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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ABN	African Biodiversity Network
ACEP	Agriculture Community Empowerment Programme
ADS	Anglican Development Services
AFSA	Africa Food Sovereignty Alliance
AGC	A Growing Culture
AGM	Annual General Meeting
BAC	Baraka Agricultural College
BERMA	Busia Environmental and Resource Management
BIDII	Benevolent Institute of Development Initiatives
BIOGI	Bio gardening Innovations
BROT	Bread for the World
BvAT	Bio-vision Africa Trust
CAL	Campaign, Advocacy and Lobbying
CBO	Community Based Organization
CEN	Capacity Enhancement and Networking
CIFORD	Community Initiatives for Rural Development
CMAD	Community Mobilization Against Desertification
COP	Conference of Parties
CREPP	Community Rehabilitation and Environmental Protection Program
CSC	Continental Steering Committee
CSHEP	Community Sustainable Agriculture ad Healthy Environment Programme
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
CWG	Country Working Group
EIDO	Emayian Integrated Development Organization
<i>Elum</i>	Ecological Land Use Management
EOA	Ecological Organic Agriculture
EOASC	Ecological Organic Agriculture Steering Committee
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FH Kenya	Food for the Hungry Kenya
FLD	Farmer Led Documentation
GAW	Green Action Week
GBIACK	Grow Bio-Intensive Agriculture Centre of Kenya
GIS	Geographic Information Systems
GM	Genetic Modification
GMO	Genetically Modified Organisms
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
IEC	Information, Education, Communication
IFDC	International Fertilizer Development Centre
IFK	INADES Formation Kenya

JKUAT	Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology
KARLO	Kenya Agricultural Research and Livestock Organization
KBioC	Kenya Biodiversity Coalition
KCCWG	Kenya Climate Change Working Group
KDC	Kitui Development Centre
KICIP	KIMA Integrated Community Initiative Programme
KIOF	Kenya Institute of Organic Farming
KOAN	Kenya Organic Agriculture Organization
LECZ	Lower Eastern and Coast Zone
MEAP	Maendeleo Endelevu Action Programme
MHAC	Manor House Agricultural Centre
MOs	Member Organizations
NEMA	National Environment Management Authority
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NIA	Neighbours Initiative Alliance
NOGAMU	National Organic Agriculture Movement Uganda
NRM	Natural Resource Management
PACJA	Pan African Climate Justice Alliance
PELUM	Participatory Ecological Land Use Management
PENELI	Promoting elum and Networking for Livelihood Improvement
PGS	Participatory Guarantee System
PRI	Permaculture Research Institution
RBM	Results Based Management
RIDEP	Rural Initiatives Development Program
RIMM	Research, Information Management and Marketing
RODI	Resources Oriented Development Initiative
RSC	Regional Steering Committee
SACDEP	Sustainable Agriculture Community Development Program
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SHG	Self Help Group
SSNC	Swedish Society for Nature Conservation
TOAM	Tanzania Organic Agriculture Movement
TTWF	Taita Taveta Wildlife Forum
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
WED	World Environment Day
WFD	World Food Day
WRUAs	Water Resource Users Association
ZNC	Zonal Networking Coordinator



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ABOUT US

PELUM Association

Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Association is an indigenous African network currently with 277 Member Organizations (MOs) from 12 African Countries namely; Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Botswana, South Africa, Malawi, Ethiopia, Swaziland and Rwanda. PELUM Association Regional Secretariat is based in Lusaka, Zambia. Each of the countries has a Country Working Group (CWG) comprising member organizations that work with small scale farmers, and coordinated by a Country Secretariat (CS).

Summary of PELUM Association membership:

Country working group	Number of MOs
1. PELUM Uganda	57
2. PELUM Kenya	49
3. PELUM Tanzania	37
4. PELUM Zambia	36
5. PELUM Zimbabwe	25
6. PELUM Rwanda	17
7. PELUM Malawi	14
8. PELUM Swaziland	12
9. PELUM Lesotho	9
10. PELUM Botswana	8
11. PELUM South Africa	7
12. PELUM Ethiopia	6
Total	277

About PELUM Kenya

Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Kenya is a national network which currently comprises of 49 Member Organizations (MOs). PELUM Kenya works with its Member Organizations to promote ecological land use principles and management practices for improved

livelihoods among small scale farmers and pastoralists in Kenya.

