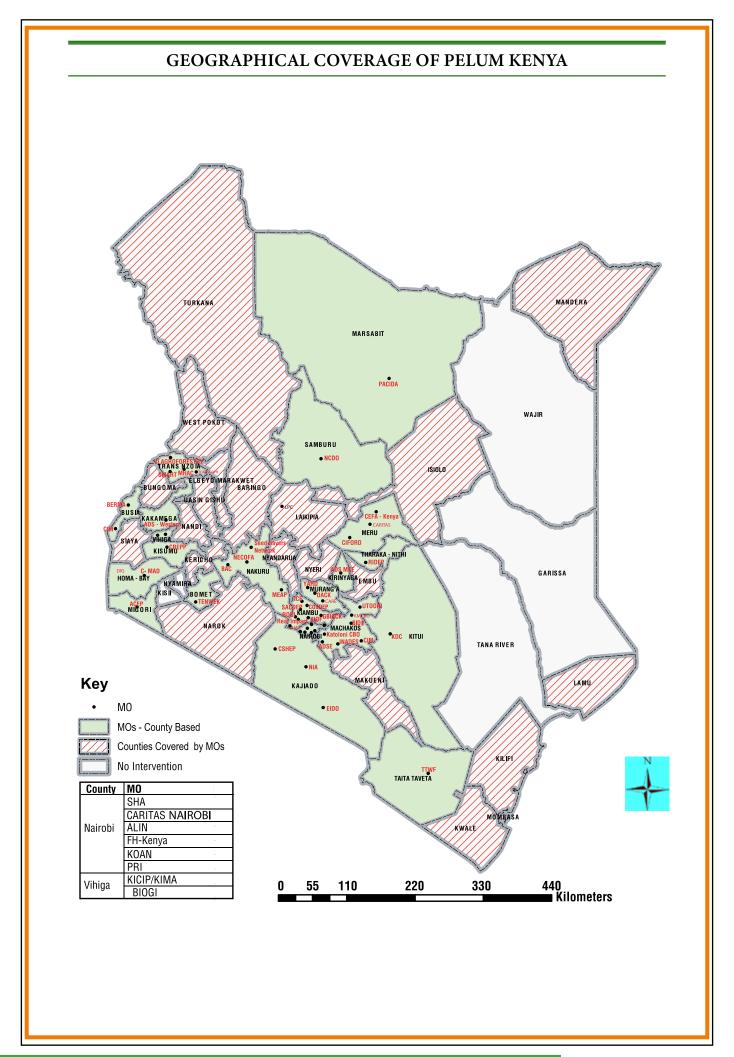














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