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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

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

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

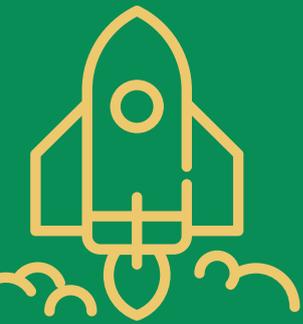
Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Kenya is a national network that currently comprises 57 Member Organizations (M.O.s). Its members mandate PELUM Kenya to promote agroecological principles and practices through networking and capacity building, Agroenterprise and market development, 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

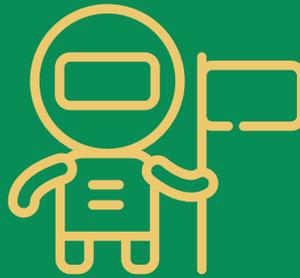
- 1. Diversity.** Showcasing the diversity of Ecological Agricultural practices amongst members within and without the Network.
- 2. Learning and Knowledge Management.** Enable learning for experiences and best practices sharing among members & other actors through networking with others.
- 3. Membership.** 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 favour 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.



Mission

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

Values

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

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

Member
PELUM Kenya

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. Effective IPM Association
7. Grow Bio-Intensive Agriculture Centre of Kenya (GBIACK)
8. Hand in Hand Eastern Africa (HiH EA)
9. Institute of Culture and Ecology (ICE)
10. Kenya Organic Agriculture Network (KOAN)
11. Micro Enterprises Support Programme Trust (MESPT)
12. Organic Agriculture Centre of Kenya (OACK)
13. Resources Oriented Development Initiatives (RODI) Kenya
14. Self Help Africa (SHA)
15. Sustainable Agriculture Community Development Programme (SACDEP)
16. 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 Environmental Forest Action (CEFA)
5. Community Initiatives for Rural Development (CIFORD)
6. Food for Hungry Kenya (FH Kenya)
7. Institute for Peace Development and Innovation (IPSIA)
8. Laikipia Permaculture Centre
9. Pastoralists Community Initiatives and Development Assistance (PACIDA)
10. Rural Initiatives Development Program (RIDEP)
11. Tharaka Children & Women Welfare Programme (TCWWP)

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 Center (DNRC)
6. Inades Formation Kenya (IFK)
7. Katoloni Mission CBO
8. Kitui Development Center (KDC)
9. Neighbours Initiative Alliance (NIA)
10. Taita Taveta Wildlife Foundation (TTWF)
11. Utooni Development Organization (UDO)

Rift-Western Kenya Zone

1. Agricultural Community Empowerment Program (ACEP)
2. Agriculture Improvement Support Services (AGRISS)
3. Anglican Development Services (ADS) Western.
4. Baraka Agriculture College (BAC)
5. Bio-Gardening Innovations (BIOGI)
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 Center (MHAC)
11. Network for Eco farming in Africa (NECOFA)
12. Rural Energy and Food Security Organization (REFSO)
13. Seed Savers Network (SSN)
14. Slow Food Convivia Association of Kenya (SFOCAK)
15. Support for Tropical Initiatives in Poverty Alleviation (STIPA)
16. Sustainable Mobilization of Agricultural Resource Technologies (SMART) Initiatives
17. Tenwek Hospital Community Health & Development (TENWEK)
18. Trans-Community Organization (TRANSCOM)
19. VI Agroforestry (VIAP)

Message from the Chairperson

It indeed gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our 2022 PELUM Kenya Annual Report. This report summarizes the key highlights of PELUM Kenya in the year 2022 in its endeavor of greening the world.



Collins Othieno
Chairperson ~ PELUM Kenya

The year 2022 was the second year of PELUM Kenya's strategic plan (2021-2025) and I wish to point out the network is on course of its plan. To begin with, I am glad to inform you that the programmes being implemented by PELUM Kenya increased with a corresponding grant increase of 43.9% in the 2022 financial year. I hereby wish to congratulate PELUM Kenya Country Secretariat for their continued efforts in developing and strengthening the network. The programmes that were initiated / expanded included Polices for Agroecology in Kenya (PAK) supported by Biovision Foundation Switzerland; Promoting Sustainable Agriculture and Marketing through Youth (PSAMY) Involvement supported by NOREC, Norway; Conserving Bio-Cultural Diversity through Strengthening Community and Ecosystem Resilience supported by SIDA through ABN; Inclusive and Enabling policies for Agroecology supported by Agroecology Fund; African Women Leaders in Agroecology (AWOLA) supported by Tudor Trust and Transformational Agroecology Across Food, Land, and Water Systems (Agroecology Initiative) supported by CGIAR through CIFOR -ICRAF.

I also wish to point out that the 2022 CWG National Networking Symposium was successfully held at the National Museums of Kenya in Nairobi with the theme of "the Indigenous Seeds and Food Fair festival" in collaboration with other strategic partners. It's worth noting this time, the symposium had both plenary sessions and exhibition of different indigenous seeds and diverse foods from Kenya. The event was also open to the general public including students. Several partners including the National Museums of Kenya, KARLO, PELUM Kenya, BIBA Kenya, ISFAA, HIVOS, Route to Food, Action Aid collaborated in the successful symposium. The timing of the symposium was also perfect as it took place in the midst of the GMO controversies that was happening in the Country.

At the governance level, Mr. Joseph Karangathi of (MEAP), a member representing Rift Central Zone retired from the Board and he was replaced by Mr. John Kariuki of Slow Food Kenya. Allow me to appreciate Mr. Karangathi for his great contribution to the growth and development of the network during his tenure in the main Board and in the Technical Board Sub-Committees. I also welcome Mr. John Kariuki as the new member of PELUM Kenya Board and the chair of the Technical Board Sub-committee. We know that he comes with good experience and expertise in agroecology and leadership into the PELUM Kenya Board. At the staff level Mr. Harrison Yego (Programme officer MERL) left and we had Mr. Matthew Muendo (Programme Officer EOAI) and Ms. Diana Mwangi (Programme Officer MERL) join the secretariat.

I am glad to note that our network membership increased from 56 to 57 Members during our last Annual General Meeting that was held on 15th July 2022 at Sportsview Hotel Kasarani.

Ladies and gentlemen, I wish to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Board members for their commitment dedication to this great network. I also want to thank all the Member Organizations for your commitment to networking for a greener Africa. I once again extend my sincere appreciation to the Country Secretariat staff led by Ms. Rosinah Mbenya, the Country Coordinator. Last but not least, special gratitude goes to PELUM Kenya funding and technical partners for their belief in us and their unwavering support. Without them, we would not be where we are now. Thank you for your steadfast support.

Enjoy the reading!

Collins Othieno
Chairperson - PELUM Kenya

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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*



Ms. Rosinah Mbenya
*Country Coordinator- PELUM Kenya
Secretary*



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



Mr. David Mwangi
*Director - Manor House Agriculture Center
Member*



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

INCOMING BOARD MEMBER



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Member*



Mr. John Kariuki
*Coordinator, Slowfood Kenya
Member*

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER



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



Ms. Rosinah Mbenya
Country Coordinator
PELUM Kenya

Message from the Country Coordinator

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to read our 2022 institutional annual report. This report showcases our work in transforming food systems while improving the livelihoods of smallholder farmers and pastoralists through agroecological practices.

As detailed in the report, 2022 marked a relatively steady financial growth with 43.9% growth which was attributed by new projects and funding partners. We managed to successfully implement 15 projects all aligned to our vision of “empowered, prosperous and healthy communities”. As detailed in this report, our work revolved around deepening our interventions in the thematic areas of: Advocacy and policy influencing, Climate Change Adaptation and Sustainable Natural Resource Management, Agro enterprise and Market Development, Institutional development and Gender and Youth in Agroecology as outlined in our Strategic Plan (2021- 2025).

In its advocacy and policy thematic area, PELUM Kenya Country Secretariat continued to influence integration of agroecology in to policies, plans and programmes at regional, national and county levels. It is worth noting that PELUM Kenya in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and other partners took a central role in supporting the development of the National Agroecology strategy. I am glad to inform you that we now have draft 1 of the National Agroecology strategy and a clear roadmap on the finalization of the strategy by April 2024. PELUM Kenya also supported County consultative meeting on draft national agroforestry strategy 2021-2030 and it is now pending validation and launch. In addition, PELUM Kenya contributed to formulation of County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) in Kajiado, Busia, Bungoma, Makueni, Laikipia, Nakuru, Kitui and Nyandarua. PELUM Kenya in collaboration with ISFAA and Alliance for Bioversity also initiated formulation of Agroecology Multi stakeholder Platform in Kajiado, Makueni and Vihiga. Through ICE Kenya, PELUM Kenya supported formulation and launch of Murang’a County Agroecology Policy and Act which was then launched in March 2023.

Ladies and gentlemen, you may be aware of the lifting of the GMO ban in the year 2022 which has a great implication in our work as the network. PELUM Kenya took the mantle and did various sensitization meetings including at the grassroot levels, media engagement and religious leaders on the negative effects of importation and free cultivation of GMO in our country. We are glad to note that the ban is still on and the Smallholder farmers remain empowered on the importance of Farmer Managed Seeds.

Under its Agroenterprise and marketing strategic area, PELUM Kenya Secretariat collaborated with KOAN in establishment of digital marketing platform which

will provide a platform for selling and buying organic products between retailers and consumers. The platform is expected to be up and running by the end of the year. Also, PELUM Kenya in collaboration with OACK supported 21 beneficiaries with an oil extraction and grinding machine which they are now able to value add and package dried herbs such as Lemon grass, rosemary, mints and Artemisia annual, parsley and oregano which have started to gain demand locally and improved their incomes by 37%. It is worth noting that PELUM Kenya won the Chairman Commendation Trophy during the ASK show in Eldoret in 2022.

In its Climate resilience and sustainable natural resources management area, PELUM Kenya supported establishment of 3 demo sites in CARITAS Meru, MEAP and STIPA for showcasing agroecology technologies, dryland farming technologies for adaptation on climate change, small livestock keeping and agroforestry. Most importantly, member organizations were trained on the development of the Participatory Assessment of Climate and Disaster Risks (PACDR) tool which enable users to systematically integrate the consideration of climate and disaster risks into community planning and development. I am happy to inform you that some of our members like ADSW and Slow Food Kenya have already integrated the tool in their work. PELUM Kenya also had a good representation at UNFCCC COP 27 which was held in Egypt in the year 2022 and advocated for agroecology as a climate resilient practice. We were part of the African caravan towards COP 27 and actively participated in five panel discussions at COP 27. Reafforestation in collaboration with IWAMA DIFE project partners was also done in Gatare and Uplands forests in Muranga and Kiambu respectively where 5,217 Podocarpus & water berries seedlings were planted in Gatare Forest at a catchment point for Gikiratu and Githika rivers and 1,335 indigenous trees planted at Uplands Forest.

Under institutional development and networking, PELUM Kenya secretariat trained its members on resource mobilization strategies which resulted in each zone having its own customized strategy to aid in fundraising at the zone. Pastoralists from the network were also trained on pasture and rangeland management to help them in coping with the recurrent drought. Various zonal level activities were implemented throughout the year. The 2022 annual networking symposium was historic as it was held in collaboration with the National Museums

of Kenya with the aim of promoting indigenous seeds. I congratulate all the network members who came out in numbers to showcase their work in indigenous seeds.

I am happy to inform you that the secretariat managed to have 2 programmes exclusively targeting women and youth. It is in 2022 that we started our ambitious programme aimed at strengthening the capacities of women leadership in agroecology named AWOLA Initiative. The first cohort of 37 mentors and mentees from Kenya, Uganda and Zimbabwe have been successfully engaged in the programme and have so far reported great results. A digital exchange programme between the youth in Zimbabwe and Kenya was established where they exchange on sustainable agriculture practices and agriculture value chains. The youth are currently undergoing physical exchange programme in both countries.

Under knowledge management, 421 Multipliers have been trained on organic agriculture by the 7 Master Trainers from the network and 69 Multipliers trained in 2022 (30F, 39M with 36 youth). Also, piloted with three (3) Member Organizations to train 449 farmers (334F, 124M) in Kitui, Machakos, Makueni, Busia, Bungoma and Kakamega on organic agriculture through its Knowledge Center for Organic Agriculture (KCOA) programme where PELUM Kenya is the Country Implementing Partner (CIP)

The successes reported in this report would not be possible without the support from our funding partners, our network members, strong leadership from the board, hardworking secretariat team and blessings from God. We thank you all and look forward to your continued support and collaboration.

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 Programme Office
(Capacity Enhancement
and Networking)



Edward Muiruri
Programme Officer
(Agro enterprise and
Marketing)



Alice Kariuki
Senior Finance
Officer



Mary Irungu
Programme Officer
(Advocacy)



Irene Nyaega
Administrative &
HR Officer



Roland Mwalugha
Driver/Mechanic



George Foro
Assistant Driver



Ngunjiri Kihoro
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 Kenya
Zone)



Bathseba Ratemo
Programme Officer
(Knowledge Hub and
Communications)



Sharon Achieng
Finance Officer



Susan Kimani
Office Attendant



Michael Muriithi
Security Guard



Joseph Chokera
Security Guard

Staff who joined in 2022



Lorine Achieng
Finance and Administratio
Intern



Esther Wangari
Programmes Intern



Matthew Muendo
Programme Officer
(EOA - Regional Coordinator)

Staff who left in 2022



Harrison Yego
Monitoring & Evaluation
Officer



Kenneth Mbari
Programmes Intern



Message from the Swedish Society for Nature Conservation

The Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC) was established in 1909 and is the largest and most influential environmental organization in Sweden with more than 200,000 members forming a strong, democratic, grassroots movement that reaches all parts of the country. Our overall vision is a sustainable future on a healthy and living planet.

Together with our partner organizations, our global work aims to strengthen the global environmental movement to achieve a just, equal and inclusive transformation that reduces the impact on the climate, increases the biological diversity, reduces poverty and strengthen civic space. We believe that development, human rights and equality can only be achieved in healthy and intact ecosystems with high biodiversity.