The members of PELUM Kenya are Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and other networks working with small scale farmers. The members of PELUM Kenya are categorized in to six networking zones namely Nairobi/ Central zone, Central Rift Valley zone, Upper Eastern and Northern Kenya zone, Lower Eastern and Coast zone, Western zone and Nyanza zone. The Country secretariat is based in Thika at the SACDEP Training Centre.

Our Vision

Empowered and prosperous communities deriving their livelihoods from sustainable land use

Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

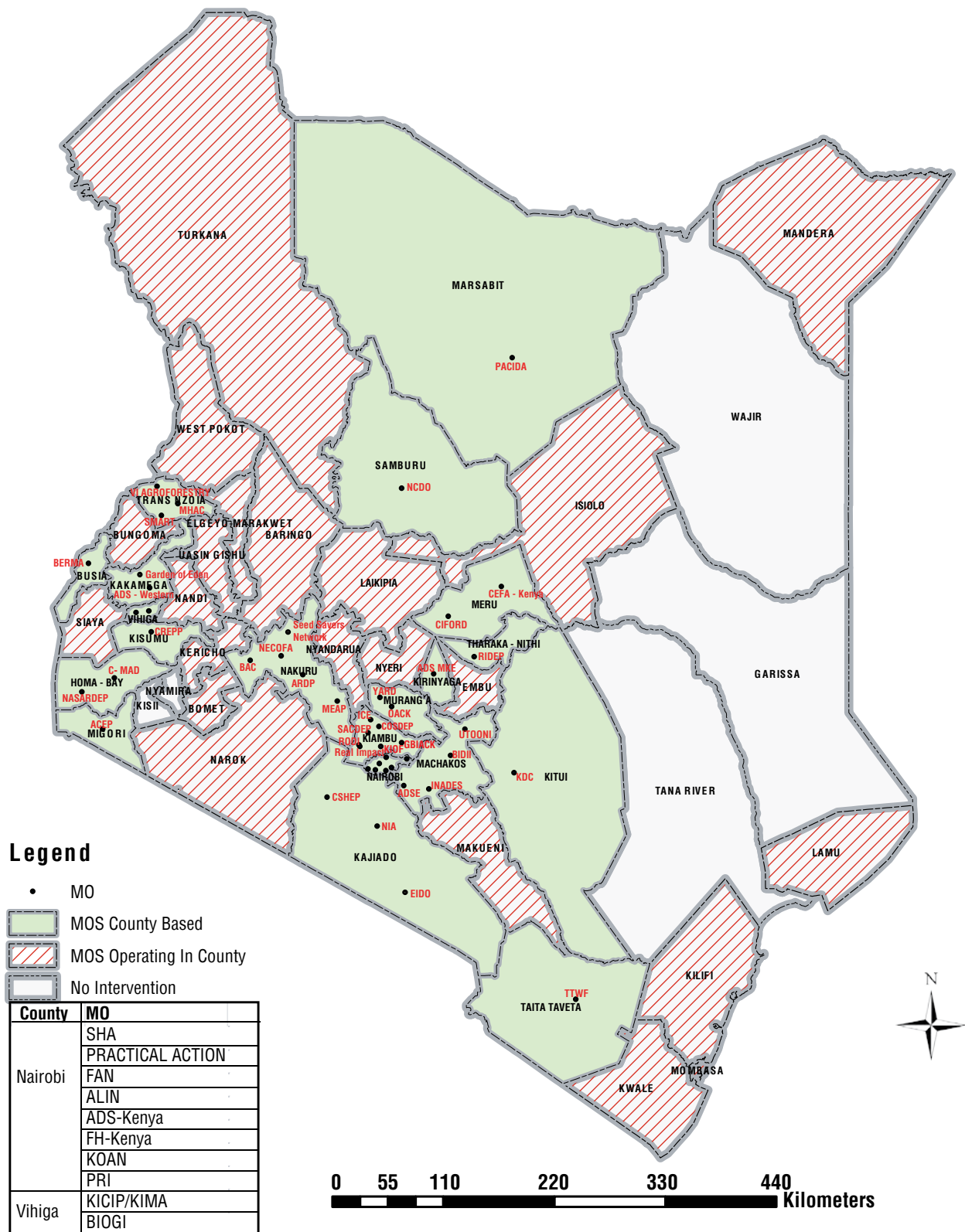
1. Commitment to networking and partnership
2. Transparency and Accountability
3. Innovativeness
4. Equity and Justice
5. Gender Sensitivity

