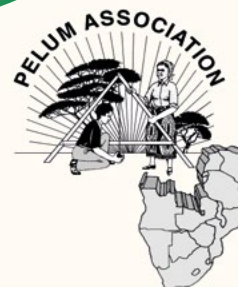




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Abbreviations and Acronyms

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

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PELUM Kenya at a Glance

Who We Are

Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Association is an indigenous African network currently with 283 Member Organizations (M.O.s) 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 Kampala, Uganda. Each country has a Country Working Group (CWG) comprising member organizations that work with smallholder farmers and pastoralists and are coordinated by a Country Secretariat (C.S.).

About PELUM Kenya

Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Kenya is a national network that currently comprises 56 Member Organizations (M.O.s). Its members mandate PELUM Kenya to promote agroecological principles and practices through networking and capacity building, AgroEnterprise and market development, 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. The members of PELUM Kenya are categorized into six networking zones: Nairobi/ Central zone, Upper Eastern & Northern Kenya zone, Lower Eastern & Coast zone, and Rift-Western Kenya zone. The Country secretariat is based in K.U. Boma Estate, House No.114, along Kenyatta Road, Off Thika Superhighway.

Principles that Guide PELUM Kenya Network

1. **Diversity.** Showcasing the diversity of Ecological Agricultural practices amongst members within and without the Network.
2. **Learning and Knowledge management.** Enable learning for experiences and best practices sharing among members & other actors through networking with others.
3. **Membership.** Ensure that PELUM Kenya is a member-driven Network.
4. **Innovation.** Encourage and support innovativeness across the Network.
5. **Sustainable Ecosystem.** Always striving towards an ecosystem that is healthy and sustainable.
6. **Advocacy.** Advocate for Agricultural ecological issues in favor of small-scale farmers & pastoralists.
7. **Inclusive Practices.** Promoting inclusive practices at all levels as the basis of ownership, empowerment, and sustainability.
8. **Participation.** Recognize participation as an enabling & empowering process (everybody's opinion matters, participation is drawn from the members, enhances ownership of the processes, has the strength of inclusiveness, and accommodates diverse opinions, gender, and social inclusion and involvement the people going.

Vision Mission & Values



Vision

Empowered, prosperous, and healthy communities in Kenya.

Values

- Commitment to partnership, participation, and networking.
- Commitment to gender equity and social inclusion.
- Transparency and accountability.
- Quality service delivery.



Mission

To promote agroecological principles and practices through member organizations for Kenya's sustainable livelihoods of smallholder farmers and pastoralists communities.

Our Strategic Directions

1. Institutional strengthening, networking, and capacity development.
2. Policy Influence & Advocacy on Agroecological practices.
3. Agro-enterprise and market development.
4. Climate Change resilience and Natural Resource Management.
5. Women and youth inclusion in Agroecology.

PELUM Kenya Member Organizations

Nairobi and Central Zone

1. Aidlink
2. Arid Lands Information Network (ALIN)
3. CARITAS Nairobi
4. Community Action for Rural enhancement (CARE) Murang'a
5. Community Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection Program (COSDEP)
6. Grow Bio-Intensive Agriculture Centre of Kenya (GBIACK)
7. Institute of Culture and Ecology (ICE)
8. Kenya Institute of Organic Farming (KIOF)
9. Kenya Organic Agriculture Network (KOAN)
10. Organic Agriculture Centre of Kenya (OACK)
11. Resources Oriented Development Initiatives (RODI) Kenya
12. Self Help Africa (SHA)
13. Sustainable Agriculture Community Development Programme (SACDEP)
14. Youth Action for Rural Development (YARD)

Upper Eastern and Northern Kenya Zone

1. Anglican Development Services Mt. Kenya East (ADS MKE)
2. Caritas Meru
3. CARITAS- Nyahururu
4. Community Initiatives for Rural Development (CIFORD)
5. European Community for Agriculture- Kithita Kirwa Water Project (CEFA- KKWP)
6. Food for the Hungry Kenya (FH Kenya)
7. Institute for Peace Development and Innovation (IPSIA)
8. Laikipia Permaculture Centre (LPC)
9. Nainyoiye Community Development Organization (NCDO)
10. Pastoralists Community Initiatives and Development Assistance (PACIDA)
11. Rural Initiatives Development Program (RIDEP)

Lower Eastern and Coast Zone

1. Anglican Development Services Eastern (ADSE)
2. Benevolent Institute of Development Initiatives (BIDI)
3. Christian Impact Mission (CIM)
4. Community Sustainable Agriculture and Healthy Environmental Program (CSHEP)
5. Dryland Natural Resource Centre (DNRC)
6. Effective IPM Association (EIPMA)
7. Emayian Integrated Development Organization (EIDO)
8. Inades Formation Kenya (IFK)
9. Katoloni Mission CBO
10. Kitui Development Centre (KDC)
11. Neighbours Initiative Alliance (NIA)
12. Taita Taveta Wildlife Foundation (TTWF)
13. Utooni Development Organization (UDO)

Rift-Western Kenya Zone

1. Agricultural Community Empowerment Program (ACEP)
2. Anglican Development Services (ADS) Western
3. Baraka Agricultural Centre (BAC)
4. Bio - Gardening Innovations (BIOGI)
5. Busia Environmental and Resource Management (BERMA)
6. Community Mobilization Against Desertification (C-MAD)
7. Community Rehabilitation and Environment Protection Program (CREPP)
8. Development in Gardening DIG)
9. Maendeleo Endelevu Action Program (MEAP)
10. Manor House Agricultural Centre (MHAC)
11. Network for Eco farming in Africa (NECOFA)
12. Seed Savers Network (SSN)
13. Slow food Convivia Association of Kenya (SFCAK)
14. Support for Tropical Initiatives (STIPA)
15. Sustainable Mobilization of Agricultural Resource Technologies (SMART) Initiatives
16. Tenwek Hospital Community Health & Development
17. Trans- Community Organization (TRANSCOM)
18. VI Agroforestry


Collins Othieno

Chairperson ~ PELUM Kenya

Message from the Chairperson

It's indeed my pleasure to present this annual report for the year 2021 in which we managed a successful transition from the pioneering PELUM Kenya Country Coordinator, Mr. Zachary Makanya, to Ms. Rosinah Mbenya, who picked up the button well and is currently steering the network steadily to new frontiers.

Mr. Makanya left PELUM Kenya as the Country Coordinator and also Secretary to the board after 18 years of service. On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff members at the secretariat, the Member Organisations and all the partners of PELUM Kenya, I hereby wish to convey our sincere appreciation to Mr. Makanya for his selfless dedication to the growth of PELUM Kenya network for the 18 years he was in charge of the network.

We will miss his service at PELUM Kenya secretariat but we are glad that he is still a PELUMITE. Join me in wishing him success in his new journey in life. On the same note, allow me to congratulate and welcome Ms. Rosinah Mbenya who took up the position of Country Coordinator after the departure of Mr. Makanya and has so far done a splendid job despite the large size of shoes left by her predecessor. Ms. Rosinah, we know that you are up to task and we look forward to sustained momentum of growth at PELUM Kenya. Congratulations once more.

Within the Board of Directors of PELUM Kenya, we also had a few changes as Mr. Eustace Kiarie, the Executive Directors of KOAN left the board and his position was taken up by Ms. Mercy Thurair, Executive Director- Girl Child Network and Mr. Sebastian Wambugu, the Executive Director of YARD, was also appointed as the Board treasurer.

During the same year, the secretariat initiated a process of reviewing and updating all its current organizational policies. This was done to ensure that the policies are up to date with the current context and changes. With regards to this, I am also happy to report that four new organizational policies are already under development namely; sub-granting manual, anticorruption policy and whistle blower policy, programmes policy and a disaster mitigation strategy. These new policies will provide guidance to the organization on standard procedures of operations along the stated areas.

Our last Annual General Meeting was held in June, 2021 at Naivasha and it was attended by 54 delegates. During the AGM, one Member Organization (Permaculture Research Institute) dropped from the membership hence dropping the membership from 57 MOs to 56 MOs.

Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, I am delighted to share that the members of the network succeeded in maintaining their community interventions through different strategies and approaches and their networking during the year 2021. I wish urge all the network members to continue strengthening their interventions towards building community resilience against disasters such as COVID 19.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I affirm our commitment to providing the necessary governance and leadership towards achievement of the organizational vision, mission and strategic objectives.

I take this opportunity to convey our sincere appreciation to all the stakeholders and partners who contributed to success of the network in one way or the other. I am grateful to the secretariat staff led by Ms. Rosinah Mbenya for their hard work throughout the year, to the network Member Organizations for their commitment to networking for a greener Africa and improved livelihoods among small scale farmers. Last but not least, we wish to thank all our funding partners and all our supporters for their unwavering support to the entire network and its cause.

I now welcome you to enjoy reading this 2021 PELUM Kenya Annual Report.

A stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Collins Othieno'.

Collins Othieno

Chairperson - PELUM Kenya

PELUM Kenya

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mr. Collins Othieno

Executive Director, Community Rehabilitation and Environment Protection Program (CREPP).
Chairperson



Anne Nashipae

*Regional Chairperson
PELUM Association
Resource Mobilization and Networking
Manager, Effective IPM Association
(EIPMA)*
Vice Chairperson



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*Country Coordinator-
PELUM Kenya*
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Mr. Sebastian Wambugu
*CEO - Youth Action for Rural
Development (YARD).*
Treasurer



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*Director - Manor House
Agriculture Center*
Member



Mr. Karangathi Njoroge
*Director- Maendeleo
Endeleu Action Program
(MEAP).*
Member

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*Deputy Director - European
Community for Agriculture-
Kithita Kirwa Water Project
(CEFA- KKWP)*
Member



Ms. Mercy Thurairia
*Aidlink
Executive Director, Girl
Child Network*
Member

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER



Mr. Zachary Makanya
*Former Country Coordi-
nator, PELUM Kenya*
Former Secretary

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER



Eustace Kiarii
*National Coordinator,
Kenya Organic Agriculture
Network (KOAN)*
Former Treasurer



Zachary Makanya

Former Country coordinator,
PELUM Kenya

Message from the Outgoing Country Coordinator

The year 2021 marked another milestone for the PELUM Kenya Secretariat and her 56 Member Organizations working towards the vision of empowered, prosperous, and healthy communities in Kenya with my departure as the Country Coordinator.

When I made my decision to leave PELUM Kenya, there was huge and cry. This was expected as I had diligently served at PELUM Kenya for 18 years. The members had gotten used to seeing me as the Country Coordinator and hence many members expressed deep and genuine concerns and worries on what happen when I leave. As for me, I was very confident that if anything, PELUM Kenya would just surge on in its upward trajectory. I had my reasons for this confident:

1. I had left behind a strong team of professionals who had served PELUM Kenya with distinction, under me for a long time. The team was led by the new Country Coordinator who had served as the deputy Country Coordinator for over 4 years.
2. The management and governance systems of PELUM Kenya were strong enough to manage any emerging situation.
3. The funding partners were very confident with the management and leadership of PELUM Kenya as a network.

Reading this report, you will realize what Ms. Rosinah and Team PELUM Kenya have done and hence will vindicate me and justify my leaving PELUM Kenya. They have exceeded our expectations by bringing in more funds and more projects in 2021 for the Network and, hence reaching more beneficiaries. I want to take this opportunity to reassure all and sundry that PELUM Kenya is in safe hands of the current management and the board

I left PELUM Kenya to embark on a new journey albeit with many uncertainties and imponderables. As the Chief Executive Officer for Rural Initiatives Development Program (RIDEP) in Marimanti, Tharaka Nithi County, I am enjoying working directly with grassroots communities. My joy is more fluffing for I am now touching the lives of farmers directly, my childhood dream. God has continued to bless RIDEP with existing and new partners who continue to support my mission to RIDEP.