At SSNC, we are proud to be associated with PELUM Kenya, in a partnership that started already in 2003. The current program period runs from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2026. We provide core support to PELUM Kenya with the aim of supporting the implementation of PELUM Kenya's own organizational strategic plan.

From SSNC, we regard PELUM Kenya as one of the most reputable member-based organizations in Kenya supporting smallholder farmers in agroecology, agroforestry and climate change resilience through a right based approach. PELUM Kenya, together with the wider PELUM Association Network, forms a strong lobby and advocacy network which is very influential in shaping the policy environment for smallholder farmers. PELUM Kenya has been instrumental in the development of agroecology in Kenya through their support to the government of Kenya in developing the National Agroecological Strategy. Exciting visions are now also in the pipeline as the work has the potential to stretch even wider to the East African region. We greatly acknowledge PELUM Kenya's influence in policy development beyond Kenya through its role as the regional secretariat for the Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative (EOA-I) and as member of the continental steering committee of EOA-I which is headed by the African Union.

Like PELUM Kenya, we at the SSNC are taking a clear stand for a Paradigm shift in agriculture: that it should be based on Health, Ecology and Fairness. Agroecology has a unique opportunity to support the increase in biodiversity and mitigate and adapt to climate change effects. We strongly believe that a shift to agroecology using ecological methods as well as introducing agroforestry as a change at the landscape level, will contribute to stabilizing fragile ecosystems. This in turn improves the livelihoods and increases income for millions of smallholders while at the same time increases the carbon storage and improves the biodiversity. We also believe that the use of indigenous and traditional knowledge, including the control over indigenous seeds, is fundamental for a sustainable change at a larger scale.

Both PELUM Kenya and SSNC see the importance of raising issues on both local, national, regional and global level to ensure that smallholder farmers' perspectives and particularly women's and youth's perspectives are being heard and taken into account vis-à-vis policy makers, decision makers and consumers. PELUM Kenya has a crucial role to play in promoting and ensuring that women are involved in capacity strengthening activities and decision-making forums – women smallholder farmer's voices and perspectives must be equally heard and considered. Working from a gender perspective is crucial for sustainable development and the fight against poverty.

PELUM Kenya's strength is the ability to work across the whole scale from farm to policy level and work in partnership with various stakeholders. Being a strong member-based organization that consist of smallholders

across Kenya assures a democratic organizational structure that has its members at the forefront of development.

The team of PELUM Kenya has shown an everlasting passion and professionalism in their dedication to the transition to agroecology in Kenya and in the region, emphasizing the interlinkages between ecological,

societal and economic development for a just and equitable transformation of the agricultural system.

We wish you all at PELUM Kenya the best and we are looking forward to walking together with you to contribute to more sustainable, sovereign agriculture systems, fair markets and to improve the conditions and livelihoods for smallholder farmers.



Mr. Bo Lager
Senior Policy Adviser
SSNC

Mr. Bo Lager is the **Senior Policy Adviser** in agriculture at **SSNC**. Bo is an agroforester with 30 years' experience from working in management positions in the natural resources sector in Africa and Asia. The focus has always been supporting smallholders, farmer groups and communities in agroforestry, agroecology and sustainable natural resource management as the vehicle for improved livelihoods by strengthening smallholders' active participation in agriculture and forestry value chains.



Ms. Malin Stråle
Programme Manager
SSNC

Ms. Malin Stråle, is the Programme Manager for the agriculture programme at the International Department at SSNC. She is a social scientist with over 10 years' experience in focusing on international and organizational development, gender and democracy.



Ms. Esther Bett
Executive Director
RODI Kenya

Message from Member Organization

It is our honour as RODI Kenya to be part of the 2022 PELUM Kenya annual report.

Resources Oriented Development Initiatives (RODI) is a Kenyan Development organization registered as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) under the NGO Coordination Bureau in Kenya. It was registered in 1999.

RODI'S Vision

A sustained food secure, healthy and crime free society.

RODI'S Mission

To promote human dignity among communities in Kenya and other Eastern Africa countries, through enhanced food security, health and crime prevention.

RODI Kenya was founded and established by the late Mr. Eliud Kihoro Ngunjiri who had a passion for community development and sharing the knowledge he had built up from the years he worked in the government and other organizations.

On 9th March 2021, the late Mr. Eliud Kihoro Ngunjiri passed on and was buried at the RODI Centre. May his soul rest in eternal peace. The late Mr. Ngunjiri was honored by the RODI Board as a Founder. In his memory, a mausoleum will be constructed, where his philosophy, values and vision will be shared for posterity. RODI Kenya, as an organization, lives on to carry out his vision and mission. Ms. Esther Bett took over as Executive Director with Mr. David Nyaga as her deputy.

RODI currently works with 20 primary schools, 8 secondary schools, 28 prisons, 22 police stations, 1 refugee community and over 60 community groups within at least 16 counties. RODI Kenya has a training centre with conference and accommodation services located in Ruiru bypass Road.

RODI Kenya is a member of PELUM Kenya network. Being a network member has helped RODI Kenya to learn, share, network with other organizations. We have also been able to link up with partners that have enabled an increase in the utilization of the RODI training center. RODI Kenya has been a sub grantee under the Integrated Water Shed Management Project since 2017 where we have managed to work with communities on diversified livelihood alternatives and conservation activities.

I take this opportunity to congratulate PELUM Kenya network for its milestones in 2022 and wish them well in coming years.

1 Promoting Elum for Networking and Livelihood Improvement (PENELI) IV

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 & Pastoralists 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

Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture in Eastern Africa (KHEA) Project is in its second phase of implementation for the 2nd Phase (1st June 2022- 31st May 2024). KHEA Project Phase II is part of the initiative by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through its executing agency GIZ to support a network of regional knowledge hubs for organic farming in Africa. Biovision Africa Trust (BvAT) is the lead coordinating agency of the project in Eastern Africa with co-hosting arrangement with Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Uganda.

The project is based on four main action fields namely:

- a. Collecting / preparing of knowledge in organic agriculture: Validated technical and methodological knowledge for the promotion of organic agriculture, including processing, is prepared for the context of the participating countries and stakeholder groups.
- b. Dissemination of knowledge to many users: Validated knowledge, strategies and good practices in the field of organic agriculture, adapted to the contexts of the countries participating in the regional knowledge hubs, are disseminated to various target user groups.
- c. 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.
- d. Advocacy & Policy, Collaborate and partner with other EOA stakeholders to lobby and advocate for EOA policies at country level

4 Global Green Action Week Project (2022)

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
- 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 II Project) (2022–2023)

IWAMA-DIFE II is a 2-year project which is an extension of a two-year phase of the IWAMA-DIFE I project that ended in 2021. In its 2nd phase, the project aims at conserving the Aber-dare's watershed through watershed management practices such as reforestation, agroforestry, water-harvesting, improved land use practices by farmers as well as influencing reforms and policies in favour of agroecology.

The project envisions healthy ecosystems and people and improved livelihoods for the smallholder farmers which will be achieved through inspiring multi-stakeholders and building synergy to work towards climate-resilient ecosystems and mainstream Agro-ecological practices in the Aberdare's watershed. The implementation of activities is guided by eight principles from which activities are derived.

6 Promoting Sustainable Agriculture and Marketing through Youth Involvement (PSAMY) project

Promoting sustainable agriculture and Marketing through Youth Involvement (PSAMY) project aims at increasing youths' participation in sustainable agriculture and agricultural and market value chains

through knowledge and cultural exchanges between Kenyan and Zimbabwean youth.

The focus is sustainable agriculture and marketing. Notwithstanding the noted challenges, there are vast opportunities to be realized through engaging the youth in agriculture. To this end, the 2014 Malabo Declaration, includes specific targets on youth engagement in agriculture, the creation of jobs in the agriculture value chains and the support and facilitation of preferential entry and participation for women and youths in gainful and attractive agribusiness opportunities.

The programme will enhance the partnerships and collaborative arrangements between PELUM and FACHIG, with the participants, the farmers. The participants will transfer their knowledge and skills to the member organization, farmers' groups and youths. The participants in the programme will train other staff members and lead farmers to create a broader institutional memory.

7 Policies for Agroecology in Kenya (PAK) (January 2022–December, 2024)

Goal: The sustainability of food systems in Kenya and beyond is increased through coherent policies and favourable institutional frameworks that enable food systems transformation.

Objectives:

- Horizontal (across sectors) and vertical (across scales) policy coherence in Kenya is increased resulting in enhanced support for agroecology and
- Food system actors in Kenya have increasingly equitable agency in policy development processes. Attainment of these outcomes will be aided by 3 key outputs, which include: multi-stakeholder platforms (MSPs) at County and national levels established or strengthened, Enhanced coordination and information flow across sectors (e.g., agriculture, environment, health, economy) and scales on food system related policy processes and small-scale farmers, women and youth groups are empowered and capacitated on effective engagement in policy processes

8 Advocating for Sustainable Agriculture and Agroforestry for Livelihood Improvement (ASAALI)

Goal: Agroforestry and sustainable agriculture are adopted in policy documents and implemented at the county, national and global levels for improved climate-resilient livelihoods among smallholder farmers.

Objectives:

- Increased budget allocation for sustainable agriculture practices by county and national governments,
- Regulation for standard units of measure for key farm produce are developed, adopted and implemented for improved fairness in marketing, and
- Agroforestry and sustainable agriculture are adopted in policy documents at local and global levels to enhance the attainment of the right to food.

9 Promoting agroecology and inclusive water governance in Kiambu County

Goal: 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.

10 Global Advocacy Programme

Objectives:

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.

11 Africa Women Leaders in Agroecology (AWOLA) Initiative

AWOLA (Africa Women Leaders in Agroecology) Initiative is a leadership career development initiative of the consortium of PELUM Kenya, PELUM Uganda and PELUM Zimbabwe to equip women working on agroecology, sustainable agriculture and food systems with leadership skills.

The Goal of AWOLA is to ensure that there is a growing trend towards the number of women in leadership positions in various agroecology institutions.

Vision: African women leaders proactively advancing Agroecology.

Mission: To enhance the effectiveness of African women in promoting Agroecology through leadership development and movement building

12 Agroecology (AE) Hub Project

Goal: An Agroecology (AE) hub that provides tangible and consistent value to a diverse, inclusive Hub CoP whose members contribute to AE transformation for smallholder farmers.

Programmes Fact Sheet

Objectives:

- To Provide demand-driven, evidence-based information about relevant AE practices
- To have Farmers who are using AE practices that are successful in their context
- To bridge gaps between AE science, movement and practice actors
- To have in place local partners who are prepared to assume Hub leadership at the end of the grant cycle

During the year 2022, the project PELUM Kenya worked closely with the AE Hub key officers to undertake field visits, a participatory planning session and two workshops to strengthen the capacities of the targeted IGA-Groups. Further Farmer Research Network (FRN) was set up for upscaling in the Western Kenya Region.

13 Transformational Agroecology across Food, Land, and Water Systems Initiative

The “Transformational Agroecology across Food, Land, and Water Systems” Initiative (AE-I) is one of 32 initiatives of the One CGIAR. The AE-I is implemented by seven

CGIAR entities alongside CIRAD and CIFOR-ICRAF under the auspices of the Transformative Partnership Platform on Agroecology (“Agroecology TPP”).

The overall objective of the AE-I is that contextually relevant agroecological principles are applied by farmers and communities across a wide range of contexts and supported by other food system actors by 2024. The initiative has five main work packages through which it aims to achieve its overall objective:

1. Transdisciplinary co-creation of innovations (beyond practices) in Agroecological Living Labs (ALLs).
2. Evidence-based assessments that enable comparison of benefits and trade-offs between ‘business-as-usual’ and agroecological alternatives across ALLs.
3. Development of inclusive business models and financing strategies in the ALLs
4. Strengthening the policy and institutional enabling environment.
5. Understanding and influencing behaviour change.



Policy Influence and Advocacy on Agroecological Practices

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 practising 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 meagre, resulting in the duty bearers

not allocating adequate resources for agriculture and environmental 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.



Religious leaders issue call to action on Lifting of the ban on GMO

Linking Local to Global Agroecological Discussion

The World Soil Day Celebration

The 2022 World Soil Day (WSD) celebration was held in Bungoma County in collaboration with the County Government of Bungoma, GIZ Ke pro soil project, Kimaeti CBO and 3KM Sacco.

The event raised awareness of the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems and human well-being by addressing the growing challenges in soil management, increasing soil awareness and encouraging societies to improve soil health with the theme of the campaign “Soils: Where Food Begins”



Mr. David Kersting from GIZ KE and Mr. Fredrick Wotia CDA Bungoma visiting PK MOs exhibition during the WSD



A cake-cutting session during the WSD celebration



Participation in COP 26 discussion

PELUM Kenya took part in the global climate change discussion in 2022. Four PELUM Kenya staff and 1 board member participated in the UNFCCC COP 26 discussions and side events as panellists on agroecological practices.

The Country Coordinator Ms Rosinah Mbenya participated in a side event on Directing climate finance towards resilient and agroecological food systems organized by Both ends, iPES Food, AFSA and Future and Foods. The Country Coordinator shared the opportunities for directing climate finance towards resilient and agroecology food systems. Ms Manei the Head of Programmes participated in the Koronivia's Future: Role of Agroecology side event where she presented on the Importance of Agroecology in the future KJWA in response to climate change adaptation and resilience among smallholder farmers and pastoralists in Kenya. Mr Kahuho then presented in the SSNC side event on environmental defenders and Ms Mary Irungu participated in the AFSA side event on Promoting a resilient food system in the climate crisis and presented on “Why Adaptation through Agroecology is the future for Kenyan Farmers”.