Strategic Directions

The following are the set strategic priorities of PELUM Kenya:

- » Climate Change Adaptation
- » Agro-enterprise and market development
- » Sustainable Natural Resource Management
- » Resource Mobilization
- » Internal Capacity Building
- » Networking and Collaboration
- » Monitoring and Evaluation

PELUM Kenya Member Organizations and where we work



Message from the Chairperson



MR. CHARLES N. ONYANGO

NATIONAL BOARD CHAIRPERSON,
PELUM KENYA

On behalf of the PELUM Kenya Board of Directors, I am delighted to share with you PELUM Kenya's 2016 annual report. This report provides a snapshot of the focus of our programmes, financial management and the impact of our work.

The year 2016 marked the first year of implementing PELUM Kenya's strategic plan 2016-2020. The strategic plan prioritizes three strategic directions namely sustainable natural resource management, climate change adaptation and agro-enterprise/market development. Over the past year, PELUM Kenya continued to deliver on its mission of promoting participatory ecological land use principles and management practices for improved livelihoods among small scale farmers and pastoralists in Kenya through its four strategic areas namely: Research, Information Management and Marketing (RIMM), Capacity Enhancement and Networking (CEN), Campaign, Advocacy and Lobbying (CAL) and Results Based Management (RBM). Also, the newly established PELUM Kenya six zones continued to be nurtured and strengthened through engagement of the zonal members and respective steering committee members.

The 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 24th

June 2016 at Waterbuck Hotel, Nakuru and was attended by 64 delegates. During the AGM, the delegates elected three new Board of Directors namely: Mr. Karangathi Njoroge; representing Central Rift Valley Zone, Mr. Jack Juma; representing Nairobi/Central Zone and Ms. Anne Nashipae, the PELUM Regional Board Vice Chairperson as a co-opted board member. PELUM Kenya membership also grew from 46 to 49 members following the ratification of three new member organizations during the AGM. The new members are Emayian Integrated Development Organization (EIDO), Seed Savers Network (SSN) and Garden of Eden (GOE).

In the past year, the prime focus of the Board was to develop and approve three new organizational policies namely the Risk Management Policy, the Salaries and Remuneration Manual and Overheads Policy. We believe that these new policies will streamline the operations of PELUM Kenya Network, the Country Secretariat and the Networking Zones. .

The Board is keen to build on long track record in *elum* and ensure that PELUM Kenya maintains its reputation as a learning network. In the coming years, the PELUM Kenya board plans to monitor and review its role as a governance arm and improve in areas that needs strengthening. .

It's my hope that our stakeholders and readers will be inspired by the information and experiences presented in this report to renew and reinvigorate their commitment and loyalty in supporting PELUM Kenya deliver on its mandate and set objectives.

Lastly, I would like to thank funding and collaborating partners, my fellow board members, Member Organizations and Country Staff for their huge commitment and support in making the year 2016 a success. Please join me in welcoming another year where we will work together in unity to accomplish PELUM Kenya Mission "Building an empowered and prosperous communities deriving their livelihoods from sustainable land use".