I am grateful for the support received from the Member Organizations, the PELUM Kenya management and staff

and PELUM Kenya Board of Directors and the entire PELUM family. All this has been made possible by the grace of God, who I thank greatly for all the successes I enjoyed while working at PELUM Kenya. I trust this God to take PELUM Kenya greater heights.

It is with great honour that I wish to applaud the leadership of Ms. Rosinah Mbenya, who is now at the helm of PELUM Kenya. I wish to ask all the members of PELUM Kenya and partners to continue cheering her on as she steers PELUM Kenya.

Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge the support of the funding partners, without whom the achievements we are celebrating and sharing with you this report could not have happened. The farming communities worked closely with Member Organizations, member organizations for the commitment to the Network and, the Secretariat led by the Country Coordinator for being accountable, the National Board for serving with distinction. I also acknowledge and appreciate other partners, networks, Ministries, Departments, and agencies who have worked closely with PELUM Kenya. I urge them to forge closer partnerships with PELUM Kenya for greater impact of their work.

As you all may know, RIDEP is a member of PELUM Kenya, and we will continue being a member of this greater family. I urge you all to bring farmers and staff to come for learning and exposure visit at RIDEP Dryland agro-ecological centre. The latter is a centre of excellence in that part of Kenya.

I now join you to read this annual report. Let us all enjoy.

Zachary Makanya

Former Country coordinator, PELUM Kenya

Message from the Country Coordinator

It is a great honor to welcome you for the first time as the Country Coordinator to read PELUM Kenya's 2021 annual report.



Ms. Rosinah Mbenya

Country Coordinator
PELUM Kenya

First and foremost, I thank the Almighty God for the successes reported in this report relating to the past fiscal year 2021. As reported in this 2021 annual report, the secretariat was able to undertake different activities and interventions all geared towards improved livelihoods among small holder farmers and pastoralists.

The secretariat continued to work at national and zonal levels throughout the year despite the COVID 19 pandemic. Our zonal offices were able to work closely with the members in the various zones as a way of strengthening our horizontal networking as summarised in the report. National level interventions also continued and the secretariat also partnered with like minded organizations to deepen their impact in the field of agroecology.

The year 2021 as well marked the beginning of a new strategic plan (2021 to 2025). The new strategic plan was launched during the 2021 AGM. The strategic plan highlights the strategic direction for the Network in the next five years, with a significant focus on mainstreaming and promoting agroecology principles and practices. The thematic areas include Advocacy for Agroecology, Climate Change and Sustainable Natural Resources Management, Institutional Development, Agroenterprise, and Market Development, and Gender and youth involvement in agroecology. As a secretariat, we are committed to ensure the full implementation of the strategic plan and we are glad that during the year we had programmes and projects squarely aligned to the attainment of the strategic plan.

We also had the transition of Mr. Zachary Makanya, a former Country Coordinator who left the Secretariat to pursue his passion for working directly with grassroots communities. I take this opportunity to applaud Mr. Makanya for his immense contribution to the growth of the PELUM Kenya network. Hats off, Zachary, and may God bless you. I would also like to appreciate each one of you for your support during the leadership transition period that

enabled me to settle in my new roles as the new Country coordinator.

The Network held its third annual networking symposium in Nakuru with the theme of "scaling up agroecology and indigenous foods for a healthy nation." The symposium provided a platform for all the Member Organizations (MOs) to showcase their work on agroecology. The best MO exhibitors were awarded: Slow Food Convivium Kenya as the best exhibitor, GBIACK as the second-best exhibitor, while the third position was a tie between MHAC and CREPP. I congratulate the winners and all the MOs for their incredible work in agroecology.

During the year PELUM Kenya network engaged internationally towards the United Nations Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) by organizing an independent food systems dialogue with the theme "scaling up agroecology for sustainable food systems." This provided an opportunity for sharing lessons and strategies for scaling up agroecology in Kenya for more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable food systems. We are glad to note that an agroecology coalition was launched after the UNFSS and so far the Secretariat has signed up to the coalition on agroecology to deepen our transformative engagement on the agroecology agenda.

In our advocacy arena, we continued with County and national level advocacy engagements to advocate for mainstreaming of agroecology in relevant policies and programmes. PELUM Kenya had the privilege to support the formation of the Busia County Agriculture and Climate Change Multi-Stakeholder Platform. The platform provides a platform for sharing, learning, and engaging in the county's agriculture and climate change policy processes.

In its institutional and capacity development thematic area, the secretariat organized numerous capacity development sessions for its members; this included train-

ing a pool of 351 multipliers organic agriculture practices. At the zonal level, exchange and learning visits were held to enhance the capacities of extension staff and small-scale farmers on various interventions. A training on results-based management to the network members was also held to enhance the M.O.s' capacities on results-based reporting at MO and farmer levels. In collaboration with ICIPE, PELUM Kenya trained its members on desert locust management.

In its agro-enterprise and market development thematic area, PELUM Kenya, in collaboration with KOAN and CSHEP, supported PGS certification for 3000 Nooya farmer group. Massive consumer awareness of Ecological Organic Agriculture products was undertaken through print and electronic media. A live television show was undertaken on citizen T.V. during prime time to commemorate World Food Safety Day creating massive awareness on the need to support organic agriculture. The growing need by the farmers in Muranga for a market for their organic products created an opportunity for PELUM Kenya, in Partnership with OACK and YARD, to support the establishment of the Kirwara organic market in Gatanga. This follows establishing an organic market in the Kangari market in 2020.

In its Climate Change and Sustainable Natural Resources thematic area, the Country Secretariat actively engaged in implementing the Greening a Village project in Partnership with ADS Eastern. World Environment Days were celebrated and marked by massive tree planting at the zonal level. The Secretariat was also involved in implementing the Integrated Watershed Management for Diverse Farming enterprise (IWAMA DIFE) project. A national water dialogue was held on World water day during the year.

I am also glad to note the organization's financial growth from an annual income of Kes 109,283,678 in 2020 to an annual income of kes 116,134,868 in 2021 which translates to 6.3% growth. We appreciate our funding partners for continued support to our work and commit to enhance and deepen our engagement with the communities we serve for impact and change. We look forward to sustained momentum of growth financially and impact on the Small-Scale Farmers and pastoralists we serve. The above successes were possible due to the hard work of the secretariat staff, support from the member organizations, funding partners, and other collaborating partners. We say a big thank you and urge for your continued support.

I look forward to an impactful 2022 filled with growth, success, and blessings. I urge all of us to continue working together amicably towards improved livelihoods for Small Scale Farmers and pastoralists.

Enjoy the reading.



Ms. Rosinah Mbenya
Country Coordinator
PELUM Kenya

Meet the PELUM Kenya Secretariat Team



Manei Naanyu
Head of Programmes



Rosinah Mbenya
Country Coordinator



Ndiki Ndung'u
Head of Finance and Administration



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Senior Finance Officer



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Programme Officer
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Irene Nyaboke
Administrative &
HR Officer



Roland Mwalugha
Mechanic &
Driver



George Foro
Driver



Kihoro Ngunjiri
Zonal Coordinator (Lower
Eastern and Coast Zone)

Meet the PELUM Kenya Secretariat Team



Sarah Wambui
Zonal Coordinator
(Nairobi and Central
Kenya Zone)



Benson Isohe
Zonal Coordinator
(Upper Eastern and Northern
Kenya Zone)



Beth Omae
Zonal Coordinator
(Rift, Western & Nyanza
Zone)



Bathseba Ratemo
Programme Officer
(Knowledge Hub and
Communications)



Susan Kimani
Office Attendant



Michael Muriithi
Security Officer



Joseph Chokera
Security Officer

Staff who joined in 2021



Sharon Achieng
Finance and Administration
Intern
Promoted to Finance Officer



Kenneth Mbari
Programmes Intern



Harrison Yego
Monitoring & Evaluation
Officer

Staff who left in 2021



Caxton Kaua
Programme Officer- EOA-1
Regional Coordinator



Fridah Mbaabu
Finance Officer



Everlyn Kaumba
Monitoring & Evaluation
Officer



Nehemiah Ndinwa
Finance Officer



Zachary Makanya
Country Coordinator

The PELUM Kenya Country
Secretariat Leadership

Baton Handing Over Ceremony



▲ The Bible and the 7-S: which if implemented, will ensure that organizations are always stable: Shared Values, Structures, Systems, Strategies, Staff, Skills, and Styles. Zachary presenting one of the Eight (8) Policies for PELUM Kenya: Human Resource Policy, Finance Policy, Gender, HIV and Aids Workplace Policy, Risks Management Policy; Overhead Policy, Salary and Remuneration Policy, Procurement Policy.

The PELUM Kenya Country Secretariat Leadership Baton Handing Over Ceremony

Left, Zachary explaining the Country Coordinator's Flag. It has three colors: black – PELUM is an indigenous grassroots network; Brown– the color of the Soil whose life must be preserved, and Green, the environment we all want to Green.

Right, Rosinah receiving the Flag. It will be flying on her Desk. Other documents hand over include the 5-Year (2021 – 2025) Strategic Plan, The Constitution, and the list of Members.



Rosinah giving her Acceptance Speech, and Right, Polly of SACDEP giving her speech

Rosinah's first task as the Country Coordinator was to give a Thank You Board to Mr. Mutura and Polly of SACDEP Kenya. SACDEP Kenya nurtured and hosted PELUM Kenya Country Secretariat for 7 and 16 Years respectively.



Mr. Mutura, giving his advice to new Country Coordinator. He thanked Mr. Makanya for a well-done job of taking PELUM Kenya to higher heights and challenged the new Country Coordinator to take PELUM to even great heights.



PARTNERS CORNER



Dr. Matthias Geck

Biovision Foundation for
Ecological Development

Message from Biovision Foundation for Ecological Development

Dr. Matthias Geck is an ethnobiologist, focussing on the interface between local traditional knowledge and western science to enable self-determined sustainable development. At Biovision Foundation for Ecological Development, Matthias co-leads the policy and advocacy division, which aims at creating a more conducting enabling environment for agroecological food systems transformations, in East Africa and globally.

The vision of the Biovision Foundation, based in Zurich, Switzerland, is a world with enough food for all, produced by healthy people in a healthy environment. Since 1998, Biovision Foundation has been promoting the development, dissemination, and application of sustainable ecological agricultural practices, allowing people in the developing world to help themselves. Key is the holistic approach: The health of people, animals, plants, and the environment are central aims in all projects.

PELUM Kenya is a wonderful example of how much can be achieved if idealism, visionary thinking, and commitment are combined with the professional pragmatism needed to bring all actors on board for real change. There are three aspects about PELUM Kenya that strike me as particularly exemplary and inspiring:

1. The full commitment to a brave vision of an agroecological transformation in Kenya. In a country still largely dominated by the "Green Revolution" paradigm, PELUM Kenya is at the very forefront of demonstrating that a more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive future is possible. Agroecology as a series of farming practices, a social movement and a transdisciplinary science holds the key for unlocking this future and the wonderful people at PELUM are among those gifted individuals who know how to handle that key in Kenya!

2. The holistic approach and systemic thinking. Few organizations around the globe can work simultaneously on the different fields needed for food systems transformation in a really meaningful and professional manner. PELUM Kenya, achieves real impact by combining work on changing agricultural practices with farmers, with knowledge co-creation and sharing as well as political dialogue and advocacy. It is this combination of different activities that are crucial to PELUM's success.