CIDP engagement

2022 was the year in which counties were developing their third-generation County Integrated Development Plan (2023-2027). PELUM Kenya engaged Bungoma Laikipia, Siaya, Busia, Murang'a, Kiambu, Machakos,

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Kajiado, and Vihiga and submitted 10 priority action areas for inclusion in the County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) which included:

1. Create an enabling environment for the promotion and adoption of agroecology and agrobiodiversity conservation.
2. Local markets for farmers.
3. Soil and water conservation, strengthening agricultural extension systems to deliver increased productivity,
4. Resilience to climate change and wealth creation.
5. Supporting integrated pest management (IPM) and other alternative approaches to pest and disease management.
6. Strengthening multi-stakeholder/innovation platforms to support agroecology and sustainable agriculture.
7. Support promotion, uptake and scale of agroforestry.
8. Community-based seedbanks,
9. Support for Agricultural Training Centres or model farms approach.
10. Promote access to organic farm inputs.



Ms. Mary Irungu PELUM Kenya Advocacy Officer giving a presentation during COP 26, AFSA side event on agroecology

Enhancing Cross-Sectoral and Vertical Scales Policy Coherence in Kenya for Agroecology Support

Intersectoral exchanges of agriculture, environment, health, and trade for national and county governments

PELUM Kenya organized a cross-sectoral exchange forum for policymakers from the Ministry of Health, Agriculture, Trade, and Environment from the National and County Governments.

This forum provided a shared learning platform for different actors drawn from government, farmers and CSO to interact and communicate on sustainable food systems and the role of agroecology. It further increased information exchange between policymakers, food system actors, and CSOs of different focus (agriculture, health, environment, trade)

The forum collectively recognized the need for frequent formal interaction to increase synergies among various sectors at the national and county level

County-to-county exchange

During the cross-sectoral forum, county-to-county best practices on agroecology were shared.

Kiambu and Murang'a counties had an opportunity to share the initiatives on agroecology policy while Busia County shared on Biodiversity conservation policy.

The director for agriculture in Murang'a County Mr Daniel Gitahi shared the factors that necessitated the formulation of the agroecology policies and act, among them being health issues like increased cases of Non-Communicable Diseases in the county, increased soil acidification and horticultural production for export.

He also shared the challenges such as funding and change of political regime.

Other counties represented were Makueni, Machakos, Vihiga, and Kajiado who also shared their milestone in the integration of agroecology in policies and practices. But expressed the need for more sensitization on agroecological practices to the policymakers and also extension staff.

An exposure and learning visit to Sylvia Basket organic farm in Kiambu County.

The participants had the opportunity to visit Sylvias Basket, an organic farm in Kiambu County. The participants appreciated the potential of agroecological practices and their practicability in application among smallholder farmers.



Policymakers from the National and County government during a field exposure and learning visit at Sylvia Basket organic farm in Mai Mahiu

EOAI integration to the East African Community (EAC).

PELUM Kenya, which hosts the EOAI Regional Secretariat secured an appointment with the EAC Deputy Secretary General (DSG) in charge of Productive and Social Sectors in Arusha, Tanzania, to lobby for EAC support of the AU- Led EOAI in the region. The was attended by 4 RSC members, EAC- Deputy Secretary General, EAC Principal Agricultural Economist and EOA-I Coordinator. The Deputy Secretary-General directed that

- EOA-I Secretariat to spearhead developing Regional Agroecology Strategy by November 2022

and anchored in the EAC Food and Agriculture Policy.

- The DSG appointed Mr Fahari Marwa- Principal Agriculture Economist, as our focal EOAI person.
- Recommended EOA-I to work on the review and harmonizing standards for organic products in the region.
- EOAI team to work towards the revision of the June 2018 decision to reject the proposal to endorse and partner with EOAI.
- The EAC is ready to host the EOAI Secretariat once the EAC Council of Ministers approves the decision.



Eastern Africa EOA-I Regional Steering committee courtesy visit to EAC Headquarters , Arusha in March 2022



Participants of the stakeholder workshop to vision the development of a national agroecology strategy

National Policies Formulation Support

The year 2022 marked the year when the National Government, through the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives began the formulation of an agroecology strategy.

National Agroecology Strategy

PELUM Kenya in collaboration with ISFAA and KOAN supported the stakeholder workshop to vision the development of a national agroecology strategy. The main objective was to provide a participatory baseline visioning of the development of the National Agroecology Strategy based on stakeholder experiences and input.

National Agroforestry Strategy

PELUM Kenya through the ASAALI programme supported the National Agroforestry Strategy - Counties consultative forum for Wajir, Mandera and Garissa counties.

The strategy is now pending validation and launch by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives.



Mr Farah Saman, Wajir County Director for agriculture giving his opening remarks during the Northern Frontier National Agroforestry Strategy consultative forum in Wajir Town



Participants of the national agroecology strategy formulation kick off meeting

Campaign against GMOs

Following the lift of the ban on Genetic Modified Organisms (GMOs) in November 2022, PELUM Kenya supported sensitizations forums with religious leaders, PELUM Kenya Member Organizations and farmers across the 4 PELUM Kenya operating zones.

The main objectives of the forums were to:

- To discuss the place of Justice, fairness and equity of Biotechnology in today's modern Agriculture
- To create awareness of the socio-economic, environmental and health impact of GMOs
- To appreciate the importance of Indigenous seeds and cultural diets to our communities.
- During the forum, a joint communiqué and call to action to the government in reinforcing the ban were issued.



A section of religious leaders issuing a call to action to the government on GMOs

Conscience Alimen Terre campaign

PELUM Kenya supported INADES Formation to contribute to the realization, of the African Countries, of the right of populations to sufficient, healthy and sustainable food, through increased food citizenship and active monitoring of the respect of states' obligations in this area, with a focus on the rights of the most vulnerable people and groups.

The Theme of the Conscience Alimen Terre campaign was

"The toxicity of chemical pesticides and fertilizers for humans and the environment, an offence to the right to food".

At the national level, the campaign brought together the national and county government, farmers and practitioners and urged the government to remove toxic pesticides for a healthy nation and environment



From left: Ms Rosinah Mbenya PELUM Kenya National Coordinator, Mr. Joseph Munyoki Inades Formation Kenya MD, Ms. Anne Maina BIBA Kenya National Coordinator and Mr. Eustace Kiarrii KOAN CEO during Press briefing

PELUM Kenya organized an Agroecology Actors' Multi-Stakeholder forum to reflect and share experiences. The Goal of the forum was to provide a shared learning platform for agroecology actors to interact and communicate progress, lessons, achievements, and challenges in the various agroecology initiatives and platforms. In addition, the forum also aimed at increasing synergies among various agroecology initiatives and platforms at the national and county level and to collectively develop a road map on how to enhance the achievement of agroecology initiatives and platforms' goal in future



A section of the participants for the agroecology actors forum

The agroecological forums represented included:

- a) ISFAA
- b) Meru Agroecology Multi-Stakeholder Forum
- c) Murang'a Agroecology Multi-Stakeholder Forum
- d) Family Farming
- e) Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative
- f) Climate Smart Agriculture Initiative
- g) YALTA
- h) Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture in Eastern AFRICA (KHEA) Initiative



Dr David Amudavi during the agroecological actors' forum

The advocacy component aims to deliver impact in the following areas:

- Increased awareness of Agroecology among key stakeholders;
- Increased participation of MOs and farmers in the budget-making process
- Enhanced capacities of PELUM Kenya MOs to influence policies at County and National levels.

Lower Eastern and Coast Zone

The goal of PELUM Kenya in its advocacy and policy influence is to advocate for better policy outcomes that enhance agroecological practices and improve food and nutritional security and environmental conservation. The strategies used are Media engagement, public awareness, Engagement meetings, Sensitization meetings, Memorandums, Campaigns, Alliance and partnership building.

Sensitization meeting

In 2022 LECZ organized and held a Sensitization meeting in Kajiado to identify issues affecting pastoralists. The

meeting was for members organizations and farmers from Kajiado county

The aim of the meeting was:

- Sensitization of the members on pastoral issues
- Identification of the gaps that need advocacy
- Prioritization of the gaps
- Whom to target
- The way forward and action plan



Group photo of members of the pastoral community from Kajiado County during the sensitization meeting

Review meeting on the fiscal budget for the national and county budgets

The zone organized review meetings for the county budget for Taita Taveta and Kajiado where we presented memoranda to the two county assemblies for consideration. The meetings were held on 18th May 2022 in Taita Taveta County 23rd May in Machakos county and 26th May in Kajiado County. The main issues presented where There is a need for more budget allocation in the agriculture department to be 10% of the county budget as stipulated in the Maputo declaration. The County government needs to allocate enough resources for public participation to ensure residents of the county are part of decision-making in the county. The county government needs to adhere to the fiscal rule of ensuring that not more than 35% of the total county government's revenue goes to employees' wages and benefits.



Machakos county budget public participation forum

The County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP) is usually one of the first tasks of a newly elected government and arguably one of its most critical tasks. It is the core five-year development plan that integrates the long-term spatial, sector and urban plans with inputs from the Governor's manifesto, national government plans and programs, past county development performance and the views and expectations of other development actors and the public at large. The CIDP sets the priorities and guides all county government spending until the next elections. The zonal office supported KDC staff and farmers to attend Kitui's CIDP formulation process in Migwani and Kikumini on 3rd November 2022.



County economist taking the participants through the county budget



Mr Ngunjiri Kihoro, from PELUM Kenya taking participants through the budget cycle

Nairobi and Central Zone

Advocacy activities in Nairobi & Central zone for the year 2022 focused on sensitizing farmers to improve grassroots participation in policy influence and decision making in agroecology, creating awareness on the policy environment at the county levels and creating avenues for farmers to engage with their elected political leaders.

Leveraging on the various initiatives led by Member organizations, the zone was able to review and submit a memorandum for the Kiambu fiscal budget 2022-2023,



A Sensitization forum for Muranga County technical staff and PELUM Kenya MOs. The forum was organized in collaboration with ICE Kenya MO

Murang'a County agroecology and natural resource benefit sharing bills.

Farmers & MOs were also supported to participate in the Policy development briefing made by the Director for Agriculture, Murang'a County. The goal of Murang'a County agroecology policy which has already been accented to by the Governor is to sustainably produce, increase farmer's income and enable safe and healthy foods in Murang'a County.

The implementation strategy is based on complementary interventions with advocacy activities focusing on two levels: (a) sensitization and awareness creation, and (b) exposure and engagement to create an enabling environment for farmers to practice agroecology.

Submission to the Kiambu County 2023 – 2027 CIDP and 2022/2023 fiscal budget

The submission developed by farmers and MOs for the two public participation events captured the following development issues and needs:

1. Agro-ecology policy for Kiambu County. The policy is in draft form and only awaiting executive approval.
2. Water distribution.
3. Provide domestic and irrigation water for households in the Kamburu ward by enlarging Nyamweru dam and constructing other dams to serve Kagaa and Kamucege locations with adequate water. This is to start in the financial year 2022 – 2023.
4. Complete vocational training centre in Kamucege to start training in financial 2023 – 2024. Agro-ecology to be introduced as a course since it's a new centre.
5. Support the community/farmer cooperatives emerging in the Kamburu ward including Multifarm Kamburu Cooperative Society (dairy for now) and Karigi Horticulture Cooperative (flowers) which were begun and are run by local farmers.
6. Repair the remaining major connecting roads to all weather status to ease transportation of organic produce and other farm produce. These roads include:
7. Upgrade local markets to ease agribusiness and set aside organic spaces in bigger markets to aid faster uptake of agroecology, beginning the financial year 2023 – 2024.



Madam Cecilia, Lari sub-county agricultural Officer contributing to the sensitization forum on policies and laws that promote agroecological livelihoods held at SACDEP Centre

Through IWAMA DIFE Project OACK supported farmers and staff on 23rd November to Muranga County-Governor's offices to learn more from the County policies and strategy developers. This involved 25 participants (16women, 9 women among them 5youths) comprising farmer-leaders from beneficiary groups of the IWAMA project, OACK staff and agribusiness officers.



Mr James Nyaga (Above left) and Daniel Gitahi (right) both agriculture policy and strategies officers in the Murang'a County government address participants during a courtesy visit by the organic farmers on November 23rd 2022

Upper Eastern and Coast Zone

Seed sovereignty forums for farmers and Mos.

Organized on 9th September 2022 in Isiolo County at ADSMKE Isiolo Station. Participants were 21 in total; male – 7 and female – 14. The main aim of the forum was to provide a platform for farmers to share their experiences, lessons, and challenges in farmer-managed seed system practice. Furthermore, MO extension officers and farmer champions present were sensitized on indigenous seeds systems, seed saving and seed banking and encouraged to keep farmer seed systems alive through practice.



A lead farmer working with LPCT sharing her knowledge, experiences and lessons over time in seed work with participants during the seed forum

County engagement meetings with policymakers on prioritized issues in Meru County

Held on 5th December 2022 in Meru County, at Caritas Meru. The main focus was promoting agroecology in Meru County. The forum was grazed by a representative from the Meru County government Department of agriculture livestock and Fisheries. Top of discussion was synergizing Meru County agroecology policy and integration of agroecology in the county-integrated development plan.



Mr Morris of CEO Caritas Meru made a presentation on agroecology during a county engagement meeting with representatives from the Meru County Department of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries



Public participation forum Baringo County CIDP, Muchongi ward, where extension officers and lead farmers working with Caritas Nyahuru participated

Support Mos and farmers to participate in policy-making processes at County Level

Member organizations' extension officers and lead farmers were sensitized and guided on the process of CIDP development and the importance of the public participation forums in the CIDP process. The extension officers and lead farmers then participated in public participation forums in Nanyuki County on Nanyuki County CIDP process on 26th October 2022 in Segera ward and 28th October 2022 in Naibor ward where MOs working in Laikipia County participated in IPSIA, LPC Caritas Nyahuru.



Extension officer from IPSIA giving his inputs during Laikipia County CSOs Sector meeting on CIDP development.