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PELUM Kenya Board of Directors



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MR. JACK JUMA
Member



MS. ANNE NASHIPAE
Co-opted member

Country Coordinator's Foreword



**MR. ZACHARY
MAKANYA**

*Country Coordinator and
Chief Executive Officer
PELUM KENYA*

This report presents an overview of institutional, programme and financial related progress and achievements of PELUM Kenya network in the year 2016. I stand in humble gratitude as I reflect on the results of the past fiscal year. The past year was a very encouraging year for PELUM Kenya Board of Directors, Staff, Member Organizations, funding and collaborating partners and other stakeholders as we continued to strengthen networking and our engagement with the small scale farmers and pastoralists.

During the year, PELUM Kenya continued with the strengthening of its six networking zones, implementation of its programmes and projects namely; PENELI II, Ecological Organic Agriculture (EOAI) and Green Action Week (GAW). Through the PENELI II programme, the livelihoods of small holder farmers working with member organizations was improved through application of *elum* practices and networking. The GAW project promoted consumer awareness on organic food and farming while the EOAI programme strengthened a vibrant ecological organic system for enhanced food security and sustainable development in Africa.

PELUM Kenya hosted a number of visitors including PELUM Swaziland team, PELUM Uganda team and German Parliamentarian Assistants. New partnerships were also established with Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations; Italy, Biovision Africa Trust (BvAT), African Food Sovereignty Alliance (AFSA) and A Growing Culture (AGC). PELUM Kenya also continued to participate in local, national, regional and global forums. These include the Conference of Parties (COP) 22 in Marakech, Morocco, regional and continental steering committee meetings of the EOAI, training workshops, conferences and advocacy events. All these have enhanced the relevance and recognition of PELUM

Kenya as an indigenous African network in promoting *elum* practices and principles and articulating on issues that affect small holder farmers.

During the year, three members of staff left the organization in pursuit of their dreams, exploits and aspirations. These were Mr. Gordon Kojo, Programme Officer- Results Based Management (RBM), Ms. Anne Majani, Programme Officer- Campaign advocacy and Lobbying (CAL) and Mr Tom Kibet, Accountant. We were also joined by two new staff, Ms. Everlyn Achieng Kaumba as the new Programme Officer, RBM, and Mr. Nehemiah Ndinwa as the Accountant. Ms. Mary Irungu was promoted from Programme Assistant to the Programme Officer, CAL. I wish to thank the departing staff for all their efforts while working with PELUM Kenya and wish them all best in their new endeavors and extend a warm hand of welcome to the new staff and wish them gainful engagement with PELUM Kenya. We also congratulate Ms. Irungu for her promotion.

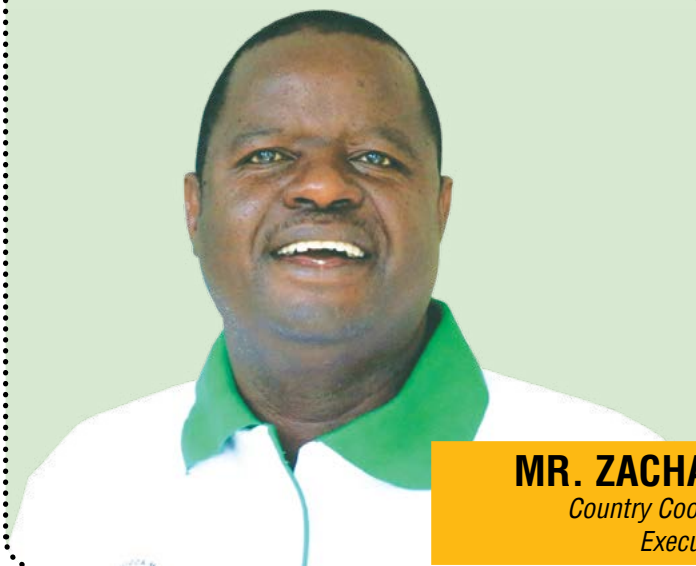
We hope that this report will give the stakeholders and the readers an idea of the difference that PELUM Kenya has made and a sense of the extent of influence this unique member-driven network has. We are deeply grateful to everyone who supported us and particularly PELUM Kenya Member organizations, The PELUM Kenya National Board, PELUM Kenya Zonal Steering Committees, PELUM Kenya thematic committees, funding and collaborating partners. We are happy that our funding partners, Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC) and Bread for the World (BftW) have agreed to support PELUM Kenya programme in the next 4 years (2017 – 2020). Tudor Trust is also supporting FOSELI, a zonal networking programme for small holder tea farmers in Central Kenya for the next 3 years (2017 – 2019)

We also welcome other new funding partners who may want to accompany PELUM Kenya in its exciting development journey as a vibrant network.