3. The inclusive organizational structure and emphasis on partnership. PELUM Kenya derives much of its strength and legitimacy from the fact that it represents 56 diverse organizations across the country. It is the different perspectives and experiences of all the members that make PELUM so rich. Additionally, the pan-African nature of the overall PELUM Association, ensure transformative visions are not restricted by borders and synergies among different African countries are used and optimized continuously.

In 2021 Biovision Foundation supported PELUM Kenya with seed funding to support establishment of a multistakeholder platform in Busia County. It's from this engagement that stakeholders in Busia County were profiled, supported an exchange learning visit for policy makers from Busia to Kiambu County and agriculture climate change dialogue was held.

Biovision Foundation is supporting PELUM Kenya to implement a 3year programme on Policies for Agroecology in Kenya (PAK) from 1st January 2022 to 31st January 2024 in Kenya with the initiative targeting the National level, County levels, Regional and Global levels in matters regarding advocacy and policies for agroecology. The specific geographical coverage in Kenya is Busia and Vihiga counties.

The project will address the problems of the reduction of food and the lack of an explicit legal framework for the promotion of agroecology at the county and national levels.

The primary beneficiaries of the project are:

1. Policy makers of different Ministries related to food systems at national and County levels, advisors of policy makers, agroecology Civil Society Organizations, women, and youth groups.
2. Youth and women, small scale farmers, rural communities, urban and rural consumers, and other actors involved in food value chains in targeted regions

Food and agriculture are at the very centre of sustainable development. The still dominating paradigm of the “Green Revolution” in Kenya and across the globe does

not deliver on food and nutrition security; is detrimental to both human and environmental health; fails to provide dignified working conditions; exacerbates inequity; fails to recognize the crucial role of local and indigenous communities, women and youth and their knowledge; and is a major contributor to the climate and biodiversity crises. These shocking facts at the same time highlight the incredible potential food and agricultural systems have for tackling many of the challenges we face in the 21st century simultaneously. If food systems are transformed according to agroecological principles, health of producers and consumers can be drastically improved; women, youth and local communities can be empowered; rural areas can flourish and provide decent work for many people; the economy can grow without doing harm to the environment and social wellbeing; biodiversity can be restored and the effects of climate change mitigated. Jointly we need to work hard to make this dream reality! PELUM Kenya is already at the forefront of this collaborative fight for a good future for all and can become a global role model to inspire many others around the world. Please continue your amazing dedication for this wonderful vision and do not allow yourself to be frustrated by challenges and the short-sightedness of others!



**Jemimah
Ngina** -
Farmer
Mbathani Vil-
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Vegetables.

Message from Drylands Natural Resource Centre (DNRC)

Founded and led by a Kenyan National, Nicholas M. Syano, Drylands Natural Resources Centre (DNRC) is a locally registered NGO whose primary goal is to promote sustainable development of resources of the drylands regions of Kenya to bring about improved livelihoods of the marginalized communities and people living there.



Nicholas M. Syano
Drylands Natural Resource
Centre

The organization equips subsistence farmers in drylands to restore their degraded lands and address the challenges of deforestation, falling agricultural yields, failing livelihood, water scarcity, loss of traditional knowledge, and climate variability through permaculture and Agro-ecological best practices. DNRC Vision is “sustainable and resilient communities in the drylands,” While the mission is ‘To promote sustainable development in the drylands of Kenya to bring about improved livelihoods of the marginalized communities living there by sharing the best practices and delivering effective program-related and not limited to: agroforestry, Agro ecology, and permaculture and culture regeneration. Currently working with 800 plus households (about 4,200 people) and 12 schools (about 3,000 pupils) in the drylands of Kenya and specifically Makueni County.

DNRC has been working with PELUM Kenya since 2012 but officially registered as a member in the year 2020.

Benefits since we joined the Network

- Increased networking- through PELUM Kenya meetings. DNRC has been meeting and exchanging contacts and experiences with other similar organizations

who are also members of PELUM Kenya and especially during PELUM-organized engagements and Anniversaries.

- Exposure visits and trainings, especially in climate-related community planning and development and organic farming during PELUM Kenya workshops for her members and exchange visits to member organizations.
- Resource mobilization. PELUM Kenya has provided an opportunity for sub-contracting DNRC for the Integrated native tree planting project. PELUM has also sponsored students to attend Permaculture/ Agroecology regular two-week courses organized by DNRC.
- Advertisement-DNRC runs some short trainings, especially Permaculture and Agroecology, and PELUM has been advertising the same on behalf of DNRC.

We congratulate PELUM Kenya for their successes in networking and agroecology and wish them all the best in years ahead.

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1. Promoting Elum and Networking for Livelihood Improvement (PENELLI)

Goal: To contribute towards resilient livelihoods through sustainable agricultural and environmental practices among smallholder farmers and pastoralists.

Objectives:

- To strengthen the PELUM Kenya network to advocate for the integration of Agroecology in policy as an effective strategy for food security and resilience building;
- To enhance Agro-enterprise initiatives among SHF & Pastoralist for increased household incomes and adoption of Agroecological practices;
- To enhance the resilience of smallholder farmers and pastoralists to the effects of climate change and environmental degradation;
- The governance, management, and operations of PELUM Kenya Network institutions are functioning and delivering services effectively.

Key expected results:

- PELUM Kenya MOs actively advocate for the integration of agroecology as a strategy for food security and resilience building in the National and County agricultural sector and other related sectors policies;
- Agro-enterprise initiatives among SHF/Pastoralists adopting agroecological practices are successfully linked to markets;
- SHF and pastoralists have adopted practices that are climate resilient and counter environmental degradation; and
- The governance, management, and operations of PELUM Kenya network institutions are functioning and delivering services effectively.

2. Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative in Africa

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

Objectives:

- To increase support for ecological organic agriculture in the national production systems within the Eastern Africa region.

Key expected results:

- Ecological organic research is mainstreamed into the national agricultural research system.

- EOA curricula are established and implemented in agriculture institutions at all levels and sectors.
- It has improved extension systems responsive to 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 the promotion of EOA influenced.
- Improved institutional capacity and coordination of EOA initiative actors.

3. Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture in Eastern Africa (KCOA- KHEA) Project

Goal of the KCOA-KHEA Project is to ensure that Ecological Organic Agriculture is integrated into the various countries' agricultural systems. The KCOA Project in Eastern Africa will be initially implemented in 4 countries of Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, and Tanzania in the first phase.

The project is based on three main action fields, namely:

- Collecting/preparing of knowledge in organic agriculture: Validated technical and methodological knowledge for promoting organic agriculture, including processing, is prepared for the context of the participating countries and stakeholder groups.
- Dissemination of knowledge to many users: Validated knowledge, strategies, and good practices in organic agriculture, adapted to the contexts of the countries participating in the regional knowledge hubs, are disseminated to various target user groups.
- Networking within agricultural value chains: Key actors in the organic agriculture value chains of the participating countries in the three regions are networked in an exemplary manner for replication.

4. Global Green Action Week Project (2021)

Goal: To promote sharing and exchange of farmer-managed seeds/indigenous seeds and knowledge in PELUM Kenya's Central and Nairobi Zone.

Objectives:

- To create awareness of the importance of indigenous seeds/farmer-managed seeds, local vegetables, herbs, and spices.

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- To promote and teach the culture of community sharing to sustainably produce and multiply indigenous/farmers managed seeds.
- To improve interactive networking among Member Organizations (M.O.s), producers, marketers, and consumers.

5. Integrated Watershed Management for Diverse Farming Enterprises (IWAMA-DIFE) (2020-2021)

Goal of the project is to contribute toward community and ecosystem resilience in tea growing areas of Murang'a and Kiambu Counties for vibrant and healthy communities.

Objectives:

- To enhance agricultural productivity, nutrition, and incomes for tea farmers in Kiambu and Murang'a through agroecological 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 the implementation of policies, legislation, and programs that strengthen the protection and management of watersheds and ecosystems by December 2021.

6. Promoting agroecology and environmental sustainability in Busia County, Kenya

Goal: A conducive policy environment for Agroecology in Busia County.

Envisioned result:

- Enhanced multi-stakeholder coordination among agroecology actors.

7. Promoting Agroecology and Inclusive Water Governance in Kiambu County and the Athi river watershed, Kenya

The **goal** is to promote agroecology and inclusive water Governance in Lari Ward, Kiambu County, which is part of the Aberdare Ecosystem and the Athi river watershed, Kenya.

Objectives:

- Promote an enabling environment for community-driven, transformative agroecological livelihoods among communities of Lari Ward and Kiambu County, which is part of the Aberdare Ecosystem and the Athi River watershed.
- Create awareness of climate-proof water governance and agroecological livelihoods.
- Facilitate the establishment of local value-chains and enhanced public-private financing and support.
- Facilitate linkages within Lari Ward, Kiambu County, and national, regional, and international platforms for advocacy for enabling policies, laws, and practices that encourage climate-proof agroecological livelihoods.

8. Global Advocacy Programme (GAP)

Funding partner: Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC).

Objective: To contribute toward the promotion of resilient (production) systems and increased food security and income for small and medium-scale farmers in Africa while ensuring environmental sustainability.

Key expected results:

- Policies, plans, regulatory frameworks, and programmes that support EOA in Eastern Africa influenced.
- Increased awareness and understanding among policymakers and relevant stakeholders on the benefits of EOA.
- Increased engagement of a critical mass of policymakers, technocrats, and other relevant stakeholders in dialogues supportive of EOA.
- A 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 a change).
- Knowledge of structures and processes in decision-making related to policy formulation, development, and delivery Increased.

9. Greening a Village Project

The **Objective** of the project is to promote high-value timber, fruit trees, and Natural restoration of degraded woodlands.



Institutional Strengthening, networking, and Capacity Development

PELUM Kenya is a member-driven Network with 56 Member Organizations across 42 Counties in Kenya. The Network's vibrancy is essential for relevance and sustainability. PELUM Kenya, as a network, understands that there is a need to strengthen and improve the capacity of network members for learning and information sharing about agroecological practices. This involves Training member organizations, conducting monitoring and evaluation visits to support member organizations in the implementation of joint activities

ICE Kenya exhibiting during PELUM Kenya 2021 networking Symposium in Nakuru



Mr. Collins Othieno (centre), Chairman of PELUM Kenya issuing a communique during the Press Conference in the 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

PELUM Kenya AGM

PELUM Kenya AGM was held on 18th June 2021 at Sweet Lake Hotel in Naivasha. 54 delegates attended. Mr. Eustace Kiarii, CEO of KOAN retired from his position as the board treasurer and a member representing the Nairobi sub zone. Ms. Mercy Thurairia was elected as the new board member for Nairobi sub zone.

The delegates witnessed the keynote address and Official remarks from the outgoing and incoming PELUM Kenya Country Coordinator, Mr. Zachary Makanya and Ms. Rosinah Mbenya, respectively. The AGM delegates participated in a press release calling for the adoption of agroecology principles and practices. The press release appeared in local media stations, print and air.

Launch of New Strategic Plan (2021 to 2025)

The new strategic Plan (2021 to 2025) was launched during the 2021 AGM. the new strategic plan has the following thematic areas: Climate change adaptation, agribusiness and market development, sustainable natural resource management, advocacy & policy influencing and women and youth in agroecology. The members

were urged to support the achievement of the strategic plan and ensure that they also pick elements of the strategic plan and implement in their organizations.

Country Working Group (CWG) Symposium

PELUM Kenya, in collaboration with Slow Foods Kenya and Nakuru County Government, held a one-day Networking Symposium at Maasai Park Street, Nakuru, on 26th November 2021. 'Scaling up Agroecology and Indigenous Foods for a Healthy Nation.'