Advocacy Forum on identified issues for MOS and farmers; Meru and Isiolo County

Held on 19th May 2022 in Meru County and 20th May 2022 in Isiolo County. Participants were comprised of MOs extension officers and farmers' champions. The forum engaged the director of agriculture livestock and fisheries and the top discussion were issues affecting small-scale farmers and some of the intervention by the county to help caution the farmers to adapt. Farmers also shared some of the strategies they employ to adapt to the effects of climate change. The top issues affecting farmers were;

- Prolonged drought season threatening food production in already vulnerable communities
- Pest and diseases
- Poor agricultural extension service
- Weak market linkages
- Affordability and accessibility of farm inputs and equipment

Some of the practices farmers were advised to adopt included the following;

- Adoption of sustainable agriculture
- Rangeland management techniques
- Adoption of agroecology, organic farming
- Adoption of vertical farming; grow bags.
- Sinking boreholes in communities through farmer groups' support.

CIDP public participation forum Laikipia County Naibor Ward, where extension officers and lead farmers working with IPSIA, LPC and Caritas Nyahuru participated.



Farmer Champion working with CEFA making a presentation on issues affecting farmers during the advocacy forum



Isiolo County Director of agriculture Miss Florence Mwangangi making her presentation to the farmers in the Isiolo advocacy forum

Rift Western Kenya Zone

Public participation in county budget making (Nakuru, homabay, Narok) and Climate change bill review for Homabay county

The zonal office organised 3 public participation meetings in Nakuru, Homabay and Narok in March and was able to develop memos with proposed projects to be considered in the FY budget 2022/23 in the three counties.

Some of the projects that were considered in the budget estimates included:

- Value addition for farm produce like groundnuts establishment of cottage industries for the crops.
- Agrobiodiversity conservation (indigenous seed projects).
- Water conservation for agriculture- provision of dam line for crops and animal production.
- Agroforestry- distribution of adaptable trees and fruits.
- Climate-smart agriculture- county to support farmers with drought-resistant seeds for crops that are favourable to areas with unfavourable climate.

The one-day forum was held at CREP offices on 28th June. A brief phone survey was undertaken by the member organisation to identify the issues which were categorised majorly as follows:

- Organic markets
- Policy Influence on Agroecology
- Pest and disease management



Radio talk on the identified issue – GMO

The radio talk was done at West FM in Bungoma on 18th October by two staff from TRANSCOM and ADS -W on GMOs and why we should shun it away. They also discussed the advantages of using indigenous seeds that have not been altered. Some of the recommendations from the radio talk were:

- More Radio shows should be done frequently to create more awareness.
- There should be at least a T.o.T champion trained in every member Organization who will reach out to the farmers easily.
- The discussion should continue with learning institutions
- Have extra time for radio shows to at least 2 hr to allow interaction with listeners

Institutional Strengthening, networking, and Capacity Development



PELUM Kenya is a member-driven Network with 57 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 sharing information about agroecological practices. This involves Training member organizations and conducting monitoring and evaluation visits to support member organizations in implementing joint activities.

Institutional strengthening, networking and capacity development can help create an enabling environment for

Members display seeds varieties at the exhibition site during the Networking Indigenous Seeds and Food fair Harvest

adopting agroecology, promote the sharing of knowledge and best practices, and build the skills and confidence of farmers and other stakeholders to implement agroecological practices effectively. This, in turn, can contribute to developing more sustainable, resilient and equitable food systems that benefit Kenyans



The delegates during press conference. The Chairman PELUM Kenya Collins Othieno reading the communique

PELUM Kenya AGM

PELUM Kenya AGM was held in Kasarani Sportsview Hotel on 15th July 2022. 49 (15f, 24m) Member delegates participated. The AGM allowed the Members to be informed about the network activities and deliberate on the Audit Report. During the meeting, the delegates held a press conference and demanded ten (10) calls for action items among them; the essential Items were,

- Adoption of Agroecology
- Increase budgetary allocation to Agriculture
- Ban on harmful Agrochemicals
- Development of Favourable Agroecology Policies

Five (5) new member applicants joined the PELUM Kenya network

1. Micro Enterprises Support Programme Trust (MESPT)
2. Hand in Hand Eastern Africa (HiH EA)
3. Tharaka Children & Women Welfare Programme (TCWWP)
4. Agriculture Improvement Support Services (AGRIS)
5. Rural Energy and Food Security Organization (REFSO)

Development of the Zonal Resource Mobilization Strategies

A 3 days workshop was organized from 27th to 29th July 2022. 4 The members of Nairobi and Central, Rift Valley and Western, Lower Eastern and Coast, Upper Eastern and Coast Zones developed zonal Strategies. Developing the Strategies is to enhance Members' capacity in Resource mobilization to support Member Organizations' needs, Fundraising trends and opportunities. 47 participated.

Networking, Indigenous Seeds and Food Fair Symposium.

PELUM Kenya, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, BIBA Kenya, National Museums of Kenya, Growth Partners Africa (GPA), African Biodiversity Network (ABN) Seed Savers Network, Intersectoral Forum for Agrobiodiversity and Agroecology (ISFAA), Genet-

ic Research Resource Institute (GERRI), Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate (KEPHIS), KARLO Seed Centre Thika, Heinrich Boll Foundation (HBF), HIVOs and others whose primary purpose was to stimulate debate, understanding, and appreciation of farmer-managed seeds and their contribution to food and nutrition security while at the same time launching a seed exhibit at the museum. The event was held at the National Museum of Kenya from the 13th to 14th of October 2022.

This was achieved through exhibitions, keynote presentations, panel discussions, and plenary sessions under four subthemes; seeds and resilience of communities to climate change; women of the seed harvest, medicinal foods and seed governance, and indigenous technical knowledge /farmer-managed seed systems (FMSS) and rights. 349 Participants were recorded on the second day, 13th Oct 2022. The Members and Farmers present also participated in an exhibition competition event organized where awards were presented to the Winners.



From Left: Dr Kiprop Lagat (Director Culture), Anne Maina (BIBA Kenya), Rosina Mbenya (PELUM Kenya), and Charles Macharia (Farmer) at the Plenary session



BILOGI Exhibition during the 1st Indigenous Seeds and Food Culture Harvest Fair at the National Museum of Kenya



Part of the 1st Indigenous Seeds and Food Culture Harvest Fair organizing committee (from Left: Mr Sebastian Wambugu -PELUM Kenya board member, Ms Rosinah Mbenya, PELUM Kenya Country Coordinator, Dr. Martin Oulu- ISFAA, Ms. Venter Mwongera ABN, Ms. Anne Maina-BIBA, Prof. Mary Gikungu -National Museum of Kenya, Ms. Peris Kariuki -NMK and Eng. Laban Kiplagat -Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

Zonal Networking Reflection meeting

The Reflection meeting was held in Nakuru and facilitated by Mr Zachary Makanya, former PELUM Kenya CEO and currently CEO of RIDEP, on 22nd and 23rd Nov 2022. The meeting was organized to reflect on and evaluate Zonal Networking, an Initiative ratified in the 2014 AGM held in Meru. The participants for the workshop were PELUM Kenya staff, PELUM Kenya board members and representatives from member Organizations.

Capacity Building on community seed and knowledge methodologies and approaches.

PELUM Kenya, in partnership with Africa Biodiversity Network (ABN) and Seed Savers Network (SSN), organized a training program on community seed and knowledge methodologies and approaches. The four days training workshop was held in Nakuru County. It brought together 23 participants from different PELUM Kenya, ABN Member Organizations (MOs), and farmers' group representatives. The workshop comprised two days of indoor learning sessions and two days of practical engagement and exposure with Seed Savers Farmers



Varieties of millet at Seed Savers Network Seeds multiplication farm in Gilgil



Mr Zachary Makanya, the day's facilitator, overviews the zonal networking background

Staff Review, Planning and Reflection/Team Building

In December 2022, PELUM Kenya organized its review, planning, and reflection from 20th to 22nd December 2022 at Taita Hills Safari Resort in Taita Taveta 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 2023. Team building strengthens relationships and improves communication, collaboration and trust among PELUM Kenya staff. 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.



PELUM Kenya staff during the Staff Retreat at Taita Hills Safari Resort

Capacity building on advocacy and policy influencing for public budgets

PELUM Kenya organized a 3-day workshop on Advocacy and policy influencing with a focus on public budgets. The workshop target advocacy officers and staff assigned advocacy role in the MOs. The participants increased their knowledge of the Public budget-making process at the National and County levels and strategies to influence budget allocation for agroecology. They also enhanced their skills in advocating for the integration of agroecology in policies and budget allocation for its practices at the National and County Levels



PELUM Kenya MOs representatives during the advocacy and policy influencing workshop

Digital Tools Dissemination Workshop

PELUM Kenya participated in the KCOA Dissemination Workshop at GBIACK organized by FiBL and BvAT to pilot dissemination gadgets (SMS Platform, Tablet, Raspberry Pi, and USB).

Purpose & Objectives:

- Train KCOA Multipliers on how to use the Raspberry Pi Micro Computer to disseminate and teach farmers in the field about organic farming
- Train participants to use a Raspberry Pi computer to distribute PDF documents via USB and Bluetooth.

Raspberry Pi is a small-sized computer with a screen touch was used, just like a tablet that can be used to store, and share information through USB, Bluetooth, and Flash Drives. Unlike a normal Tablet, it has ports for Flash disks and external speakers. This KCOA-FIBL training came in as a need for the KCOA's Multipliers to diversify the digital means by which they train and disseminate information on organic agriculture to farmers. There was also the need to understand the efficacy of using the Raspberry Pi in the field while training farmers.

The Multipliers used the devices to disseminate information on the manuals accessible via FIBL's Organic Africa website <https://www.organic-africa.net/>



PELUM Kenya in collaboration with FiBL and Biovision Africa Trust (BvAT) organized a workshop on KCOA Dissemination Tool at GBIACK - Thika

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Farmer Level Trainings in Western and Lower Eastern Regions

In March 2022, PELUM Kenya piloted with 3 Member Organizations to conduct around 16 trainings to 449 farmers (329 Females, 120 Males) in Kitui, Machakos, Makueni, Busia, Bungoma and Kakamega. The three Organizations are Inades Formation Kenya, A.D.S. Western and Kitui Development Centre.



Multiplier from ADS Wester training farmers on principles of organic farming (theory)



Multiplier from Kitui Development Centre (KDC) Training farmers on use of A-frame in making farm contours



ELUM Kenya and MOs staff during the World Environmental Day 2022 organized by Nairobi and Central Zone in Thika

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 endeavour 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.

Tree planting

During the Year 2022, over 2,500 Indigenous Tree seedlings were planted during events organized in Nairobi & Central and Rift Valley & Western Kenya Zones and World Environmental. PELUM Kenya networking zones. PELUM Kenya in collaboration with the MAJESH group of SACDEP in Nairobi and Central Zone mobilized over 200 community members in commemorating World Environment Day by planting over 200 tree seedlings. In addition, a community baraza was held at Kinale Forest in May collaborating with SACDEP and 40 farmers on the PELIS system (Plantation Establishment for Livelihoods Scheme). Also, linkages were built with Kinale Forest associations which ensured the re-afforestation of the In Rift Valley and Western Kenya Zone, the zonal office in

partnership with BAC organized a community baraza in Muchorwe-Kuresoi Sub-County. At least 70 participants attended the baraza including the guests from the Local Admin office, Min. of Water and Natural resource management and a county representative and over 100 Indigenous Tree seedlings were planted at Muchorowe Primary School. In Rift Western Kenya Zone, over 2,200 indigenous tree seedlings were planted in Koibatek, Mau and Kinale forests.

Establishment and development of Demonstration sites

3 Demonstration sites were established and have been serving as learning Centers in 3 Zones. In Upper Eastern and Northern Region Zone, the demo site was established by CARITAS Meru, Rift and Western Kenya Zone by MEAP and in LECZ by DNR. The demo sites have been used to showcase Agroecology technologies, dryland farming technologies for adaptation to climate change, small livestock keeping, and Agroforestry among others.

Three Agroecology demo sites were developed by MEAP in Rift Valley and Western Kenya Zone, DNRC in Lower Eastern and Coast Zone and CARITAS Meru in Upper Eastern and Northern Kenya Zone. In DNRC, over 1,000 diverse seedlings were propagated, 300 one-day-old layers chick were bought, 2 goats and a vermiculture project were initiated. Caritas Meru was supported by PELUM Kenya to facilitate the improvement of the Kamutune agroecology demonstration farm where 10 rabbit hutches were built and bought 2 saneen goats

which is an improved breed for milk production and one served pig. The demo farm is situated at the Akithi sub-location, Thinyaine location, Tigania West sub-county, Meru County. The entire 33-acre piece of land was donated by the community to the Catholic Church.



Small livestock project, Improved Rabbit breed at Kamutune Resource Farm



Sweet Potatoes MEAP Demonstration site in Rift Valley and Western Kenya Zone

Members of PELUM Kenya participated in awareness and development of Climate and Disaster Risks into Community planning and development, referred to as Participatory Assessment of Climate and Disaster Risks (PACDR), during a workshop held in Nakuru in April 2022. After Workshop 7, Member Organization shared information about the tool; for example, ADS Western played a crucial role in facilitating the development of the tool for the Vihiga County Government. Slow Food Kenya utilized the tool by mapping the Communities and Schools within Mau Forest since massive deforestation has occurred in the last three decades.

Lower Eastern and Coast Zone

Ikolya Water Resource Users (WRUA) Community Sensitization On Water Pollution

The event was held on 8th -9th September 2022 in Kilome communities were Sensitized on;

- Dangers of the biological and chemical pollution in Ikolya River as evidenced by Water analysis.
- Compliance with the rules and regulations regarding the protection of riparian land.
- Alternative agroecological farming systems that are in harmony with sustainable water resources management.