Last but not least, I wish to thank PELUM Kenya staff for their hard work, commitment to excellence, and great passion to perform in realization of the expected results in order to improve people's livelihoods. This, indeed, may be the best motivation as we look forward to 2017 with a practical sense of excitement and optimism.

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PELUM Kenya Staff



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MS. SARAH NANJALA,
Zonal Networking Coordinator - Western zone

STAFF WHO JOINED PELUM KENYA



MS. EVERLYN KAUMBA,
Programme Officer- Results Based Management



MR. NEHEMIAH NDINWA,
Accountant

STAFF WHO LEFT PELUM KENYA



MR. GORDON KOJO,
Programme Officer- Results Based Management



MR. TOM KIBET,
Accountant



MS. ANNE MAJANI,
Programme Officer- Campaign Advocacy and Lobbying



INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PELUM KENYA MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the network increased from 46 to 49 Member Organizations with the ratification of three new members.

Dropped members

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

New members that joined

A total of three organizations namely Emayian Integrated Development Organization (EIDO), Seed Savers Network and Garden of Eden were ratified to join PELUM Kenya membership.

Five year Strategic Plan 2016-2020

In 2016, PELUM Kenya entered its first year of implementation of the 5 year strategic plan (2016-2020). The three thematic areas of focus for this strategic period are as follows:

- » Sustainable Natural Resource Management
- » Climate Change Adaptation
- » Agro-enterprise and market development

The Institutional Capacity Development, and Monitoring and Evaluation are two cross cutting themes during the Strategic Period.

Annual General Meeting

The 2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 24th June 2016 at Waterbuck Hotel, Nakuru and was attended by 64 delegates. During the AGM, the delegates

elected two new board members. Mr. Karangathi Njoroge from MEAP was elected to represent the Central Rift Valley zone; and Mr. Jack Juma from KOAN was elected to represent Nairobi and Central zone.

Ms Anne Nashipae joined the National board as a co-opted member by virtue of being a PELUM Association regional board representative for the Northern Cluster of PELUM Association (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Ethiopia).

Ms. Karen Nekesa from the Africa Biodiversity Network (ABN) was also confirmed as a co-opted Board Member. She was co-opted into the Board to provide diversity in 2015. PELUM Kenya national board thus increased in membership from 8 to 10 members comprising 7 Zonal Board representatives, 2 co-opted members and the Country Coordinator.



2016 Annual General Meeting (AGM) Delegates

Country Working Group

The meeting was held on 29th September 2016 at Golden Palace, Nakuru and attended by 54 Participants. The main purpose of the meeting was to understand more on

PELUM Kenya zonation and focus on making the zones more vibrant and increase members collaboration.