The CWG Networking symposium attracted various exhibitors, including members and PELUM partners. It was graced by various dignitaries, including Mr. Kamau Kuria, the Director of Nakuru City Management Board, and Remarks from the Chief Guest, Dr. Enos Amunyuzu, the Chief Agricultural Officer Nakuru, whose statement was read by a representative.³⁸ Exhibitors MOs and invited stakeholders participated. The best exhibitors were Slow Food Kenya Convivia, 2nd place was GBIACK, and third place was tied by MHAC and CREPP.



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Board mem-
bers during the
AGM Session



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Launch of
PELUM Kenya
Strategic Plan
(2021-2025)

Results-Based Monitoring and Reporting Training

A Results Based training for PELUM Kenya network members was held from 3rd to 5th November 2021 based on the training need assessment conducted by 50 Staff from the PELUM Kenya network. Key actions developed by the Members were

- Review the organization's existing M&E materials to align with acquired skills.
- Cascade training of Results-Based Monitoring to staff back in the organization.
- Develop/Improve M&E Framework for quality reporting.
- Jointly participate with organizational focal persons in reviewing the strategic plan.
- Develop Improved outcome-based Report.

Procurement training for PELUM Kenya 18th to 19th September 2021

PELUM Kenya Staff participated in best practices in procurement and processes. The staff was exposed to best practices in procurement and procurement procedures. 15 PELUM Kenya Staff participated

Staff Review, Planning and Reflection/Team Building

In December 2021, PELUM Kenya organized its review, planning, and reflection from 15th to 19th December 2021 in Sentrime Lodge Elementaita, Nakuru County. The review meeting was vital to ensuring that setbacks and lessons learned from PELUM Kenya projects and programmes were considered during the planning for 2022. Team building aims to increase trust, improve communication, increase collaboration, and increase or maintain motivation in the work environment. The staff engaged in different activities to improve morale and leadership skills, enhance creative thinking, identify the team's strengths and weaknesses, and enhance the ability to solve problems.

The launch of Kaki Community Seed bank, 16th July 2021

PELUM Kenya participated in the official launch of the Kaki Community Seed bank event held in Kirinyaga County. The launch was held at Kaki Community Garden, Kaki village; The event was organized in collaboration with Slow Food and BIBA Kenya. The project aims to create awareness and engage the Community in seed saving.



▲ Masai Sheep Group also entertained the audience with authentic Maasai tunes.



▲ Slow Food exhibiting during the CWG Symposium.



▲ Capacity building workshop in RBM in Nakuru.



Training of Multipliers at GBIACK

Training of Multipliers on OA

351 Multipliers/ field staff were trained by the seven (7) Master Trainers on principles and practices of Organic Agriculture. In this case, training of the multipliers was aimed to increase the number of people who know about agroecological agriculture at the extension agriculture level. Multipliers will be in direct contact with the farmers. Most of the multipliers who attended the workshop are working with organizations that promote Agroecological agriculture.



Capacity Building Workshop on Desert Locust in Isiolo

Awareness control and capacity building on Desert Locusts

PELUM Kenya, in collaboration with ICIPE, produced Desert Locust Information-200 brochures, 200 posters (solitary life cycle), 200 posters (gregarious life cycle), 200 handbooks, and production of a video. Considering the unprecedented nature of the current locust outbreak in Kenya and the need to target the management efforts effectively, the stakeholders involved in desert locust control require accurate information to deploy the management tools effectively.

Country Coordinator Visits to Member Organizations

In 2021, the Country Coordinator managed to visit the following Member Organizations:

Girl Child Network, KOAN, CARITAS Nairobi, DNRC, MHAC, SSN, EIPMA, KIOF, RIDEP, ADSE, VI Agroforestry and CSHEP

PELUM Kenya visit to Seed Savers Network. ▶

The Country Coordinator, Rosinah Mbenya and Zonal Coordinator, Nairobi and Central Zone visit to Girl Child Network Offices in Nairobi. ▼



▶ The CEO of CSHEP, Esther Kiruthi guiding the tour of the CSHEP Limuru Farm to PELUM Kenya Country Coordinator, Rosinah Mbenya CSHEP and Programme Officer, Bathseba Ratemo.

▼ The Country Coordinator, Rosinah Mbenya with Director of Effective IPM Association (EIPMA), Dr. Nehemiah Mihindo during Visit.



◀ The Country Coordinator, Rosinah Mbenya visit to Drylands Natural Resource Center (DNRC) in Makueni County.



◀ PELUM Kenya staff visit to RIDEP in Tharaka Nithi County.

Zonal Networking Corner

Lower Eastern and Coast Zone

Launch of Anglicare Bakery and borehole

The event was held on 21st October 2021 at ADSE offices in Wamunyu, Machakos county. It was graced by the Machakos Bishop, the Rt Revd Joseph Mutungi. He presided over the dedication of ADSE staff and Anglicare bakery staff and launched the borehole and bakery. The event was attended by different stakeholders such as ABSA bank, The Anglican Church, ADS Kenya, KDC PELUM Kenya, and farmers, to mention a few.



Event launch of the ADS Eastern Bakery



Commemoration of the launch of the Bakery through planting a tree by ADS Eastern

Field visit and launch of the African Indigenous Vegetable book

The book was made in collaboration between Egerton University and Humboldt University, Germany. Practicals were done at the CSHEP Ndeiya farm on 17th September 2021. The book was launched by Prof Mary Abulutsa, a writer of the book.

Participants praised the initiative of making the book accessible to everyone for free (Open access). The participants were drawn from JKUAT, ICIPE PELUM Kenya Egerton University, Sylvia's Basket, BvaT local community, and media.



PELUM Kenya staff with a copy of the African Indigenous Vegetable book (From left) Ratemo Moraa, Manei Naanyu and Ngunjiri Kihoro



African Indigenous vegetable varieties on display

Nairobi and Central Zone

Youth summit

Youths selected from PELUM Kenya Member Organizations participated in the Youth Summit on “scaling up rural youth access to inclusive financial services for entrepreneurship and employment at Safari Park Hotel on 1st-3rd Dec 2021.

The summit was organized by EastAfrican's Farmers Federation and brought together different stakeholders, including financial institutions, Funding partners, local NGOs, and youth drawn from East African Countries. The youth got a chance to share their experiences and opportunities in agribusiness and had the option of visiting three youth excelling in agribusiness



Some of the youths during the visit to Makuyu Muranga to learn about black soldier rearing

Rift, Western & Nyanza Zone

Technology for farmers

PELUM Kenya supported two farmer groups in Rift Western Kenya with smartphones. This includes the Umbrella women group under CREPP and Okame Pumpkin Group under TRANSCOM, receiving 3 and 4 phones in 2020. In support of the A.E. hub, I surveyed the group to determine the impact of the phone on the farmers. The farmers intensely interacted with the phones and the videos uploaded from the analysis done. They were able to take pictures and videos as well. The only was how to use the internet and google for information regarding value addition and marketing. The groups will undergo training on value addition, where they will be trained on how to add other farm produce, grow, and market their products using social media platforms in 2022. Innovative technology literacy is the way to go now, and farmers need to be trained and supported since most customers are reachable online.

Yalta Youth Caravan In Rift, Western & Nyanza Zone 24th March 2021

The YALTA program organized a youth caravan across the zone for youths in agribusiness. The aim was to expose the youth through successful M.O.s and farm demonstration sites for learning. They visited MHAC agriculture, where the caravan was officially flagged off. They visited BIOGI in Vihiga and learned about permaculture techniques.



YALTA team at MHAC during the Flag session of the YALTA caravan

Beth Omae, Rift-Western Zone-
Zonal Coordinator planting a
tress and dispersing seed

SNV Farmers Assessment on Leafy Vegetables in Kisumu County for Veges 4 Planet Project on 8th & 9th December 2021

The “**vegetable gap**” in Africa is an opportunity to create jobs and income and, at the same time, improve nutrition. The V4PP project aims to take advantage of the “vegetable gap” in Kenya to create jobs and income and, at the same time, improve nutrition. It will accomplish this by working towards a solid and competitive vegetable sub-sector through supply- and demand-side interventions. The project aims to establish **200 vegetable business networks** (120 in Kenya) to engage an estimated **3000 women and youth** in market activities designed to improve their livelihoods and diets. Through the project, SNV engaged the Z.C. in selecting farmer groups in Kisumu County that can be assessed and join the V4PP project. 4 groups affiliated with PELUM Kenya MOs were visited and evaluated by the staff from SNV.



Beth Omae (PELUM Kenya) & Jeremiah (SNV), and a farmer from Kamicha Kabondo assessing a vegetable farm.



Plant Your Age Tree Campaign at Mau Forest on 24th October, 2021

Slow Food Kenya organized the “plant your age” tree campaign in collaboration with at least 20 organizations in Nakuru County. The aim was to plant trees in the degraded Mau Forest, one of the water towers in Kenya that has faced deforestation back in the years due to human encroachment. The event was graced by the Ecosystem conservator of Nakuru County, Mr. Mukira. More than 2000 indigenous tree seedlings were planted, and more than 200 seeds were dispersed through the seed ball exercise.

Upper Eastern and Northern Kenya Zone

Soil Health Workshop at RIDEP in Marimanti

PELUM Kenya supported Zonal coordinator UEN-KZ to participate in the workshop organized by RIDEP with funding from Tudor Trust and GLS foundation covering the topic of Soil fertility focus on Bokashi, Folia, and Biopesticides targeting RIDEPs farmer groups, select model farmers, and a few select critical stakeholders including PELUM Kenya represented by the zonal coordinator UEN-KZ.



Practical preparation of Bokashi fertilizer during the Soil Fertility workshop at RIDEP in Marimanti.

Connecting farmers through technology

Farmer groups working with LPC were supported with five smartphones preloaded with information supporting agroecology. The phone was to supplement their income-generating activities initiatives and boost their marketing strategies by enabling them to access relevant information, take pictures and videos, document their products, and share them on social media platforms and other potential buyers and market platforms.



Benson Isohe conducting FGDs during phone assessment with Twala Cultural women group with LPC

YALTA Youth Caravan for Upper Eastern and Northern Kenya region

YALTA organized the youth caravan and Africa Agribusiness Academy (AAA), which saw youth drawn from different regions participating. The youth caravans provided a platform for youth to gain practical knowledge and skills through peer-to-peer exchanges and learning from youth-led agribusiness/agroecology enterprises and field visits to successful agroecology farms and enterprises within their communities.

In Upper Eastern and North Kenya Region, the youth caravan visited one member organization LPC where they learned about permaculture prac-

tices and several value chains, including; honey production, cactus juice, and wine production from cactus *Opuntia*, aloe vera products; lotion, cream, bar soaps, and Moringa value addition. The caravan also visited one partner organization Meru Herbs dealing in various herbal teas, jams, and sauces.





Policy Influence and Advocacy on Agro-ecological Practices

Media engagement Weru Tv during the Advocacy dialogue forum in Meru at Meru slopes Hotel (Weru Tv/Weru FM is 24-hour television and radio station broadcasting in Meru dialect targeting the larger Mt. Kenya region that covers Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Isiolo, Embu, Laikipia with a population reach of over 11 million)

Most of the existing agricultural and environmental policies do not promote agroecological practices; they promote conventional agriculture that is not environmentally friendly, unsustainable, and leads to health complications. Most extension officers do not believe in agroecological practices, discouraging farmers from practicing agroecology.

Women and youths have limited ownership, control, and access to land, an essential resource for production. This hinders the proper utilization of arable land, resulting in low production and productivity and reduced income.