Ngunjiri Kihoro and Hellen Mwende sensitizing community members on the importance of adopting agroecological practices to improve the water quality in the Ikolya river

Earth Day Celebration

The event was held on 22nd April 2022 where 250 tree seedlings were planted

The objectives of the meeting;

1. Participate in a tree-planting campaign
2. Network with like-minded stakeholders in greening the environment
3. Awareness creation of the importance of environmental conservation



Mr Kihoro LECZ teaching pupils how to plant a tree during the Earth Day Celebrations

Community Baraza to create Awareness of identified NRM Practices

The event was held on on 20th May 2022 in Katangi Machakos county. Understanding Participatory Assessment of Climate and Disaster Risks (PACDR) tool Policies, plans and strategies for tackling disasters and climate change Advocacy interventions moving forward. 20 participants in attendance (11 Male and 9 Female) drawn from IFK, UDO, ADSE, and Local Administration



Community sensitization on PACDR in Katangi Machakos county 1

ICRAF/ CGIAR agroecology initiative

Asset Based Community-driven Development (ABCD) is an approach to sustainable community-driven development. Beyond the mobilization of a particular community, it is concerned with how to link micro-assets to the macro-environment. Asset Based Community Development's foundation is that communities drive the development process themselves by identifying and mobilizing existing, but often unrecognized assets. Thus, responding to challenges and creating social improvement and economic development.



Ms Victoria Apondi introduced the Asset Based Community Development approach

Nairobi and Central Zone

World Environmental Day

The event was Held in collaboration with the Majesh Group and attended by over 100 community members from the Majengo slum and other stakeholders. The event involved a Clean-up exercise of a section of Majengo and later a Tree seedling planting exercise at a Muslim Primary school. The event theme was "Only one earth, keep it clean" The theme was a simple statement of fact –Earth is the only home for mankind hence the need to conserve the environment. The two exercises were aimed at raising awareness and celebrating environmental actions.



Thika constituency MP, Alice Ng'anga planted a tree during 2022 World Environmental Day at Muslim Primary organized by Nairobi and Central Zone in Collaboration with SACDEP and Majesh group



PELUM Kenya and MOs staff during the World Environmental day 2022 organized by Nairobi and Central Zone in Thika

Part of the efforts towards Natural Resource management and conservation included organizing for community barazas to create awareness of the PERIS system (Plantation Establishment for livelihood scheme) to create an environment where farmers can interact with the forest sustainably. Supporting Member organizations to establish/strengthen relationships with stakeholders working in the forest was also emphasized as part of the efforts to strengthen the support base for natural resource management.



Mr Ngere-SACDEP Staff MO, Kiambu Ecosystem Conservator, Uplands Forester, Kamae Forester, Assistant EC, Kinale CFA secretary during a tour of Kiambu forest sites



Above; IWAMA DIFE II Partners collaboration in tree planting at Gatare forest in Muranga. In 2022, 6,552 different tree species seedlings were planted by IWAMA DIFE II Partners both in Gatare and Uplands forests

IWAMA DIFE Project 2022 initiative sought to enhance the sustainability of the demo farms and create awareness and increase the adoption of water harvesting technologies as mitigation measures against climate change among farmers. Partners supported farmers and farmer groups to establish water pans.



Above; Madam Jane Chege, a beneficiary of water pan through OACK and below Mr Fred whose farm supported the establishment of a demo farm and hosted several farmers learning and field days



Rift- Western Kenya Zone

Community baraza on identified NRM issues

The zonal office in partnership with BAC organized a community baraza in Muchorwe-Kuresoi Sub-County. At least 70 participants attended the baraza (40F, 30M) including the guests from the Local Admin office, Min. of Water and Natural resource management and a county representative. The guests discussed some of the proper and required practices that are recommended to ensure the management of the available resources within the community. At the end of the baraza, the community planted at least 100 trees at Muchorwe primary school which was supported by BAC and the community to dig a borehole for the students for easy water accessibility and hygiene within the school.



Tree planting during the Community baraza in Muchorwe, Nakuru County

World Environmental Day – Koibatek and Kimaeti

The three-day activity (3rd-5th June) involved 6 participants (3F, 3M) who camped at the Koibatek forest amongst other youths like the Dedan Kimathi Foundation and Peace Ambassadors Kenya. At least 2000 indigenous trees were planted not attaining the expected 50k due to weather uncertainty like rainfall. During consistent rainfall, the trees will be planted to reach the target.

The WED activity was organized by Kimaeti CBO who is a partner in the ALIVE project funded by VIAP. The participants came from 2 local schools and the community members as well as the guests from NEMA, GAF, Min. of water and PELUM among others.

At least 500 trees were planted and 1500 were distributed to all the participants to plant in their homes.

Upper Eastern and Northern Kenya Zone

Radio talks and TV shows on climate change adaptation

Organized on 14th December 2022 in Meru County at Weru Tv station. Weru Tv/Weru FM is 24-hour television and radio station broadcasting in Meru and Swahili dialects targeting larger Mt. Kenya region that covers Meru, Tharaka Nithi, Isiolo, Embu, Laikipia with a population reach of over 11 million. Discussions on climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies in the region.

<https://we.tl/t-59uTlvyKuA>

<https://web.facebook.com/watch/live/?ref=search&v=574411627396815>



Ms Margaret Ikiara from CIFORD participating in a Tv talk show on Weru Tv on the topic of climate change adaptation and mitigation

Community dialogues forums in the zone with policymakers

MO extension officers and lead farmers participated in a community dialogue forum with policy maker on 8th December 2022 in Laikipia County at LPC. Participants were 27 in total; female 20 and male 7. Present were representatives from Laikipia County from the directorate of agriculture livestock and fisheries.

Sensitization and awareness of the existing policies in Laikipia County; this included;

- Rangelands management policy.
- Red meat Policy.

Introduction and mainstreaming of agroecology in county agriculture programmes and existing policies

Agro-Enterprise and Market Development Component



Farmers from Nairobi and Central Zone displaying various certified farm products under the Kilimohai Mark

Green Action Week 2022 in Githunguri, Kiambu County

Organic Value Chain Analysis and Organic Consumers Survey

The exercise's main purpose was to analyze the viable organic value in every PELUM Kenya Zone and assess consumer awareness of Organic foods and products. The combined survey covered all four PELUM Kenya Zones namely LECZ, RWKZ, UENKZ and NC Zones. The Survey that was validated in the 1st quarter of 2022 provided the basis for many other programme activities and valuable information for planning across the 4 zones. The following were the key outcomes and benefits accrued from the documented information.

1. Mapping of the existing potential organic value chains
2. Analysis of the supporting functions necessary for the value chains to work
3. Assessed the competitiveness of the Organic Value chains and recommended how to create the necessary competitive edges in the targeted sectors
4. Assessed the cost, profit, marketing and supply & demand dynamics of the organic value chains
5. Recommended the organic value chains that are most strategic for the PELUM Kenya network

6. Highlight the relationship between the kind of organic products that customers buy and the benefit of using Organic Products.
7. Identified the factors of consumer attitude towards organic product purchase and consumption.
8. And finally, the Survey outlined the development plans and interventions that are most strategic for the network based on the data and information gathered.

Development of a House Hold Income Tracking Tool

The development of the Tool during the year under review was a major milestone in the Programme whose broader objective has always been to improve Household incomes among small-scale farmers & pastoralists through agribusiness. The existence of a tool to measure these incomes is considered to be so central in determining the performance of the programme. In pursuit of this Tool, therefore, PELUM Kenya brought on board a consultant who participatory developed a practical tool in conjunction with PELUM Kenya MOs extension officers. The Kobo Tool was therefore validated and projected for administration periodically across the Income generating ventures by the target smallholder fares and pastoralists.

It is projected that cumulative data through the usage of this Tool shall provide valuable data on the progression of household incomes attributable to PELUM Kenya interventions.



Participants of the National Organic Certification Processes Workshop at GBIACK

Held a National Certification Workshop for MOs staff

One of the major handles for most Organic farmers and groups across the Network has been accessing premium markets for their produce and products. On assessing this need, PELUM Kenya organized a 2-day National Organic Certification Workshop for member organizations at GBIACK to build the capacity of the Extension workers in this area. Certification processes explored included Fair Trade, PGS, KEBS, and Third-Party Certification. A total of 22 MOs who had expressed interest were ably represented.

SME COSALO / support thro: SAC-DEP, SMART Initiatives, NIA and LPC

During the year under review, PELUM Kenya identified and assessed emerging group enterprises across the Network for support in areas of small & medium enterprises as well as community Savings and Loaning activities geared towards the improvement of household incomes among small-scale farmers. The groups that benefited were working with the following MOs; NIA, LPC, SMART Initiatives, NECOFA, YARD, SACDEP and YARD



Ongoing Construction of Kakamega Community Seed Bank

Conducted Capacity Enhancement training on Soil Health for MOs Staff

The dwindling capacity of our soils to sustain food production has been such a big concern for the Agroecology movement and this led to PELUM Kenya taking various actions from the Radio Talk show in 2021 to facilitating a National workshop for MOs extension staff. The workshop focused on such areas as soil building and amendment agroecological practices at a time when the country is grappling with the industrial fertilizer crisis.

Developed and printed IEC Fact-sheets on Organic Certification

Organic market development remains central to the AEMD programme as it is the cog that enables the Organic farmer to income. In PELUM Kenya collaborated with Kenya Organic Agriculture Network to develop reader-friendly Factsheets on Organic Certification processes in response to this need materials were prepared in both soft and hard copies for continuous sharing with the MOs and champion farmers.

Supported SSN to undertake a survey, seed fair and building of community seed learning facility

It is not possible to promote Agroecology and fail to talk about indigenous seeds. This is because, without seeds, there is no life. PELUM Kenya recognizes this important intervention so well and has therefore supported several strategic MOs to be at the forefront of this intervention. Among them is Seed Savers Network (SSN) based at Gilgil but has presented several Counties including Nakuru, Kakamega, Baringo and Vihiga counties.

In the year under review, PELUM Kenya supported SSN to undertake Indigenous Seeds knowledge surveys, Seed Fairs across four Counties and participatory construction of Seed Centres (Initially termed as seed learning facility) in Nakuru and Kakamega Counties.

PELUM Kenya continues to collaborate with McKnight Foundation mainly in the Rift & Western Kenya Zone. A major joint planning meeting was held at Manor House Agricultural College in July where the PELUM Kenya committed to further collaboration in areas of data collection, capacity building of groups in areas of Agribusiness and linkages with key stakeholders. The seven community groups across the four Zones that benefited from smartphones from the McKnight/PELUM Kenya partnership further participated in the two separate workshops held in MHAC and SACDEP. The workshops focused on Marketing skills and Certification knowledge of their products. The women's groups included Kanyondero, Okame and Umbrella from RWKZ. Gitwe W/Group came from N&C Zone while Iyale Angamiza Njaa came from LECZ while Nabulu Mukuri and Twala W/groups came from Laikipia.

Market Development Committee

The Program's Advisory committee, namely AgroEnterprise & Market Development Committee, met thrice in 2022. During these scheduled meetings, the committee scrutinized business plans from the earlier identified SME and COSALO beneficiaries and

recommended the most appropriate levels of support interventions.

Capacity building of EOA Regional partners on Participatory Guarantee Systems

The Capacity of EOA Country Lead Organizations (CLOs) and regional partners spearheading the implementation of the EOA program was enhanced by training 17 participants on Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS) procedures and processes. Participants were drawn from 6 Eastern Africa Countries (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Ethiopia). Key actions arrived at include;-

- Developing a joint regional calendar of PGS activities by KOAN
- Having joint work plans and budgets to implement PGS
- Organize trade fairs, and exhibitions promoting Organic farming in the region,
- Organize regional PGS trainings and documentation of PGS activities,
- Revive and strengthen the regional Joint Management Committee on PGS



Gitare Community seed learning facility through the support of PELUM Kenya and Seed Savers Network



Staff from EOA Implementing partners in Kenya learn about Banana management practices at Kulika Uganda during exchange and learning visit

EOA PIPs exposure and learning visit to Uganda

Exposure and learning visit for PIPs was organized in Uganda, whereby two farms (Kulika Centre and Jero Farm) were visited. 11 staff from PIPs (SACDEP, KOAN, Egerton University, Farm Kenya) participated in the visit. Participants were able to learn about organic farming and agroecological practices, use of biopesticides

and biofertilizers, soil fertility management practices, soil and water conservation techniques, integration of crops and livestock farming, agroforestry, green energy innovations, and vermiculture. The farms also value the addition of their farm produce and marketing. The farms offer organic farming and agroecology training to farmers, extension staff, and other stakeholders. The staff gained valuable information, skills and knowledge towards promoting ecological organic agriculture in respective organizations.

PELUM Kenya, through the support of the project, participated in the A.S.K Eldoret Branch

The theme was “Promoting Innovation and Technology in Agriculture and Trade.” The National Agriculture Show is an annual event that creates an opportunity to disseminate information on best farming practices to farmers and the Kenyan populace. The stakeholders involved further enable Linkage to markets, affordable financing and quality inputs, and post-harvest practices as part of their exhibits to the show visitors.

PELUM Kenya, through the support of the project, participated in the A.S.K Eldoret Branch for four days from 2nd to 5th March 2022.

Key achievements;

1. Winning the Chairman's commendation Trophy – The branding was top notch attracting more than 600 visitors to the exhibition tent.
2. There was representation from different counties under the umbrella of PELUM Kenya creating a lot of networking.
3. The exhibitors were showcasing organic products, including indigenous foods.
4. The County Government of Uasin Gishu was impressed with Organic Agriculture, especially biopesticides and biofertilizers.
5. New markets for exhibitors- Bringing a variety of products with a lot of potential.
6. Interested stakeholders expressed interest in joining PELUM Kenya Network.
7. Invited to Kenya Prisons- Ngeria Farm Farmers' Show on July 2022, Nakuru National Agriculture Show and Machakos National Agriculture Show (June-July 2022)
8. Certification bodies like KEBS were interested in training and certifying the value-added products being showcased.