Group Discussions During 2016 CWG Meeting

The National Board Committee Meetings

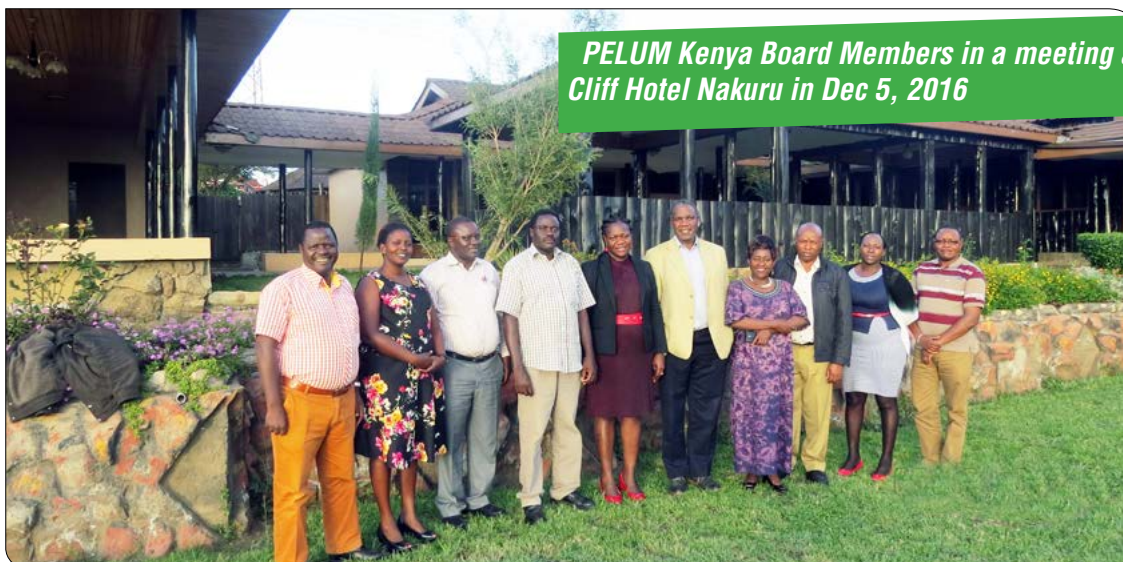
Two PELUM Kenya Board meetings were held on 10th May 2016 and 5th December 2016. The National Board technical Committee also held one meeting to review the

Programme report on achievements for 2015, and work plan for 2016 in readiness for presentation to the National Board. This meeting was held on 27th May 2017.

Zonal Steering Committee Meetings and their Leadership

PELUM Kenya steering committees continued to meet in the year to provide strategic direction to their respective zones. The committee leadership was as follows:

- Nyanza Zone - Mr. Charles Nyakora; CMAD
- Western Zone - Mr. Ferdinand Wafula; BIOGI
- Central Rift Valley Zone - Mr. Karangathi Njoroge; MEAP
- NRB/ Central Zone - Ms. Susan Kiura; RODI
- Lower Eastern & Coast Zone - Ms. Esther Musili; ADSE
- Upper Eastern & Northern Kenya Zone - Mr. Diida Karau; FH Kenya



PELUM Kenya Board Members in a meeting at the Top of the Cliff Hotel Nakuru in Dec 5, 2016

Thematic committees and their leadership

Advocacy Thematic Committee

Two advocacy committee meetings were held. On 30th June, 2016, five committee members met at the Luke Hotel, Nairobi. Planning and reviewing of implementation of activities were undertaken.

On 1st December, 2016, six committee members met at SACDEP Kenya, Thika. Members reviewed committee effectiveness and achievement in the 2 years of their engagement as per the PENELI II advocacy objectives.

The chair of the advocacy committee in 2016 was Wanjiru Kamau of KOAN

Marketing Thematic Committee

PELUM Kenya organized three meetings for the marketing thematic committee during the year. The thematic committees advised the marketing program on various aspects of program implementation and also enhanced the spirit of networking within PELUM Kenya.

The committee meetings were held as follows:

- 1st April 2016 at Kasarani Sportsview hotel, Nairobi and attended by seven (3F, 4M) out of the nine committee members. During this meeting review of planned programme activities was undertaken.
- 24th August 2016 at Kasarani Sportsview hotel, Nairobi and attended by five (3F, 2M) out of nine committee members. The committee reviewed the progress of implementation including the organic market forum that had been planned.
- 1st December 2016 at Kasarani Sportsview hotel, Nairobi and attended by five (3F, 2M) out of the nine committee members. The committee reviewed its achievements and effectiveness in supporting the marketing component during its two years of service.

The chair of the marketing committee in 2016 was Ferdinand Wafula of BIOGI

Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning committee (MEAL) committee

In 2016 Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning committee (MEAL) committee conducted two successful meetings (February 15th and 1st December 2016). The meetings mainly reviewed the progress of activities that were being implemented in relation to expected outcomes. They were in the forefront during the PENELI II rapid Appraisal. Through the technical support of the MEAL committee members, PELUM Kenya's RBM officer was able to design tools and conduct a successful PENELI II rapid appraisal. The findings of the rapid appraisal enabled the program officers to make informed decisions with regard to the progress of project.