Communities' participation in the budget-making process is still meager, resulting in the duty bearers not allocating adequate resources for agriculture and en-

vironmental projects. At the national level, the treasury has been allocating less than 4% of the national budget, while the Maputo declaration that Kenya is a signatory recommends at least 10%. This scenario is replicated at the county level even though agriculture contributes over 60% to our GDP.

Therefore, there is a need for lobbying and advocacy on mainstreaming agroecology into policies/action plans and development agendas at both county and national levels. PELUM Kenya will advocate for implementing policies that scale-up agroecological practices.

Kenya Agroecology Hub Food Systems Independent Dialogue



◀ A panel discussion during the Kenya Agroecology hub Independent dialogue in Nairobi

The Kenya Agroecology Hub Independent National Food Systems Dialogue, held from 13th – 14th July 2021 at Kasarani Sports View Hotel, Nairobi. The workshop's theme was "Scaling up agroecology for sustainable food systems" and was organized by Manor House Agricultural Center and collaborated with Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Kenya Network. Clusters of Workshop participants included the Kenyan anchor hub, PELUM Kenya Member Organizations, PELUM Kenya Partners, farmers, PELUM Kenya staff, and PELUM Kenya board members.

This robust team was incorporated with line ministry state actors and members of academia to share experiences, lessons, and strategies for scaling up agroecology in Kenya for more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable food systems. Insightful deliberations captured the mood of the moment for over 80 participants who attended the physical meeting, as well as a litany of online followers on PELUM social media pages as well as on YouTube saw the Kenya Agroecology Anchor Hub Independent National Food Systems Dialogue streamed live to an audience of over 560 people. The dialogue output was a call to action for the 2021 UNFSS.

Kenya Agroecology Hub Scaling Up Agroecology for Sustainable Food Systems Call to Action

We, the Kenya Agroecology Hub, PELUM Kenya Network Member Organizations, and its stakeholders, Small Scale Farmers, Researchers, and Scientists having met in Kasarani Sportsview on **July 13th and 14th, 2021**, to dialogue on the contribution of Agroecology to Sustainable Food Systems, at this moment issue this Call to Action towards the 2021 UNFSS.

Aware that the world is not on track to achieve SDG 2, "End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture," because more than 690 million people are still facing hunger, and 2 billion people do not have access to adequate, safe and nutritious food.

Informed that agriculture plays a fundamental role in ensuring the right to food to all, mitigating climate change, and promoting employment and social stability. However, industrial agriculture, with its narrative centered on increasing productivity to feed the growing population and solving the problem of hunger in the poorest countries,

is responsible for biodiversity loss, environmental pollution, and grabbing of natural resources, including more and more land for non-food production (biofuel, feed for intensive livestock, carbon sequestration).

Concerned that the corporate sector uses its economic power to influence the public policy sphere to see its vision endorsed and supported by public policies. They promote business-led solutions to hunger (patents, hybrid seeds, GMOs, pesticides and fertilizers, the inclusion of farmers into the global value chain, climate-smart agriculture and sustainable intensification, food fortification, and precision agriculture). While they are part of the problem, they offer false solutions they mask with a new face, maybe mention one or two strategies pushed forward in this masked mode

Conscious that the food systems transformation agenda is long overdue, many social movements have been fighting for systemic and structural transformation of food systems, stressing the urgent need for a radical shift from fossil fuel-based industrial agriculture and corporate monopolies of food and agriculture to food sovereignty and agroecology.

Acknowledging that the potential of agroecology as the basis for sustainability is now widely recognized alongside the role that small scale farmers play in food security and indigenous knowledge systems, do hereby make the following Call to Action to the U.N. Food System Summit (UNFSS)

Call to Action

CALL TO ACTION #1: INVESTING IN AGROECOLOGY

We urge the UNFSS to call for an urgent increase in budgeting and focus on agroecology at all levels of governance, including donor funding and government funding. The time is now for deliberate and increased financing and investments in agroecology for the planet's health and people.

CALL TO ACTION #2: AGROECOLOGY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

Agriculture contributes to 24% of the total greenhouse gases emission, while at the same time, agriculture is the backbone of most African Countries. Realizing the global trends of climate change, we call upon the UNFSS to prioritize agroecology as an essential strategy for addressing climate change in sustainable Agricultural systems. Adopting agroecology practices will mitigate the effects of climate change by reducing dependency on fossil fuels and enhancing carbon sequestration. Agroecological practices enhance farms and communities' resilience to climate-related disasters and risks.

CALL TO ACTION #3: SEED AND GENETIC RESOURCES

While SDG 2, Target 2.5 calls for maintaining the genetic diversity of seeds, cultivated plants, and farmed and domesticated animals and their related wild species, we call for urgent attention to the critical role indigenous seeds play in promoting and conserving our genetic resources. We, therefore, call for enhanced recognition and protection of farmer-managed seed systems, including enabling legislative environments. We also call for stricter adherence to the safeguards enshrined in the Convention on Biological Diversity and its expansion to regulate new bioengineered technologies because of unforeseeable off-target effects, patent, and ethical issues associated with this evolving science.

CALL TO ACTION #4: PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH & DISSEMINATION

We call upon the UNFSS to embrace the idea and practice of Farmer Research Networks (FRNs), where adaptive learning, diverse evidence such as farmers' traditional and Indigenous knowledge, and the recognition that a holistic understanding of food systems impacts are all essential. This should also include well-planned participatory methodologies of disseminating research findings coming from undertaking research based on community needs.

CALL TO ACTION #5: WATER GOVERNANCE

We realize that sustainable Agriculture is dependent on water resources. We urge deliberate and concerted efforts toward conserving and maintaining our water resources through a participatory ecosystem-based approach.

CALL TO ACTION #6: PARTICIPATION AND OWNERSHIP OF THE FOOD TRANSFORMATION PROCESS

Participation and Local ownership of farmers need to be at the center of Food Systems Transformation. In the spirit of “leave no one behind” and localization, it is vital to have local ownership of food system transformation.

CALL TO ACTION #7: PROMOTE NUTRIENT-DENSE, SOCIOCULTURAL DIETS

Promote nutrient-dense, whole-food diets underpinned by diversified food production adapted to different microclimates and sociocultural contexts. Create positive food environments that provide equitable access, healthy dietary guidance, controls on food advertising and marketing, especially to children, a precautionary approach to new products, and special consideration for vulnerable groups and women’s role as agents of change.

CALL TO ACTION #8: PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE

Ensure integrated, participatory, rights-based approaches to governance and policymaking to address the structural inequities and power imbalances in food systems. Build processes and policy platforms on democratic principles, transparent deliberations, shared power, and inclusive participation to ensure that policies are driven by evidence and ethics and the broader public interest.

CALL TO ACTION #9: WATER GOVERNANCE

World Trade Organization (WTO) Global food trade is against food sovereignty and local sustainability principles. There is a need to build sustainable local food production systems first. We, therefore, call upon the UNFSS to recognize local food sufficiency as the basis of national food security.

CALL TO ACTION #10: WATER GOVERNANCE

The current worldwide pandemic has demonstrated how vulnerable Regional and National Food Security and Food supply chains are. It has also reminded us of the more significant challenge of biodiversity loss and those bioactive ingredients found in indigenous foods and herbs are required the support of the human immune system against fatal infections. For this reason, we call upon the UNFSS to prioritize these aspects of our sustainable diets to avoid or reduce the frequency of relevant food and health crises in the future while building more robust short food supply chains through community-supported agriculture.



County Dialogues

Homabay County Dialogue

In the engagement meeting to Homabay County offices, MOE had one MO staff and a farmer who is also an environmental activist on 23rd November 2021. The key issues discussed during the meeting included; Climate change Policy that is yet to be adopted, the sand harvesting policy, joint coordination framework for the available county departments, among others.



Exhibitions during the Kenya Agroecology Hub Independent Dialogue in Nairobi



Engagement meeting at the MOE offices – Homabay with the Director DR. Odundo and some of the MO



Exhibitions during the Kenya Agroecology Hub Independent Dialogue in Nairobi

Migori County Dialogue

The MOE's engagement meeting with the director's Migori county offices took place on 29th October 2021 and had 2 MO staff and a farmer. The team agreed to work on a tree planting exercise to increase the forest cover in Migori, especially in forest areas that experienced deforestation due to charcoal burning.



Engagement meeting at the MOE offices- Migori county with the CECM Dr. Elizabeth Ochaye and the director Mr. Misenya and some of the MO representatives

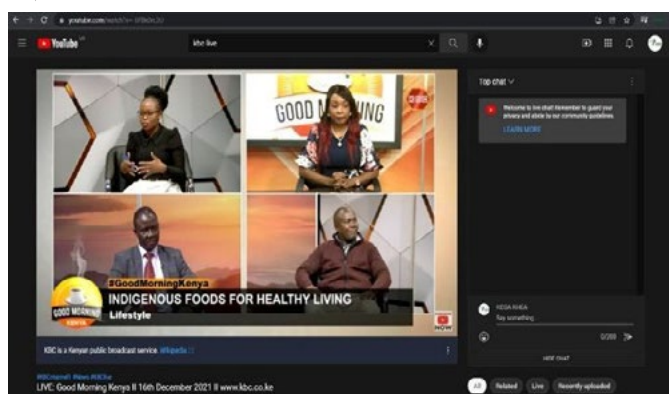
Raised Consumer Awareness on EOA

PELUM Kenya raised Consumer Awareness of EOA through newspapers (Daily Nation and East African), Radio (Radio Citizen), and T.V. Talk (Citizen T.V. Live) on 7th June 2021, as the world celebrated World Food Safety Day. The celebrations aimed to draw attention to and inspire action to help prevent, detect and manage food-borne risks, contributing to food security, human health, economic prosperity, agriculture, market access, tourism, and sustainable development. If it is not safe, it is not food.



PELUM Kenya Country Coordinator Rosinah Mbenya live on Citizen T.V. Talk Show. Studio picture of the panelists during the Citizen T.V. Talk show.

Panelist discussion lives on KBC TV



In addition, on 16th December 2021, PELUM Kenya collaborated with KBC to organize a lifestyle T.V. Talk Show from 9 AM – 9:45 AM on indigenous/organic foods.

Machakos and Kajiado Counties Dialogues

In 2021 LECZ organized and held a planning meeting in Machakos to identify issues affecting smallholder farmers and pastoralists. The challenges raised were: Inadequate water for both domestic and irrigation, Animal diseases, Pests and diseases in plants, climate change, Low income and Market, Effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, Gender inequality, Gap in extension services, Knowledge gap, Sand harvesting without strategy among others.

An engagement meeting was then organized with county officials from the Agriculture, Trade, and Environment departments in both counties, where farmers aired their concerns to their leaders.



Official opening of the dialogue forum by C.O. Chief Officer Livestock and Veterinary Services, Kajiado County, Mr. Leonard Leakey Ritei

Murang'a County

The engagement meeting took place at Murang'a County department of Agriculture offices on 7th December 2021. The representatives were from SACDEP, OACK, YARD, and PELUM ZC met with Director for Agriculture Nelson Muraguri and Crop Officer Margaret Wanjiru from Murang'a County. The essential action points from the meeting;

- Sensitize and mobilize farmers to do soil testing.
- Encourage farmers to register with cooperative/form cooperatives to benefit from economies of scale.
- Need for PELUM Zonal Members to participate and give inputs to policy work in Murang'a County.



Mos representatives and Sarah Wambui (ZC) at the office of Director Nelson Muraguri, MOA, Muranga County, during the engagement meeting.



Farmer champions expressing their issues through the media.