Chief Guests visiting the PELUM Kenya Exhibition tent, Left : Anne Nyaga, C.A.S.- Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, National Government



The Governor of Uasin Gishu, Jackson Kiplagat Arap Mandago



Kitale A.S.K Show



Indigenous maize seeds exhibited by farmers

Below: Exhibition set up at the National Agriculture Show



The RWK zonal office attended the Kitale branch A.S.K show for 4 days between the 26th to 29th of October. This being the first time PELUM Kenya was attending the Kitale branch ASK the MOs had a lot of exhibitions including the indigenous maize which at that time the government had lifted the GMO ban and there was a lot

of debate on the same. The Agroecology hub supported by the McKnight Foundation was at that time rolling out the packaging materials with labels for the Okame Pumpkin SHG and Kiptaruswo Group for Pumpkin and leguminous porridge. The event created a good platform to test the sale of the product having upgraded them.



Consumers and service providers linking up with organic traders doing an exhibition of various products. Below: Poster for the event used to popularise the event online

Hybrid Forum on Market Linkages and Emerging Opportunities in Organic Agriculture

PELUM Kenya Organized a hybrid forum on Market Linkages and Emerging Opportunities in Organic Agriculture for farmers/multipliers/NGOs/Agro-dealers, and MFIs on 27th June 2022 at SACDEP Kenya.

51 (36 Males, 15 Females with 13 youth) Participants attended the event physically with more than 429 online views on the PELUM Kenya Facebook Page.

The sponsoring of the poster reached 3,439 online accounts before the event which created traffic to the online forum.

The focus area of the discussion:

- Organic production and market linkages for farmers
- Standards and Certification Process on organic farm products
- Agriculture financing
- Access to organic farming inputs

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Moderator
Dr. Pauline Mwangi
Programme Officer - Regional Secretariat
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Moderator
Ms. Margaret Mwangi
Market Development and Networking Officer, Biovision Africa Trust (BVAAT)

Panellist
Mr. Richard Shwangi
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Capacity Building on Value Chain and Market Development



Photos from the value chain workshop at Baraka Agriculture College



Two (2) capacity-building workshops were held in 2022 to train multipliers/ToTs on Value Chain and Market Development at Baraka Agricultural College (BAC)-Molo and Nyanyuki, Laikipia Permaculture Centre. The workshops trained 68 ToTs (35 Males, 33 Females and 37 youth) excluding the trainers comprising Multipliers, Agro-dealers, NGO staff and farmers with an interest in Marketing and Value chain addition.



Zonal Networking Corner

By working in collaboration with Member Organizations, County Government departments, extension officers, financial service providers and other stakeholders in the organic agriculture value chain, most barriers to AgroEnterprise development adoption are being identified, as well as the strategies on how to address them. Multistakeholder engagements with relevant stakeholders are needed to create the enabling environment for the adoption and establishment of AgroEnterprise by the farmers as a way of creating and strengthening their livelihoods. Various activities were undertaken within the zone under this component to facilitate the same.

The zones have brought together various stakeholders to discuss ways of enhancing market linkages for the organic farmers and various marketing channels that farmers can utilize to promote their products. The meetings discussed ways of;

- 1. Improving market linkages by integrating the value chain.**
- 2. Enabling smallholders to attract and negotiate with buyers, access certification and grow their businesses.**
- 3. Increasing market accessibility, and access to market information by the farmer.**



Farmers_ training on biopesticides using locally available resources in Kikeniani Machaos county organized by LECZ



Demonstration of the importance of soil cover by Nthenge Ndambuki of IFK

Lower Eastern and Coast Zone

Biofertilizer and biopesticide training

The activity aimed at demonstrating to farmers how they can make their biofertilizers and biopesticides to lower the cost of farming and reduce the use of chemical inputs in soil and environmental conservation. The invited participants were from Member organizations in the Lower Eastern and Coast zone namely ADSE, UDO, TTWF, MESPT, BIDII, and KMCBO.

Key learning: Soil top cover Demonstration, Chicken Manure tea, Compost, Ash brew, Foliar/pest organic, Honey/fruit fly trap, Early blight, late blight, anthracnose control, Tobacco leaves pesticide, Organic fertilizer

Seed Sovereignty – Stakeholder Sensitization held in Machakos on 7th July 2022

The forum was tied around seed sovereignty and share experiences, lessons learnt, and challenges faced in farmer-managed seed systems.

This presented an opportunity to learn about the current seed issue with the government and the law in place. Farmers were able to display their indigenous seed and seed-saving techniques. Farmers were also able to exchange seeds and created a network for sharing their experiences.



Seed sharing during the LECZ Seed sovereignty workshop in Machakos

World food day celebration

The zonal office supported CSHEP a member in the zone in the WFD celebration that was held in Kiserian and Ndeiya on 12th and 14th November 2022. The theme was 'safe food healthy future'.

The event turned out to be a very good opportunity for training, sharing buying and selling. A lot of training on organic farming inputs (organic fertilizers, organic biopesticides, foliar), learning about healthy products, their uses and health benefits, marketing of organic farmers' produce, and farmers' competition in cooking our indigenous food. Exhibitors come from different areas of the country like Kiambu, Kajiado, Machakos, Nairobi, Nyeri and Embu.



Kilifi County Agricultural Show And Trade Fair

Attended 29th AND 30th Sept 2022 at Alaskan grounds, Malindi Town. The fair showcased Agricultural innovations, marketing trends, financial services, and other trades.

The event was graced by the Malindi County Departments with the main guest awarding the exhibitors being Deputy Governor Flora Mbetsa Chibule. The partners represented in the forum included financial, agri-business, and county stakeholders

The exhibitors were mainly focusing on crops that are drought resistant and of high value such as cashew nuts, mangoes, oranges, cassava, and beekeeping. The locals wanted to know the availability of improved cashew nut seedlings.



LECZ coordinator at the Kilifi Agricultural show in Malindi

Nairobi and Central Zone

Exposure and Sharing Forum

Farmers working with Member organizations and staff in Central and Nairobi region congregated to share their experiences on farmer-managed seed systems and exhibit to showcase their unique connections with traditional seeds, demonstrate their relationship with food and talk about their efforts in contributing to Sustainable Development Goal 2, which aims at ending hunger, achieving food security, improved nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture.

The Seed fair was an effective and enjoyable way for farmers to share experiences, exchange their local Seeds, Showcase and share their best varieties and acquire new materials from other farmers.



Farmers and students during the farmer-managed seed system experience sharing held at GBIACK Centre

Learning visit

A learning visit was organized to expose farmers to the agro-processing of various farm products as well as available and affordable small machinery for agro-processing. Learning areas at Agricultural Technology Development Center (ATDC) included;

- Exposure to appropriate technologies and small machinery for agro-processing and value addition.
- Agricultural Mechanization.

The free six months business incubation services at ATDC and how farmers can utilize the machinery while they develop the products.



Farmers and MOs learning visit to Agricultural Technology Development Centre-Ruiru

Through IWAMA DIFE II Project, COSDEP supported farmers for a learning visit to JKUAT. This was aimed at providing a platform whereby farmers can learn from institutions of higher learning on different agroecological practices and also expand their knowledge on-farm research for improved income, livelihoods and increased production

Organic Market

The Githumu market was launched in collaboration with OACK in Muranga County. Before the launch, various activities have been held and facilitated by the PMCA facilitators, OACK, PELUM and sometimes other stakeholders to capacity-build farmers on organic production. These activities include;

- Farmers' trainings/Capacity building of different aspects of organic production
- Stakeholder meetings
- Exchange visits of farmers to the other two market



David OACK, Sarah-PELUM Kenya & Caren from COSDEP during the launch of the Githumu organic market

Support for income-generating activities through IWAMA DIFE II Project.

Several groups were supported by partners to engage in IGAs for economic empowerment and venturing into Agribusiness. Through OACK;

21 beneficiaries (4 men, 17 women and 1 youth) of the KOFAM Farmer group were issued with an Oil extraction machine and grinding machine, a total of 205 indigenous Chicken (20 of them getting 10 each), 3,000 packaging

Labels, 200 zip locks, 200 small containers for packaging of value-added products and 20 branded Dust coats. Farmers are now able to value and package dried herbs such as Lemon grass, rosemary, mints and Artemisia annua, parsley and oregano which have started to gain demand locally. Farmers involved in herbs production and marketing have reported increased incomes.

Through COSDEP, four farmer's groups with 58 farmers engaging in different IGAs have been supported

- Philadelphia youth – A centrifugal machine to assist them in processing their honey and marketing
- Gitwe group –supported with five bee hives as a start for their beekeeping venture.
- Kamuito – supported with five bee hives as a start for their beekeeping venture
- Kagaa Amani – supported with 15 Hybrid rabbits as a way of generating income.

ICE Kenya Partner supported Multi farm Kamburu Cooperative Society (MKCS) with a desktop computer (1), printer (1) and weighing scales (2) which aimed at enhancing their work. The cooperative is involved in milk

collection and bulking and also promotes agroecological practices among farmers.

RODI Kenya is currently Supporting 5 community groups to improve and increase their poultry production as income-generating activities by providing 2 egg incubators. Fabrication of the 2 incubators is in progress. SACDEP Kenya trained 30 farmers (10M & 20F) on farm diversification and value addition of Milk (yoghurt, ghee, dairy butter and milkshakes) and banana, cassava bread and sweet potato cakes production to diversify their incomes and diets.



Above; One of the KOFAM group beneficiaries stands beside her herbs and some of the value-added products from her farm

Bio-pesticides & Bio-fertilizer training

The training was tailored to meet the objective of enhancing the adoption of safer bio-pesticides and bio-fertilizers among SHF for increased farm productivity and touched on;

- i. Sensitizing farmers & stakeholders on safer bio-pesticides and bio-fertilizers for use in the farm.
- ii. Increasing awareness among farmers and stakeholders on the application and availability of ecologically safe bio inputs.
- iii. Practical training on how to make the bio-inputs.

World food day

World food day in Nairobi and Central Zone was in collaboration with Green Action Week which is a global campaign that promotes sustainable consumption intending to educate farmers on the importance of sharing indigenous seeds, knowledge, and skills amongst themselves and to encourage farmers to practice organic farming. The event brought together Farmers, MOs, policymakers and different stakeholders in the agricultural value chain to commemorate the event

Githunguri ward area MCA together with Mr. Stanley, COSDEP CEO going round the tent during World Food Day/ Green Action Week event at Jamaica in Githunguri



Green action week Procession

Upper Eastern and Northern Kenya Zone

Exchange visits for youth and women farmers to successful Agro-enterprise projects at the zonal level

Held on 27th April at Meru Herbs in Meru County and engaged member organization extension officer's women and youth farmers drawn from UENKZ membership. 19participants: 11 female 8male.

The main learning during the exchange visit for the youth and women farmers was from the following;

The participants gained practical skills on

- Farm management best practices
- Soil fertility
- Production, processing and marketing of herbals teas, fruit jams and sauces

Farmers and extension officers learned about the propagation and harvesting of red hibiscus during the learning visit at Meru Herbs on 27th April 2022

Products on display at Meru Herbs Shop; papaya jam, Guava jam, organic Chamomile tea, organic hibiscus tea, tomato and chilli jam, tomato and basil jam and lemon grass teas



Ongoing exhibitions and learning during World Food Day in Laikipia County



Ongoing exhibitions and learning during World Food Day Celebration in Laikipia County_ Nanyuki

World food day Celebration 2022 Nanyuki County

Organized on 19th October 2022 in Nanyuki County Umande ward at Daiga primary school in conjunction with Laikipia County Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries. The theme of the day was 'Leave no one behind'

The main objective was to synergize awareness of agroecology and promote the marketing of Agroecological products and visibility of PELUM Kenya. The event was grazed by participants from member organizations.

Organic market linkage forum

Organized on Date; 9th December 2022 in Tharaka Nithi County at RIDEP Dryland Agroecological demo site in Marimanti. Member organizations and other strategic stakeholders from the private sector, learning institutions, and county government grazed events. The event saw 169 participants exposed to agroecological knowledge, market strategies and networking avenues.

The forum promoted horizontal networking amongst zonal members, partners and other like-minded stakeholders working in the region.

Ongoing learning exhibition at RIDEP stands during the organic market linkage forum



Zonal level practical trainings on bio-pesticides and bio-fertilizers.

This was a two-day theory and practical training in bio-pesticides and bio-fertilizers organized in Meru County on the 21st and 22nd of September 2022 at Caritas Meru.

A total of 22 participants 13 female and 9 male inclusive of MO extension officers, male and female farmers were trained on how to make and use Bio-fertilizers including; Bokashi, compost manure, green manures etc. and bio-pesticides including; ash brew, Apichi, plant extracts etc.

Participants in a practical session on making Bokashi during the training and making ash brew during the training



Rift Western Kenya Zone

Food and Seed Sovereignty Forum/ World food day

World food day was combined with the seed sovereignty forum. The event was held at BIOGI on 31st October 2022.

The participant was 61 in total with 27 M, 34F. The event aimed to Ensure farmers share experiences, lessons learnt and challenges faces in managed seed system practices. To sensitize farmers to GMO.

The theme of the event was “ Our Seed, our heritage, our future”

The participants were urged to save seeds and embrace organically grown foods since the government intended to import GMO seeds.



The participants got a chance to visit the demo fields maned by BIOGI, the seed bank that was stocked with different seed varieties as well as enjoy meals that were prepared by BIOGI

After the activity, BAC organized a field visit for their farmers to BIOGI to also learn some of the agroecology practices adopted by BIOGI



Women and Youth Inclusion in Agroecology

Youth and Agroecology Regional Summit 2022

The YALTA regional summit was organized for two days in Kampala, Uganda and brought together actors from four countries (Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda and Ethiopia). The summit's theme was accelerating Youth driven Agroecological businesses for sustainable food systems. The summit evaluated what worked in the youth empowerment initiative, which was implemented for 3 years and in which youths gained skills and knowledge to grow agroecological enterprises.