Staff Changes

Three staff from PELUM Kenya Country Secretariat comprising two programme staff; Campaign, Advocacy and Lobbying (CAL), Results Based Management (RBM) Programme Officer and one from the accounts department; Accountant left the Organization during this period. The three positions were filled by Ms. Mary Irungu, Ms. Evelyn Kaumba and Mr. Nehemiah Ndinwa respectively

Staff Reflection

A staff reflection was held at Sun 'n' Sand Beach Resort in Mombasa on 21st and 22nd December 2016. The reflection was attended by all PELUM Kenya staff. The objectives of the staff reflection were; to reflect on general work performance, development and recognize success/failure in 2016 and to identify challenges/opportunities/best practices experienced by PELUM Kenya teams within the years of programme/project implementation.

The final day of the staff reflection saw PELUM Kenya staff unwind through fun and games.



Some PELUM Kenya staff during a staff reflection meeting



2016 PROGRAMMES/ PROJECTS FACT SHEET



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

In 2016, three programmes/projects namely Promoting *elum* and Networking for Livelihood Improvement (PENELI) II, Green Action Week (GAW) and Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative (EOAI) were implemented by PELUM Kenya.

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

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

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

Objectives:

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

Key Results Areas:

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

2. GLOBAL GREEN ACTION WEEK PROJECT (2013-2016)

FUNDING PARTNER: *Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC)*

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

Objectives:

- » To empower consumers with knowledge on sustainable consumption attributes and their effects
- » To promote consumer awareness on organic food and farming

Key Result areas:

- » Popularizing the East African Organic Mark (Kilimohai)
- » Promote consumer awareness on the benefits of organic food and farming

3. ECOLOGICAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE INITIATIVE IN AFRICA (2013-2016)

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

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

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

Key Results Areas: Ecological Organic Research mainstreamed into the national agricultural research system.

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



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



Organic Market Forum

On the 25th August 2016, PELUM Kenya held an Organic Agriculture Market Forum at the Sportsview Hotel, Kasarani. The forum brought together 103 participants (62M, 41F) comprised of PELUM Kenya Member Organizations staff, farmers, organic traders, organic input suppliers and organic support services; certification bodies, government representatives and financial institutions. Four panelists' sessions comprising of key organic market players were held with interactive plenary sessions. Successful organic

traders such as Kate's Organics, Winnie's Pure Health, Organic Farmer Market, Jungle Nuts and Bridges Organic Restaurant actively took part in the event. Later in the day, an organic exhibition by farmers, traders, input suppliers and organic support bodies was held. Two youth groups that were supported under the project also shared the results of their value chain interventions. The exhibition provided a forum for linking the organic enterprises to market opportunities for livelihood improvement.



Dr. Mokaya of Organic Consumer Alliance engaging with PRI Kenya exhibitors during Organic Market Forum

Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) Certification for Organic Products

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

a) Gacavari SHG PGS progress

Gacavari SHG group was started in 2013 with a membership of 20 people. The focus value chain in the PGS certification process was the indigenous chicken. There has been a tremendous change in volume since

before the project the members had 2 to 5 chicken but today they have an average of 30 to 50 chickens. Through collaboration with the Ministry of Kenya (Upper Tana), the group was capacity build through farmer field schools. The group has already developed a PGS manual for their organic products. They have been also trained in organic chicken production and management – housing, feed formulation and general management.