Policy Influencing

In the year 2021, PELUM Kenya submitted comments and inputs to the following:

1. Draft Plant Protection Bill, 2021
2. Plant Protection (General) Regulations, 2021
3. Draft Plant Protection (Biological Articles and Control Agents) Regulations, 2021
4. Draft Plant Protection (Import and Export) Regulations, 2021
5. Draft Plant Protection (Decontamination of Used Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment) Rules, 2021
6. Draft Indigenous seeds regulations
7. Kiambu County Climate change policy



A section of farmers learning about agroforestry during Exchange visit for youth and women farmers at Laikipia Permaculture Centre.

Policymakers from the National Government, Kiambu, and Busia County Participated in Experiential Learning and Exchange Forum

PELUM Kenya appreciated that counties are at different levels in policy formulation and implementation. In 2021, an experiential learning and exchange visit was organized between the National government, Busia, and Kiambu County. They shared experiences and learned from them each other about climate change adaptation and agricultural policies approach.

The overall aim of this experiential learning and exchange visit was to enhance the exchange of knowledge, practices, and approaches in creating an enabling environment for climate adaptation in the agriculture sector and enhancing the resilience of smallholder farmers in both Kiambu and Busia County, and linking with the initiatives at the National level, as well as linking local realities with policy discussions in Busia and KiambuCount.

Engaged Journalists to Amplify Agroecology

PELUM Kenya recognizes the role that journalists can play to amplify advocacy work so that the public knows about agroecology and highlights stories of smallholder farmers who are doing great things in these areas of agroecology.

Appreciating that it is through the journalists that we can bring to light what happens in the dark, in the name of corruption, industrial agriculture, and unsustainable farming practices, all of which have contributed to increased pollution, soil degradation, climate change, reduced food production, and health issues. They are the mouthpieces of the smallholder farmers at the frontline of climate change impacts and the advocates.

For agroecology. PELUM Kenya organized two days of Intensive Training on agroecology reporting.

Community awareness creation on policies that support agroecology, water governance, and gender inclusion

PELUM Kenya has partnered with Institute for Culture and Ecology (ICE) and Millennium Community Development Initiative (MCDI) to promote agroecology and inclusive water governance in Kiambu County. In 2021 PELUM Kenya undertook a policy analysis that supports community-driven agroecological practices, water governance, and gender inclusion. Further raised awareness on the policies to PELUM Kenya Member Organizations, Kiambu County agriculture officials, and farmers. In addition, PELUM Kenya held a sensitization forum for farmers in Lari Ward on the impact of synthetic inputs on humans and the environment.

PELUM Kenya Coordination of Multi-Stakeholder Platforms

PELUM Kenya is a member of the Intersectoral Forum for Agrobiodiversity and Agroecology (ISFAA) and coordinated the Technical Working Group (TWG) on Biosafety, GMOs, and Seed Sovereignty. In 2021, PELUM organized TWG activities, including engagement meetings with KEPHIs, seed policies and regulations, and submitting inputs and comments to Plant Health Protection Bills.

Coordinated Busia Climate-Smart Agriculture Multi-Stakeholder Platform,

PELUM Kenya had the privilege of coordinating the Busia Climate Smart Agriculture Multi-Stakeholder Platform. PELUM Kenya, in collaboration with Busia County, organized an Agri climate change dialogue that brought together 41 different stakeholders and deliberated on the best approach and initiative to enhance the resilience of agriculture systems in Busia County.

Capacity Enhancement for Eoa Partners on Policy Influencing

PELUM Kenya organized an intensive two days of training for EOAI partners in Kenya. The workshop aimed to improve partners' participation in policy formulation processes in Kenya's agriculture sector and mobilize communities, youth, and women's participation in policy processes.

National Water Dialogue Forum

The event was held on 22nd March 2021 at the Verona Hotel in Ruiru. This year's World Water Day theme was "Valuing Water for Resilient Farming Communities." The event brought forty (40) stakeholders to deliberate on water issues facing Kiambu and Murang'a County. The participants were drawn from the Ministry of Agriculture (Murang'a County), Ministry of Water (Kiambu County), County Assembly of Kiambu representatives, Kenya Forest Service, Private sector (Nairobi Water Fund and MCDI, among others



National water dialogue forum on World Water Day in Verona Hotel, Nairobi



EOA-I Integration by East Africa Community(EAC)

The Regional Secretariat worked with the RSC leadership to seek an appointment with the chair of the Agriculture, Tourism, and Natural Resources committee of EALA. The Vice-chair, EOA-I Coordinator, RSC rep from the Ministry of Agriculture, Tanzania, and PELUM Kenya Head of programs visited the EAC headquarters on 13th October 2021 and presented the request to bring EAC on board, where the Secretary-General directed his deputy to work on the request.

From left- Mr. Caxton Gitonga-EOA-I Coordinator, Ms. Manei Naanyu- PELUM Kenya Head of Programmes, Mr. Hakim Baliraine-RSC Vice-Chair, Hon (Dr) Peter Mathuki- EAC Secretary-General, Dr. Abdalla Makame- Chair, Agriculture, Tourism and Natural Resources Committee for EALA and Mr. Beatus Malema- Ministry of Agriculture, Tanzania during a courtesy visit to EAC Headquarters to lobby for EOA-I support



Agroenterprise and Market Development

The smallholder farmers have continued to generate low incomes from their farm produce due to poor farming practices, failure to engage in value addition/ processing, and weak marketing strategies. Value addition will increase the shelf life of produce and transportation, hence creating cottage industries for youth employment and increasing value for farm produce and pastoral products. There is a growing potential in organic agriculture markets, with more consumers being more conscious about their health locally and internationally.

However, the consumers are interested in getting assurance of the quality of organic products in the market. Accessibility to organic foods and the lack of structured markets for farmers have contributed to low incomes. To address these issues, farmer groups need to embrace agroecological farming practices, add their products and adopt good marketing practices.

National Review Meeting on the AgroEnterprise and Market Development Thematic Area

This important meeting was held on the 24th and 25th of June and brought together M.O.s Extension officers, representatives of Groups that had benefited from AgroEnterprise & market Development (AEMD) interventions,

Mr. Stanley Kinyanjui, the CEO of COSDEP accompanying the guest of honour, MCA Gathuru Mburu during the Green Action Week/Farmers' Field Day

and members of the Thematic Market Committee. The two-day Review meeting looked at the successes, challenges, and way-forward from the perspectives of the Enterprises that had interacted with the Programme over the last 3-4 years. The participants numbering 40 also refreshed their skills in Documentation of Successful Cases and resilience building.

Slow Food/ Terra Madre celebrations

PELUM Kenya collaborated with GBIACK to organize the center's slow food/ Terra Madre celebrations on 10th December 2021. Slow food is a movement that focuses on eating locally and using fresh products instead of eating commercially produced foods.

The event was promoted on social media and was attended by around 162 Farmers and stakeholders advocating for indigenous and organic foods. The farmers

demonstrated and sold indigenous foods and delicacies not limited to sweet potatoes, cassava, traditional vegetables, mokimo, etc.

In addition, the attendees were able to be taught organic practices at the center of excellence which became an exposure visit for the participants.

Capacity Building Workshop on Value Chain and Market Development

PELUM Kenya collaborated with KOAN to kick off the first three workshops on the value chain and market development. The participants were from Nairobi, Central, and Lower Eastern regions 36 (21M,15F). The workshop involved multipliers, farmers, marketers, and food processors so that they could learn about the following topics:

- Value chain development process- Value chain/enterprise selection, Chain Empowerment Strategies, Value Chain Finance, Building Engagements within value chains, Value chain analysis
- Chain relations and governance
- ICT based management information systems for enhanced participation in Agriculture value chains
- Overview of Organic Production and Markets
- Market and Marketing Development
- Entrepreneurship Startup
- Business plan development
- Production planning

The 1st Capacity Building workshop on Value Chain and Market Development



Photos from the Slow Food/Terra Madre Celebrations at GBIACK.



PGS Certification of 3000 Nooya Farmer Group

In collaboration with KOAN, PELUM Kenya supported the “3000 Nooya Farmer group” affiliated with CSHEP to attain PGS Certification. The PGS Group will be certified on All vegetables on- a small scale.

Benefits of the PGS Certification

1. The 20 farmers are now certified and can assure their customers that their produce is organic. They mainly

sell in the Kiserian Organic Market established by CSHEP, affiliated with Esther Kiruthi- a Master Trainer.

2. The group members are certified to sell all vegetables on a small scale.
3. The group members have put in place systems in the form of committees to ensure sustainability and check on the organic quality



Photo showing the PGS Certificate issued to 3,000 Nooya Farmer group.

EOA Pillar Implementing Partners' Field visit at BIOGI.

EOA Pillar Implementing Partners Model Garden visit, 23rd to 24th Sept 2021

EOA Pillar Implementing Partners visited Vihiga for exposure to best ecological practices and ecological model gardens, which BIOGI hosted. A Member of PELUM based in Western Vihiga.

Participants were taken through illustrations and a guided BIOGI garden tour through a system thinking approach. Relationships and connections between wild habitats with tree and food varieties, small animal sections, kitchen gardens, and water harvesting structures were explored. Three sites were visited in three different villages. Two in Vihiga county and one in Khwisero of Kakamega. One other site is BIOGI's ecosite at Emmakunda Khwisero



Farmers' field learning trip to a model farm in Murang'a

Intending to gain practical experience and first-hand information on organic farming as an enterprise, 33 farmers in Nairobi and the Central Zone traveled to Kamurugu in Murang'a to visit Therapeutic foods little farm. Farmers were exposed to effective organic farming systems, fodder farming, animal production, simple on-farm value addition processes, Marketing, and the making of various organic inputs. Health is the goal, Farmers were encouraged to produce healthy and safe foods, and this is possible through practicing organic farming by using organic inputs for fertilization of agricultural soils, pest and disease control, and management

Establishing and supporting organic markets - Zonal initiative

The growing need by the Farmers in Murang'a for the market of their Organic products created an opportunity for OACK, YARD, and PELUM Kenya to collaborate in support of the establishment of the Kirwara Organic Market in Gatanga that was launched on 3rd June 2021. During the launch, the farmers' organic market-focused not only on exhibition but also on business networking.



Hon. Gathuru Mburu, MCA for Kamburu Ward visiting a stand at the Green Action Week/Farmers' Field Day.

It endeavored to establish a strong consumer connection by having an open-air exhibition to showcase organic products and create awareness about organic foods and their significance concerning food safety, health, and the environment.

World food day/Green Action week Celebrations

World food day is celebrated annually on the 16th of October, creating an excellent opportunity for organic farmers to establish linkages with other stakeholders such as organic input suppliers, financiers, and different county government departments that are in support of organic farming as well as create awareness of healthy food production and consumption among the general public. Nairobi and Central Zone were fortunate to host the Green Action Week celebrations/Farmers' field day on 14th October at Gitwe in Githunguri, Kiambu County. With the Theme "Community sharing towards safe foods for a healthy life," the event was attended by around 400 participants who included farmers, Media houses, representatives from PELUM Kenya MOs' in the Zone, and stakeholders in the agricultural sector (BVAT, Sylvia's basket, Min of youth and ICT, MOA, WEF, Local Administration and Britam



Procession around Githunguri Town during the Green Action Week/Farmers' Field Day.

Ithanga Farmers exhibition

In collaboration with YARD Member Organization, Nairobi and Central Zone participated in Ithanga Farmers' exhibition on 14th November 2021 at Ithanga CDF grounds. The event objective was to showcase different organic inputs available for farmers and share skills and knowledge in preparing indigenous foods. The guests who attended the event included; Mr. Chrispine Otieno-Assistant County Commissioner, Sammy Waweru-Area MCA, and Robert Ngugi- SCAO. Ithanga being a dry area, there were calls for farmers to adopt drought resistance crops and invest in water harvesting for irrigation. The area MCA thanked YARD for assisting the farmers on the front line.