Community Caravan procession on Youth and Women Land Rights in Nakuru on 25th October 2022

PELUM Kenya is a member of the YALTA reference group and played a crucial role in coordinating the working group activities in Kenya and also coordinated the participation of 22 Kenya youth delegates to the conference. The EOA-I Coordinator represented PELUM Kenya at the summit and shared about youth involvement in agroecology policy initiatives and platforms in Kenya. The Youths are supported to participate in policy processes and dialogues at the County level to influence agroecology integration in County plans and policy frameworks such as County Integrated Development Plans (CIDPs) and Budget processes.

The YALTA initiative was instrumental in supporting youths to meet for experience sharing, mentorship, networking, and showcasing their Agroecological enterprises. Plans include; -

- To strengthen the Youth in agroecology initiatives to participate and influence policy processes in respective countries.
- Build a strong youth agroecology movement to ensure their full involvement in food system transformation and environmental sustainability at national and regional levels.

Promotion of Sustainable Agriculture and Marketing through Youth Involvement (PSAMY)

PSAMY Project aims to increase youths' participation in sustainable agriculture and agricultural and market value chains through knowledge and cultural exchanges between Kenyan and Zimbabwean Youth. 5 Project Participants from PELUM Kenya and five Project Participants from FACHIG Zimbabwe participated in online trainings on Sustainable Agriculture and Marketing. Master Trainers facilitated the Training from PELUM Kenya and FACHIG.

Participants from Zimbabwe were trained digitally on 7 sustainable agriculture practices, which they successfully disseminated to 26 farmer groups in Zimbabwe. The seven practices included; Soil and water conservation, Agroforestry, Integrated Pest Management, Watershed Management, bio intensive agriculture, seed saving and extraction, soil fertility and soil health.



Introductory meeting with Midhini Nyumba Kumi initiative- Anthony Njogu SACDEP

Participants from Kenya were trained digitally on four agricultural value chain marketing strategies. They successfully disseminated them to 12 Farmer groups from 5 PELUM Kenya member organizations, every two groups from Slow Food, GBIACK, MHAC, SACDEP and LPC. The thematic area training focussed on Principles of commodity associations;- Marketing and financial literacy, Personal financial management and establishment of commodity associations. Three (3) farmer groups (Riverside, Recovery and Mithini from SACDEP Kenya) established an association named Tuinuane Association to enhance marketing ability.



Introductory meeting with Midhini Nyumba Kumi initiative- Anthony Njogu SACDEP

Five (5) Documentaries were developed on five (5) key thematic topical on Sustainable Agriculture for sharing. An online digital platform was established for information sharing

Community Caravan on Women and Youth Land Rights

The community caravan is a concept that ensures community participation on issues of land rights for youth and women. The approach of having the caravans spread across the country ensures that the message "climate justice means social justice" is customized to the needs of a specific region. For example, Kajiado County has the majority of the community as pastoralists, and the approach of sensitizing on youth and women's land rights was taken into consideration by their culture. It was imperative to be sensitive and try to emphasize the importance of ensuring women and youth can have land rights.

PELUM Kenya planned for the community caravans in Kajiado, Nakuru, Meru, and Thika towns through working with its Member Organizations at the zonal level, namely;

- Thika- SACDEP Kenya
- Kajiado - Neighbours Initiative Alliance and CSHEP Kenya
- Nakuru - NECOFA, MEAP, Baraka Agriculture College, Slowfood Kenya, Tenwek Community Hospital
- Meru - CIFORD Kenya and Food for the Hungry

PELUM Kenya, with its partners, engaged the media to advocate for government support in Climate Justice. The media engagement has one key message: the Kenyan Government and the general public need to be sensitized on the importance of enforcement of laws and policies that protect women & youth's land ownership. In addition, they need to plant trees to mitigate climate change.

Procession photos for the Caravan in Kajiado on 20th October 2022

Community sensitization at Neighbour Initiative Alliance (NIA) Offices Right: Media interview session with Citizen TV



Media interview during the community caravan in Thika on 28th October 2022



Community procession in Thika on 28th October 2022



Youths and women sensitization on land rights for climate justice

AWOLA (Africa Women Leaders in Agroecology) Initiative

AWOLA (Africa Women Leaders in Agroecology) Initiative is a leadership career development initiative of the PELUM network, intending to equip women working on agroecology, sustainable agriculture and food systems with leadership skills. Through the AWOLA initiative, the PELUM network envisions strengthening leadership capacities and the active participation of women in agroecology institutions. PELUM association, the initiative owner, is a regional network of over 250 civil society organizations in 12 countries in East, Central

and Southern Africa founded in 1995 and working in the area of participatory ecological land use management.

The objective of the AWOLA Initiative

To inspire, mentor, nurture, and fast-track the leadership development of African women in Agroecology. AWOLA initiative strives to ensure that women confidently take their position in leadership without apologies by

- Building the capacity specifically to lead and manage top-level positioning
- Building networks that add value to the leadership positions of women
- Building up a cadre of competent African women



Stella Lutalo sharing with the AWOLA Mentors and Mentees

- mentors and coaches in leadership in Agroecology
- Equipping women with top negotiations and policy-influencing skills
- Creating awareness in areas of gender and market dynamics

The call for recruitment of Mentors and Mentees took place from July to August 2022. The poster was circulated via email, and social media in the three countries.

PELUM Kenya organised Regional Physical Training on 1st November 2022 at the Luke Hotel- Nairobi for the AWOLA Mentors and Mentees from PELUM Kenya, PELUM Uganda, and PELUM Zimbabwe. The Consultant trained 15 Mentors and 18 Mentees on Mentorship and Coaching Tools. In addition, 5 staff (women) were trained on the AWOLA Mentorship tools (2 PELUM Kenya, 1 PELUM Uganda and 1 PELUM Zimbabwe).



Manei Naanyu giving her opening remarks

Each country representative was requested to share a motivation for the AWOLA Initiative.

Dr. Olembo from Kenya “It is important to have a vision of what you are aiming at. Encourage each other and you will get there. It is also important to have confidence”
Stella from Uganda “Leadership is hard and we need to learn to give a hug. The circle of support in terms of sharing of knowledge, lifting fellow women and needing somebody to hold strength”.

Gertrude from Zimbabwe “There is a need to say things gently and powerfully. The dominant system is for men but we can have quality women leaders in different spaces”.

AWOLA Initiative 1st Cohort





AWOLA Initiative steering Committee Members

Annual Steering Committee (GTT/GSS) meeting
The meeting was held on 2nd November 2022 with the Steering committee Members derived from the three countries.
The main agendas for the Steering Committee meeting were;

1. Background and Progress of AWOLA Initiative.
2. Steering committee leadership and composition.
3. Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee
4. Approved changes by the donor on the budget.
5. Next steps for the AWOLA Initiative

Lower Eastern and Coast Zone

The Gender and Youth in Agroecology forum were organized on 7th July 2022 in Machakos to endear the youth to agroecology as a source of employment and job. The discussion was around understanding the definition and Importance of seed sovereignty and sharing experiences, laws and legislations, lessons learnt and challenges faced in farmer-managed seed systems.

The youth and women were exposed to some funding opportunities on 8th September 2022, where they can access funds to support their enterprises. The forum brought funding partners such as Universal Traders Sacco and the government through the Youth Enterprise Fund and the Women Enterprise Development Fund. The funding organizations proved that they are better for the youth and women as opposed to the conventional funding organization that either fund after producing collaterals for the facility and their interest rates are exorbitantly high.





A representative from Meru County micro-finance corporation made her presentation on the service products they offer participants

Upper Eastern and Northern Kenya Zone

Funding opportunities for youth and women farmers in Counties

Organized on 30th September 2022 in Meru County at Caritas Meru. The main objective of the forum was to raise awareness of available funding opportunities for youth and women in the counties. The participants were 29 in total; 20 female and 9 youth.

Forum was graced by a representative from

- Meru Microfinance corporation
- Meru County Youth fund
- Eclaf Kenya
- Kenya women

Who all made a presentation on the services they offer to youth and women in the county.

Meru micro-finance corporation was identified as the one with service products that are favourable to smallholder farmers.

Rift Western Kenya Zone

Funding opportunities for women and youth /Emerging issues at the county and national level

The activity targeted women and youths in agroecology. The event was done at Graca Hotel in Rongo on 17th November 2022.

The invited speakers included reps from

- Uwezo fund (with 2 beneficiaries)
- Youth fund (with 3 beneficiaries)
- Women enterprise fund for development (with 2 beneficiaries)
- Incubation Enterprise fund –by Hand in Hand EA





Partnership and Coalition Building

Partnership and Coalition Building on the Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative

Two Eastern Africa Regional Steering Committee (RSCs) meetings were held in 2022. The first meeting was held in Kigali, Rwanda, in April 2022, while the second was held in Nairobi, Kenya, in November 2022. The participation in the RSC meetings included representation from government Ministries from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda, EOA-I Country Lead Organizations, Regional farmers associations and representation from the East African Community (EAC). Critical resolutions and actions were recommended for advancing EOA in the region.

- The National Organic Agriculture Movements (NOAMs) liaise with the Ministry of Agriculture in respective Countries about the status of Organic

Certification Standards and report during RSC meetings

- The Secretariat is tasked to mobilize resources and planning toward developing the EAC Agroecology strategy
- The Regional Secretariat to initiate the process for resubmission of the EOA-I agenda at EAC for consideration and be guided by EAC Representative
- Organize capacity building of RSC members on organic standards, processes and procedures Secretariat to organize the capacity building of RSC members on organic standards, processes and procedures,
- Consolidate data on organic production to inform planning and policy reforms,
- Renewal of the Organic products Trade mark -Kilimohai mark by KOAN
- Countries in the region finalize their respective Agroecology Strategies/plans in support of EOA,
- The NOAMs in Eastern Africa to nominate a representative among themselves to represent them in the CSC starting January 2023,
- Organize the 2023 EOAI Regional Assembly meeting by March 2023 in Kenya.
- The EOA-I Regional Secretariat does follow up on the actions and decisions for implementation.



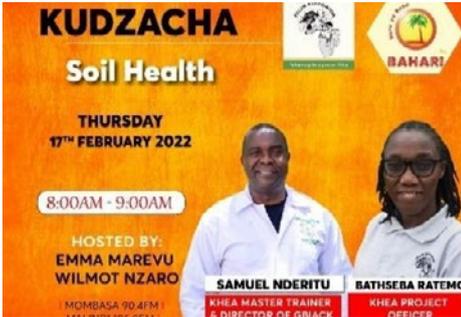
Group photo for members of Eastern Africa regional steering committee during 14th RSC meeting in Kigali , Rwanda , April 2022



Group photo for members of Eastern Africa regional steering committee during 14th RSC meeting in Kigali , Rwanda , April 2022

Media Awareness through Radio Campaigns

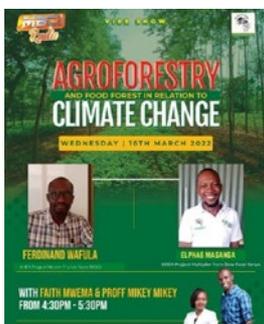
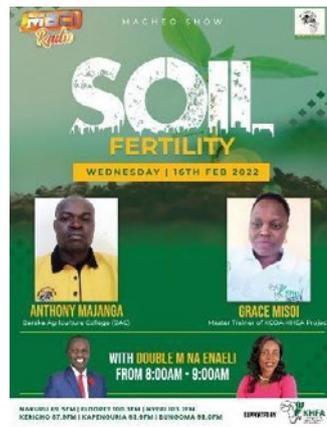
PELUM Kenya organized eight (8) Radio Talk shows/spots on Mbaitu FM, MBCI FM, Bahari FM, and Nam Lolwe FM from 10th to 18th March 2022 to create awareness of the different topics in Ecological Organic Agriculture.



Left: Bahari FM Poster Right: Mr Samuel Nderitu, Master Trainer, and Bathseba Ratemo, KCOA Project Officer at the Bahari FM Studio.



Photos showing sessions during Mbaitu Radio Talk shows



Community Caravan Media Links



KURIRIRA KAARI
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Meru Caravan.
 Weru TV Media link <https://fb.watch/grUUGpHJVX/>



TAARIFA LEO UMILIKI WA ARDHI KAJIADO
 HAKI ZA WANAWAKE NA VIJANA ZINAKIUKWA
 Kihindi wafikishwa katika mahakama ya Ruaraka | Kitengo cha masuala ya Ndani kinataka

Haki za wanawake na vijana zinakiukwa katika umiliki wa ardhi Kajiado
 KTN News 2.63M subscribers

Kajiado Caravan
 KTN News <https://youtu.be/u7p3L2t6BMM>



UMILIKI WA ARDHI KAJIADO
 WANAWAKE NA VIJANA WENGI HAWAHUSISHWI KAJIADO
 SEMA NA CITIZEN MBADI HUO WA SERIKALI UNANUJA KUJENGA NYUMBA 200,000 KWA MWAKI

Kajiado Caravan
 Citizen TV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nhDdGXwJjx8>
 Inooro TV https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vReLWmy_xrs



GUCANURA ATUMIA A KAJIADO
 Gikundi kia andũ ethi kirathomithia atumia bata wa kwigwatira migũnda
 13:10:21 Igũirirwo thitango. Maragwetanio na njũragano kũndũtho

Nakuru Caravan
 Tv 47: https://web.facebook.com/watch/?v=1123717761591066&extid=CL-UNK-UNK-UNK-AN_GK0T-GK1C&ref=sharing&rdc=1&_rdr



Cultural beliefs that deny women land rights are to blame for adverse climate change affecting them.

Thika Caravan
<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/rift-valley/article/2001459541/land-rights-deny-women-the-chance-to-address-climate-change>
“Caroline Gacheri said women could contribute to food security and environmental conservation if they owned land.”