Section of the Ithanga Farmers' exhibition,

World food day celebrations at RODI Center

Through the support of the PELUM Secretariat, several Members and farmers were supported to participate and exhibit during the World Food Day celebrations held at RODI Kenya Center on 16th October 2021. On the same day, RODI Kenya launched an organic Market at the center to see the Varsity Ville estate residents get a supply of fresh organic products. In addition, it will create a sustainable market for organic farmers working with RODI. As the demand steadily increases, RODI Kenya will extend the opportunities to farmers working with other Members Organizations.



Officers at LPC showcasing cactus juice blending.

UPPER EASTERN AND NORTHERN KENYA ZONE

Exchange visit for youth and women farmers

The zone exposed 25 women and youth farmers to Laikipia permaculture Center in Nanyuki on 10th September 2021. The participants learned about the Value addition of Honey, Moringa, Cactus juice, cactus jam, cactus wine, aloe vera, aloe soap, aloe juice, and drylands agroforestry trees.

WORLD FOOD DAY CELEBRATION 2021

The event was held on 16th October 2021 in Isiolo County. It was spearheaded by the Isiolo County Government ministry of agriculture, livestock, and fisheries in collaboration with organizations working within Isiolo county. County Director Agriculture Mrs. Florence Mwangangi was the chief guest.



A farmer group working with Action Aid Kenya Isiolo showcasing their work in agroecology.

RIFT-WESTERN KENYA ZONE

Organic market (seed and food fair) in Gilgil

The organic market focused on the seeds and other foods produced by farmers promoting the indigenous materials at seed savers Network offices in Gilgil while utilizing the zoom platform for farmers to participate and showcase across the country on 17th August 2021. These underutilized species have important traditional uses for food, fiber, fodder, vegetable oil, and medicines. The Guest of Honor was the Mexican Ambassador to Kenya, Erasmo R. Martínez M., who encouraged the participants to continue with seed saving as it is future security for agriculture.

Exchange visit to Busia

M.O.s from the western block visited a youth group in Teso land on 20th August 2021 who were supported by PELUM Kenya in agroforestry back in 2020. Apart from agroforestry, the group has other practices such as pig-gering, goat keeping, and poultry. In addition, the group had constructed a banana propagator where they could propagate banana suckers for sale and their use.

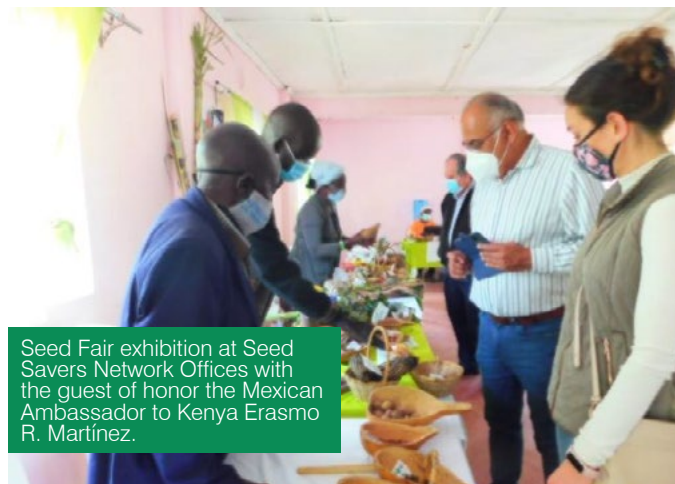
Exchange visit to Gilgil

The exchange visit was organized at Gilgil on Beatrice Wangui's farm on 16th July 2021. She can practice agroecology on her $\frac{3}{4}$ acre of land, and she is a champion of organic farming. At the end of the farm, four participants collected 21 vegetable varieties. This indicated that it is very doable for every small-scale farmer and can boost food security and balanced diets by ensuring that in 21 days, the household consumes a different meal every day with the vegetables grown.

LOWER EASTERN AND COAST ZONE

Farmers' Learning Trip to Model Farmers In Ngaamba Makueni County

PELUM Kenya organized the event in collaboration with IFK, KDC, CIM, UDO, and KMCBO. The visit engaged 32 farmers carefully selected based on their performance, gender, and age. Key learnings from the trip were seed saving, soil fertility using organic inputs, and understanding the planting calendar to avoid losses.



Seed Fair exhibition at Seed Savers Network Offices with the guest of honor the Mexican Ambassador to Kenya Erasmo R. Martínez.



Exchange visit to revolvers youth group in Busia.



Jennifer, a farmer from Inades Formation Kenya taught about seed saving during the exchange visit.



The seeds display during the farmers' exchange visit at Jennifer's farm.

Zonal Organic Market Forum in Kiserian, Kajiado County

The Objective of the organic Market was to provide a platform for staff and farmers working with member organizations from the Lower Eastern and Coast zone

to learn from a booming organic Farmers market that PELUM Kenya and CSHEP (a member in the zone) have supported over the years. This was also a learning forum to showcase organic products and educate them on the importance of consuming organically grown foods and selling them to the public.



▲
Zonal organic Market in Kiserian

Climate Change, Resilience, and Natural Resource Management

The Goal of PELUM Kenya's interventions on Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) in this planning period is to enhance the resilience of smallholder farmers and pastoralists to the effects of climate change and natural disasters. PELUM Kenya will continue creating awareness about Climate Change and its effects in general and partnership building the communities' resilience.

PELUM Kenya will endeavor to engage the communities through the member organizations on the following vital interventions; Natural Resource Management, Disaster preparedness, Climate governance, Soil and water conservation, sustainable water management, including water governance, watershed management, and rehabilitation, Diversification of Agro enterprises and Issues affecting pastoralists.

Rift -Western Kenya Zone



▲ Bamboo planting at the riparian land alongside River Leketet in Chepalungu forest by Kenya Forest Representative and the Zonal Coordinator for Rift-Western Kenya Zone, Beth Omae.

PELUM Kenya, in collaboration with TENWEK, participated in the rehabilitation of River Leketet and adjacent riparian land in Bomet County Indigenous tree varieties were planted on a 2 acres piece of land. The event involved the CFA members and was graced by KFS representatives and local leaders.

Lower Eastern and Coast Zone



▲ Kitui Development Centre (KDC) team and Community members inspecting the progress of well digging.

KDC, a member of LECZ, was supported in constructing a community water hand well. This will enable them

to be food secure and ensure they meet the feeding gap and the nutritional needs of the family unit. Milestones achieved from the water hand well;

- One wetland was rehabilitated through the construction of a hand well.
- One women group will be formed/ revitalized.
- Adoption of African Leafy vegetable production by the 26 members of the women group using different farming technologies

Nairobi and Central Zone, 6th June 2021



▲ Tree planting by Matuguta Primary school through COSDEP in Nairobi and Central Zone.

The event was held at Matuguta Primary School and organized by COSDEP, PELUM, CARE Murang'a, teachers, board members, parents, and pupils from Matuguta primary school. The number of participants was 65. 650 Agroforestry tree seedlings were planted.

Upper Eastern and Northern Region, 6th June 2021, Plant your age Initiative

Plant Your Age' Tree Planting challenge in Mau Forest (Mariosshoni) organized by Slow Food Kenya, Slow Food Youth Network Kenya, and Kenyan Youth Biodiversity Network on 23rd October 2022. 2,300 Indigenous seedlings were planted. PELUM Kenya participated and supported the initiative by Purchasing 500 indigenous tree seedlings.

Greening A Village Project



▲ PELUM Kenya staff, led by the Country Coordinator, Rosinah Mbenya, planting a tree during the launch of Greening a Village Project.

The project was implemented at Kinyuani village within the Kalawani location in Makueni County. Kinyuani Village is a member of Kalawani progressive CBO. The project aims to green Kinyuani village by integrating tree planting on-farm trees and agroforestry practices to produce high-value timber and fruit trees and natural restoration of degraded woodlands. 14,827 tree seedlings comprising varieties of species such as Moringa Oleifera, Bamboo, Senna siamea, Grevillea Robusta, Melia Azedarach, Citrus fruits(lemons), and blue gum were planted.

The launch of the Greening a Village project was held on 6th August 2021 at Kinyuani Village. 00 participants from different stakeholders such as Church, schools, County Governments, media, ADSE, and PELUM Kenya Teams led by Mr. John Mutua-Executive Director, ADSE, and Ms. Rosinah Mbenya- Country Coordinator, PELUM Kenya participated. The Guest of Honor was Rt. Rev Joseph Kanuku Bishop (Emeritus) ACK Makueni Diocese. The group is targeting the production of 150,000 tree seedlings annually.

Agroforestry



▲ Community planting giant grass bamboo trees at uplands forest, Nyamweru block.

PELUM Kenya planted 7,290 indigenous trees, including giant bamboo, *Prunus Africana* (Muiri), *Podocarpus*, Meru oak, and *Syzygium guineense* (mukoe), *Vertex Kinesis*, Red Cedar, *Junipero Procera*, etc. During the year, 25,472 seedlings have been distributed to farmers for on-farm agroforestry (2,409 grafted Hass avocados and 622 tree tomatoes, 442 passion, 21,020 *Calliandra* seedlings, 972 *grevilleas*).

It is also commendable that one landslide has been rehabilitated using green infrastructure (Improved Bamboo) within the catchment. The community members used seven hundred thirty bamboo seedlings to rehabilitate the landslide site at Mukurue village.

Green Champions

Following The University of Nairobi's collaboration with the Association of Green Champions half-day gala Luncheon held on 11th November. The project aims to engage stakeholders and communities in rehabilitating the Nairobi River. 2021, the first activity of the tree planting exercise was held from 22nd December to 24, 2022, that brought county government, scientists, forestry experts, community leaders, the business community, and policymakers. Organizations present in the meeting; GoK – Government of Kenya, KPCG – Kenya Platform for Climate Governance, NMS – Nairobi Metropolitan Services, NRRRP – Nairobi River Riparian Rehabilitation Project, PELUM – Kenya Participatory Ecological Land Use Management, UoN – University of Nairobi, TARDA – Tana Athi River Development Agency, and KECC- Kamukunji Environmental Conservation Centre. PELUM Kenya participated in the silver category by facilitating the purchase of 1000 Bamboo tree



PARTNERSHIP & COALITION BUILDING



Eastern Africa Regional Steering Committee Meetings

Delegates during the EOAI Eastern Africa Assembly meeting in Nairobi, Kenya

12th and 13th RSC meetings were held on 15th March and 27th-28th October 2021 in Kenya and Tanzania, respectively, with 15 participants from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, and Burundi. Critical decisions were passed, such as;

- PELUM Kenya as the Regional Secretariat to develop and share a Communique streamlining the importance of the meeting, recognizing the importance of EAC, and emphasizing how EAC's absence affects the growth of EOA in the region.
- All Country Lead Organizations (CLOs) to advocate and publicize for marketing of certified organic products in Eastern Africa through the Kilimohai trademark.
- Continental Secretariat (CSC) to give feedback on the EOA-I indicators to be adopted in the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) so that CLOs and their partners can follow up during the Biannual Review period.

Eastern Africa Regional Assembly

The Eastern Africa Regional Assembly was formalized on 16th March 2021 in Nairobi in Nairobi with participants drawn from the Indigenous certification bodies, regional farmers forum, AfroNet, input suppliers, organic farmers, organic traders, CLOs, Relevant government ministries,

Regional Secretariat, and the Continental Secretariat. The meeting focused on the formalization of the Eastern Africa Regional Assembly, where stakeholders came up with the roles, functions, and leadership of Eastern Africa Regional Assembly.

Support Follow up visits and review meetings for Regional Partners

The Regional followed up on regional partners in Kenya, Tanzania, and Rwanda to learn about partners' progress on the ground, understand their challenges, and offer recommendations. From the visit, it was noted that;

1. Some partners have now devised digital marketing strategies to enhance market linkages between the producers and the consumers.
2. Pricing of organic products is quite expensive, making them not affordable to most common consumers.
3. Access to organic inputs and market linkages remains a challenge for farmers across the three countries.

KHEA/ KCOA project has greatly complimented EOA-I in Training, knowledge dissemination in O.A., and market development across the three countries.

PELUM Kenya and Conservation of Nature for Survival (CONASU) cross border exposure and learning exposure program, 13th and 14 Sept 2021

PELUM Kenya hosted 11 CONASU Participants from Tanzania for two days. The Participants visited CSHEP, RODI, GBIACK, Effective IPM Association, and RODI Farmers. The Exposure visit was on ecological organic practices for smallholders. It is expected that a similar visit will be organized in Tanzania.



CONASU Participants Visit a tree Nursery at - Effective IPM Association.



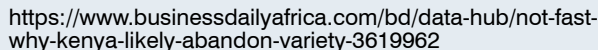
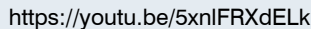
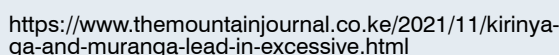
CONASU Participants Visit a tree Nursery at - Effective IPM Association.



◀ Biovision International by visit to PELUM Kenya Offices



◀ JVE Togo National Coordinator Visit to PELUM Kenya Offices.




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Why coffee, tea are giving way for herbs in Kiambu

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2021



By GERALD ANDAE
Photo by Will Aducci

SUMMARY

- With the growing population and urbanisation, the available land for farming is shrinking, calling for innovative ways of farming in order to make a meaningful income.
- As the Covid-19 pandemic disrupted most businesses reducing sales and profits margins, herbs and spices farmers in Kiambu counted that as a blessing.
- In an acre of land, one can produce up to 1.2 tonnes of herbs which is enough to give back good returns to the farmer.

Chopped herbs for making bio-pesticides for arnyomus. PHOTO: JOSEPH KANYI: NONG

Kiambu County has for long been associated with coffee and tea as the two major cash crops that have generated billions for the region in the past years.

<https://www.businessdailyafrica.com/bd/corporate/enterprise/why-coffee-tea-giving-way-herbs-kiambu-3635270>




Forward Kamuru AFISA WA MIPANGO - PELUM KENYA

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Kirwara Project Market Dud/ Youtube Link:



Collins Othman CHAIRMAN - PELUM

<https://youtu.be/02vhUmyLBng>



ROSINAH MBENYA
COUNTRY ASSOCIATE FOR PELUM KENYA

Success Story from Kirwara and Kangari Market Group

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gmkQyfiyKpU>



AGRITech ANN MBUGUA PROPRIETOR, BRIDGES

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCNYBjzC_A

Blessed Gathenji Wendo Dud/ Youtube Link:



EDWARD M. KAMIRU
PROGRAMME OFFICER, PELUM

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME - YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2021

	2021	2020
Income	KES	KES
Grants Received	113,642,068	106,790,078
PELUM - Kenya Income	2,492,800	2,493,600
Total Income	116,134,868	109,283,678
Expenditure		
Indirect Project Costs	8,753,890	6,543,190
PELUM - Kenya Administration Costs	2,429,591	1,779,136
Direct Project Expenditure	113,732,852	82,820,884
Total Expenditure	124,916,334	91,143,210
Balance for the year (Page 9)	(8,781,466)	18,140,468

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
Assets		
Non-current Assets	KES	KES
Property and Equipment	11,317,334	8,917,151
Current Assets		
Cash and Bank	24,912,070	33,585,591
Accounts Receivable	3,142,054	2,999,331
Total Current Assets	28,054,124	36,584,922
Less: Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	8,136,032	5,081,138
Net Current Assets	19,918,092	31,503,784
Net Assets	31,235,426	40,420,935
Represented By:		
General Funds	1,318,039	1,411,554
Restricted Funds	18,600,053	30,092,231
Sub-Total	19,918,092	31,503,785
Capital Fund	11,317,334	8,917,151
Fund Balance	31,235,426	40,420,935

PELUM Kenya Income

The total grants to PELUM Kenya in the financial year ended **31st December 2021** increased from Kshs **109,283,678** in **2020** to Kshs **116,134,86** in **2021**, a **6.3%** increase. This increase can be attributed to:

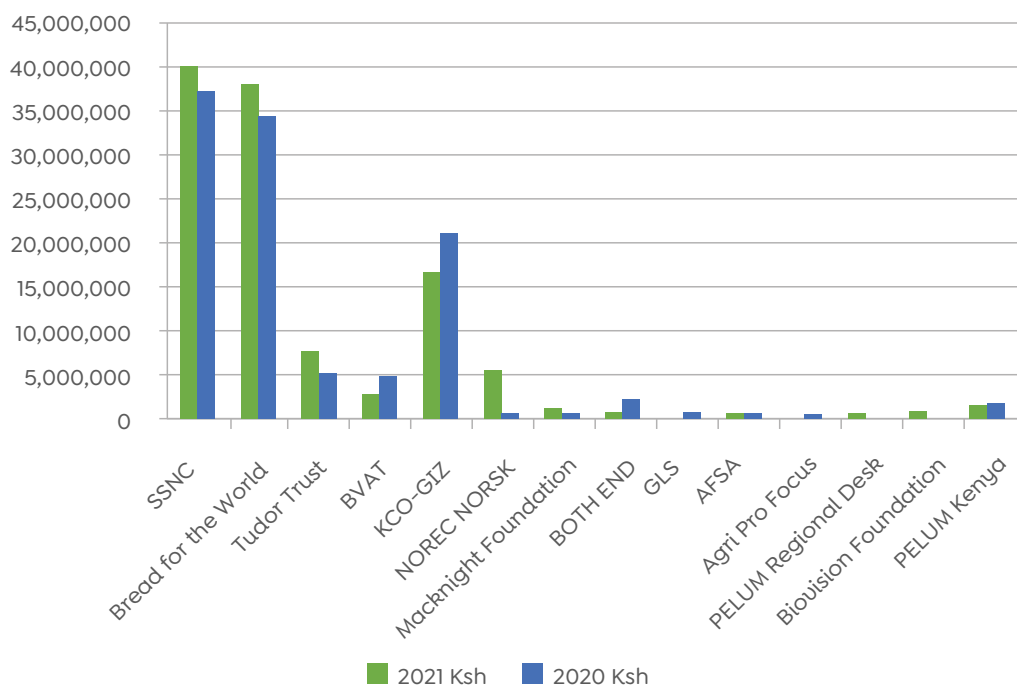
- The addition of 2 new funding partners, PELUM Regional Desk and Biovision, funded projects amount to a total of Kes **1,082,492**.
- There was significantly increased funding from NOREC to support an Exchange Programme with

FACHIG from Zimbabwe from Kes **166,242** in 2020 to Kes **5,498,981** in 2021.

- PELUM Kenya, during the year ended 2021, did not receive any funding from GLS and Agriprofocus as they had funded short-term programs the previous year. PELUM Kenya is still in touch with the funding partners and discussing future partnerships.
- PELUM Kenya could retain its funding partners with the income during the period increasing/decreasing depending on the programmes undertaken.

Funding Partner	2021		2020	
	KSh	Percentage	KSh	Percentage
SSNC	40,054,285	34.79	37,245,352	34.30
Bread for the World	38,071,575	33.07	34,351,790	31.64
Tudor Trust	7,731,900	6.72	5,149,850	4.74
BVAT	2,800,975	2.43	4,830,889	4.45
KCO-GIZ	16,661,810	14.47	21,125,104	19.45
NOREC NORSE	5,498,981	4.78	166,242	0.15
McKnight Foundation	1,205,935	1.05	651,692	0.60
BOTH END	287,769	0.25	2,178,882	2.01
GLS	0	-	359,155	0.33
AFSA	246,166	0.21	196,875	0.18
Agri Pro Focus	0	-	534,247	0.49
PELUM Regional Desk	245,700	0.21	0	-
Biovision Foundation	836,792	0.73	0	-
PELUM Kenya	2,492,800	1.30	2,493,600	1.65
Total Grants Received	116,134,868		109,283,678	

2020 VS 2021 INCOME



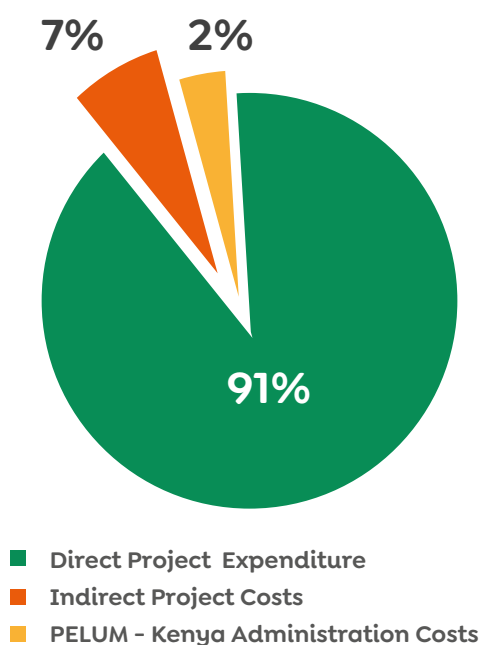
Kindly note that PELUM Kenya Income is 1.65% of total income received during the year. The membership fees income as represented under PELUM Kenya has been accrued.

PELUM Kenya Expenditure

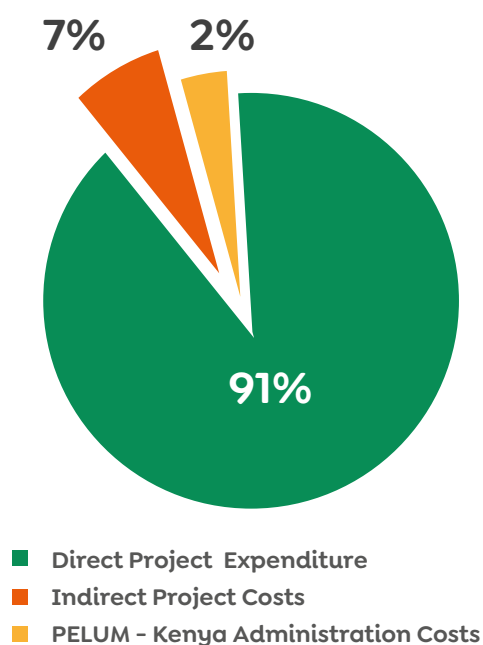
Our total expenditure in the year 2021 was Kshs **124,916,334** compared to 2020's expenditure of Kshs **91,143,210**. This is a **27.2%** increase, which is attributed to increased funding during the year; this, in turn, increased the level of activities in the country secretariat during the financial year ended 31st December 2021.

Expenditure	2021		2020	
	KSh	Percentage	KSh	Percentage
Direct Project Expenditure	113,732,852	91.04	82,820,884	90.87
Indirect Project Costs	8,753,890	7.01	6,543,190	7.18
PELUM - Kenya Administration Costs	2,429,591	1.94	1,779,136	1.95
Total Expenditure	124,916,334		91,143,210	

Expenditure 2021



Expenditure 2020



Assets amounting to Ksh 4,423,098 were procured during the year ended 31st December 2021

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