PELUM Kenya Television features



Changamkia kilimo hai kaimarisha mazao

AUSTINE MWIFULA

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Farmers in ASALS urged to invest in Agroforestry

KBC Business

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<https://www.the-star.co.ke/counties/nyanza/2022-12-06-conduct-frequent-soil-tests-to-boost-food-security-farmers-urged/>



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Small farmers forced to adopt agroforestry in order to improve farming productivity

KTN News

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VM8b_n-6ahU

In Summary

- Matete said he concentrated on farming, where he plants maize, beans, groundnuts, soya, sukuma wiki and all kinds of fruits.
- He said before shifting to tree planting they used to plant sugarcane but it didn't pick up because of the collapse of sugar industries in the region.



George Matete addressing the press at his farm on June 7
Image: TONY MWIFULA

<https://www.the-star.co.ke/counties/western/2022-06-08-bungoma-retired-teacher-makes-fortune-from-tree-crop-farming/>



Farmers across Bungoma County and Kenya at large have been encouraged to practice agroforestry as part of their farming.

Speaking on Monday, June 6, 2022, during the World Environment Day celebrations at Elmsard in Bungoma County which was themed "DON'T OBEY BIRTH," the Director of water, sanitation and natural resources in Bungoma County government Robert Davis said that farmers should embrace tree planting for it does not only improve the beauty of nature but also helps in controlling the climate change.

<https://www.the-star.co.ke/counties/nyanza/2022-12-06-conduct-frequent-soil-tests-to-boost-food-security-farmers-urged/>
<https://www.dailytrends.co.ke/2022/06/world-environment-day-farmers-urged-to-embrace-agroforestry/>

As the world marked the World Environmental Day, residents of Bungoma County have been called upon to be fully involved in conserving the environment through planting of trees especially the indigenous ones.

Kimaeti farmers association chairman Shadrack Masika during the commemoration said the venture has many advantages not only to the residents but the environment at large.

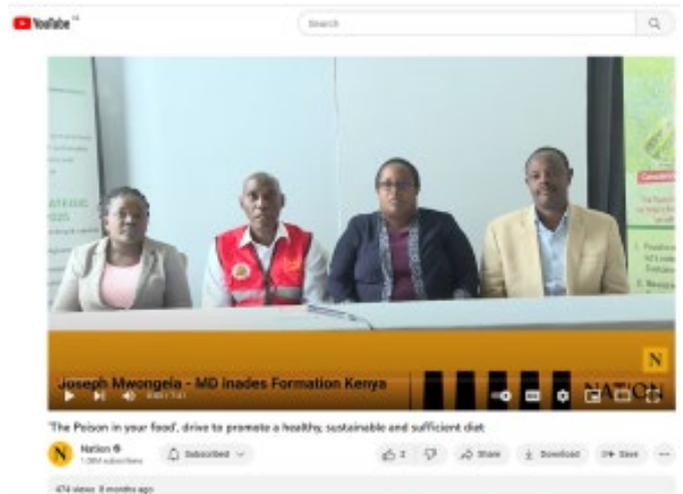
He said they have been able to help members of the association plant trees since 2009 and in the end through World Bank they have in the end benefited a lot through carbon gestation as they are paid through the data collected.

Beth Omae from Pelum Kenya who is the zonal co coordinator in charge of Rift and Western Kenya participatory ecological and land use management said they have involved the community and school children to sensitize on ways of conserving the environment.

She called upon the government to get involved more in conserving the environment saying funding has been the main challenge for many in achieving their targets.

Planting trees

Robert Sawa who is the director in charge of natural resources in the County government of Bungoma expressed optimism in achieving the 10 per cent forest cover in the country.



<https://westfm.co.ke/bungoma-residents-urged-to-plant-tree-to- conserve-environment/>

<https://youtu.be/3Xy2W2KIGEs>

PELUM KENYA Work Advocating Against the Lifting of the Ban on GMOs

1. Press statement issued on 6th October 2022 in collaboration with other partners



Press-Statement-A-call-to-respect-and-protect-Kenyas-Food-Systems-Stop-GMOs.pdf (pelumkenya.net)



Lobbies call for public participation on GMO ban lifting (the-star.co.ke)



<https://youtu.be/pvqaKXk6DHg>

2. Grassroots awareness and media engagement in the networking zones



<https://www.dailytrends.co.ke/2022/10/pelum-kenya-gmo-not-safe-for-human-consumption/>



<https://lakeregionbulletin.co.ke/2022/10/21/gmo-is-a-no-go-zone-nyanza-farmers-speak/>



<https://famouslynakuru.co.ke/government-urged-to-embrace-diverse-indigenous-seeds-and-foods-as-the-solution-to-food-insecurity/>

2. Grassroots awareness and media engagement in the networking zones



<https://youtu.be/8clgNCTwYkY>



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<https://youtu.be/H95SCzyT4Ys>



<https://youtu.be/ZnoCGFH9E4o>



<https://fb.watch/grJUGpHJVX/>



<https://youtu.be/1JUxvji1UI>



<https://fb.watch/gwl1mIA4M/>



<https://nation.africa/kenya/news/teach-about-indigenous-foods-in-schools-state-urged-4001466>



<https://www.facebook.com/261061365404/posts/pfbid0gwiL9Ymy5Dfu2DVQRHc-M85eC22joAXZp6x4r4J4ZyhAknELHu3B-mxwae3QzjZCNI/?app=fbl>

3. Awareness creation among religious leaders

Statement issued by the religious leaders today, 9th Nov 2022



Religious leaders stand on GMO issue

<https://youtu.be/fe2TbNHdSFA>



RELIGIOUS LEADERS SAYS NO TO THE GOVERNMENT LEFT ON GMO FOODS IN THE COUNTRY

<https://youtu.be/VFShrAV6QsA>



Religious leaders urge government to reinstate ban on GMOs crops

<https://youtu.be/uaHPDuU6fOA>



<https://twitter.com/KBCChannel1/tatus/1590391629814370304?t=E2wYdHw6GzvKbAcBW-5gtZA&s=08>



PELUM Kenya in collaboration with BIBA Kenya, BVAT, Growth Partners, ABN and other partners issue a press statement on GMOs

Financial Summary

SUMMARY OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME - YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2022

	2022	2021
Income	KES	KES
Grants Received	163,597,843	113,642,068
PELUM - Kenya Income	3,891,237	2,492,800
Total Income	167,489,080	116,134,868
Expenditure		
Indirect Project Costs	9,028,898	8,753,890
PELUM - Kenya Administration Costs	5,574,513	2,429,592
Direct Project Expenditure	145,329,024	113,732,852
Total Expenditure	159,932,435	124,916,334
Balance for the year (Page 9)	7,556,645	(8,781,466)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	2022 (12 Months)	2021 (12 Months)
Non-current Assets	KES	KES
Property and Equipment	13,656,189	11,317,334
Current Assets		
Cash and Bank	22,792,496	24,912,070
Accounts Receivable	9,309,766	3,142,054
Total Current Assets	32,102,262	28,054,124
Less: Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	7,799,497	8,136,031
Net Current Assets	24,302,765	19,918,093
Net Assets	37,958,954	31,235,427
Represented By:		
General Funds	3,193,946	1,318,039
Restricted Funds	21,108,819	18,600,054
Sub-Total	24,302,765	19,918,093
Capital Fund	13,656,189	11,317,334
Fund Balance	37,958,954	31,235,427

PELUM Kenya Income

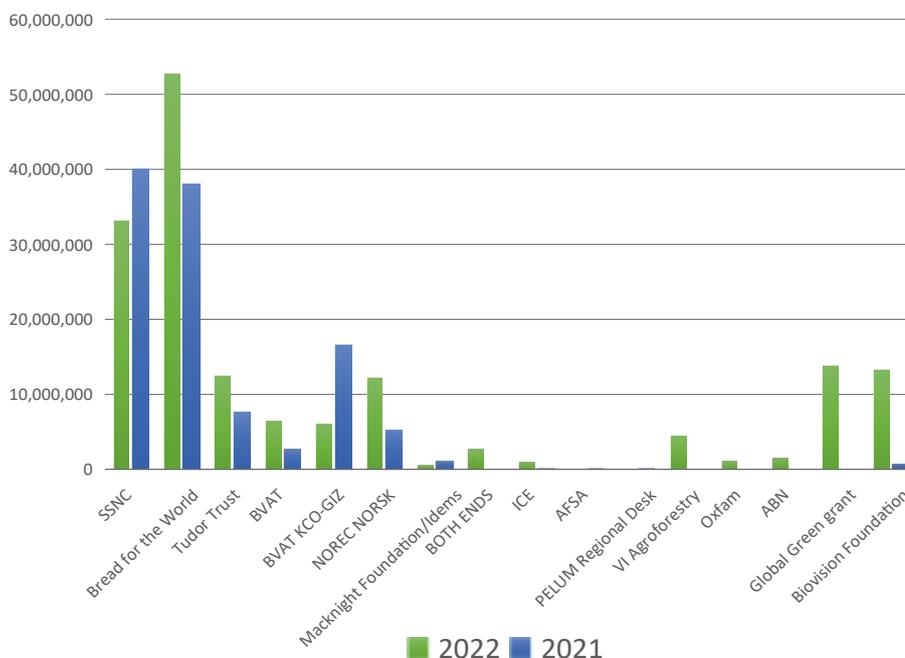
The total grants to PELUM Kenya in the financial year ended **31st December 2022**, increased from Kshs **116,134,868** in **2021** to Kshs **167,489,080** in **2022**, this being a **43.9%** increase. This increase can be attributed to:

- There was addition of 3 new funding partners Global green Grant, ABN and Oxfam who funded projects amounting to a total of Kes **17,001,092**.
- There was significant increased funding from NOREC to support an Exchange Programme with FACHIG from Zimbabwe and Biovision foundation

- supporting the Policies in Agriculture in Kenya,
- PELUM Kenya during the year ended 2022 did not receive any funding from AFSA and PELUM Regional Desk as the previous year they had funded short term programmes. PELUM Kenya is still in touch with the funding partners and discussing on future partnership.
- PELUM Kenya was able to retain most of its funding partners during the period with increasing/decreasing income depending on the programmes undertaken.

Funding Partner	2022		2021	
	KSh	Percentage	KSh	Percentage
SSNC	33,277,112	20.34	40,054,285	35.25
Bread for the World	52,875,058	32.32	38,071,575	33.50
Tudor Trust	12,650,301	7.73	7,731,900	6.80
BVAT	6,598,476	4.03	2,800,975	2.46
BVAT KCO-GIZ	6,175,000	3.77	16,661,810	14.66
NOREC NORSEK	12,456,828	7.61	5,498,981	4.84
Macknight Foundation/Idems	696,163	0.43	1,205,935	1.06
BOTH ENDS	2,795,465	1.71	0	-
ICE	1,049,879	0.64	287,769	0.25
AFSA	0	-	246,166	0.22
PELUM Regional Desk	0	-	245,700	0.22
VI Agroforestry	4,601,539	2.81	0	-
Oxfam	1,218,719	0.74	0	-
ABN	1,742,958	1.07	0	-
Global Green grant	14,039,415	8.58	0	-
Biovision Foundation	13,420,930	8.20	836,972	0.74
TOTAL	163,597,843		113,642,068	

2021 VS 2022 INCOME



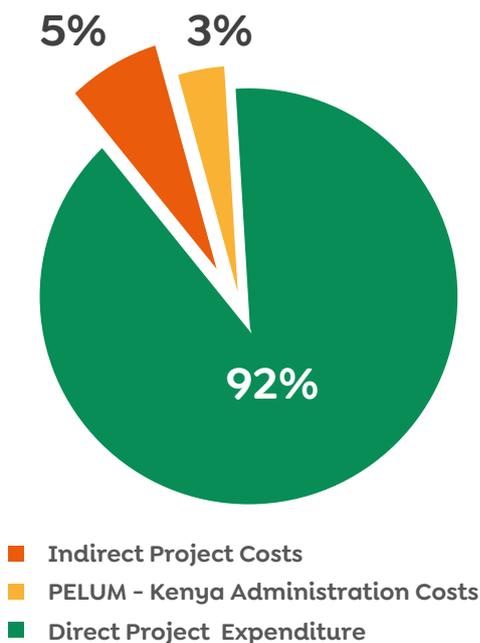
Kindly do note as above PELUM Kenya Income is 2.32% of total income received during the year.

PELUM Kenya Expenditure

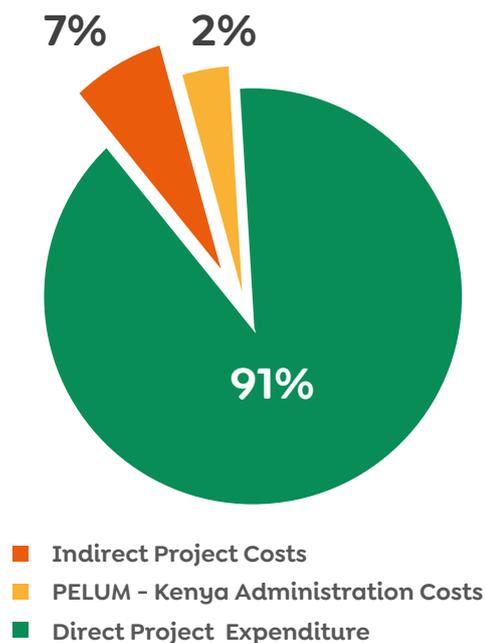
Our total expenditure in year 2022 was Kshs **159,932,435** as compared to year 2021's expenditure of Kshs **124,916,334**. This is a **26.7%** increase, which is attributed to increased funding during the year; this in turn increased the level of activities in the country secretariat during the financial year ended 31st December 2022.

Expenditure	2022		2021	
	KSh	Percentage	KSh	Percentage
Indirect Project Costs	9,028,898	5.46	8,753,890	7.01
PELUM Kenya Administration Costs	5,574,513	2.64	2,429,592	1.94
Direct Project Expenditure	145,329,024	91.90	113,732,852	91.05
Total Expenditure	159,932,435		124,916,334	

Expenditure 2022



Expenditure 2021



Assets amounting ksh **6,652,342** were procured during the year ended **31st December 2022**.

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