b) Kamicha Kabondo fresh organic cassava PGS progress

Kamicha Kobondo PGS group consists of 25 members who were selected from the Kamicha Kobondo development group that has 90 members. The group has already received approval as a PGS certified group. The group has received support from the ministry of agriculture in Nyando sub-county for the acquisition of a cassava processing machine. The group also received funding from KOAN to help put up the value addition machine. The group sells its products in the form of; Cassava cuttings, Cassava tubers, Cassava chips and Cassava flour. One of its farmers was awarded as the best farmer in the Country- Disability category

c) Mukika SHG PGS progress

Mukika SHG is composed of 22 members (17 female and 5 male) and focuses on the improved chicken “kuku Afya” and “Kroiler” value chain. The group has already received approval as an organic PGS certified group. Initially the group was keeping 200 chickens which has since increased to 600 chickens. Individuals were raising an average of 10 birds but now the keep average of 50 birds. Initially the local chicken breed they used to keep took 8 to 12 month to mature. The improved breeds take 3 to 4 months to mature. The local breeds were costing 250 to 300 Kshs and the market was local people hence not promising. Now the group sells the improved birds to hotels at 600Kshs. At the moment the group is hatching their own chicks and selling suppliers to other farmers outside the group which is earning more income to the group. The group received support from Upper Tana through provision of an incubator and feed mixing machine which has been useful in enhancing the group’s income.

d) Malando Bee Keepers Cooperative Society PGS progress

Malando Bee Keepers Cooperative Society is a registered cooperative society under the cooperatives act owned by Ogiek farmers in Mariashoni area along the Mau forest complex in Nakuru County. The cooperative has a total of 349 farmers and are engaged in the honey value chain. The value of the products has improved due to improved packaging, production and refining in line with organic agriculture principles and internal standards. The group is currently marketing its products in supermarkets, local shops, trade fairs, slow food Central Rift convivium, restaurants’ through stakeholders forum and other market linkages created during workshops organized by PELUM Kenya, KOAN and other partners. The group refines and packs its honey in sealed branded containers; they are well packed and tamper proof. The group is also adding value to the wax by making candles and multipurpose jelly which can be used as milking salve and also as body jelly for human. The group markets its honey collectively.. The group has already developed a PGS manual for their organic products.



A member of Malando Cooperative holding the Ogiek Pure honey

Youth Marketing Projects

PELUM Kenya continued to facilitate two youth groups to undertake agricultural youth projects along the value chains of honey and chicken. The youth groups are: Kulyouths and Advocate for change Bunge youth group respectively (both working with ADS Western).

a) Kulyouths youth group

Kulyouths youth group was formed in November 2011 and has 15 members out of whom 7 are female. In 2016, the group was trained on apiary establishment, honey processing and marketing strategies. Through PELUM Kenya interventions, the group has begun the process of processing, packaging and labeling honey. The group markets its honey within and outside the community especially during field days, and exhibitions at the county level.

b) Advocate for change youth Bunge

Advocate for change youth Bunge was formed on 23rd December 2011 with local poultry keeping being its main activity. There are fifteen members (5 female and 10 male). In 2016, the group was trained on pest and disease control, feed formulation using locally available materials to reduce expenses and marketing strategies. Through the project, the group has increased the number of local eggs from average of five to fourteen per bird. The group has also gained strong marketing skills which have helped increase the selling price for one chicken from ksh 350 to ksh 700. Though the group is marketing their produce individually, it has plans to open a collection centre.

Video Documentation on marketing of biodiveristy products

One video documentation featuring the Malando Beekeepers Cooperative as a successful case study in marketing of the Ogiek indigenous honey was undertaken. 100 copies were produced. Malando Cooperative society is comprised of 349 farmers from the Ogiek community engaged in honey value chain in the Mau Forest- in Mariashoni. Network for Eco farming in Africa (NECOFA), a PELUM Kenya member organization, has been working with the community in reforestation activities in the Mau forest to ensure that the forest biodiversity is restored. They have also been involved in enhancing the community’s capacity in beekeeping enterprise to increase the honey productivity hence improving the community livelihood. At the moment the farmers are able to refine, package brand, bar-code their honey which has also acquired Kenya Bureau of standards (KEBS) certification. The honey has been tested in Italy by Slow Food Foundation for Biodiversity and found to possess positive natural honey qualities and has been mapped in the Ark of Taste products under the category of “Honeys and Bee-related Products”. In 2015, PELUM Kenya through its Member Organization

NECOFA began the process of supporting the group for organic certification under the PGS model. To date the farmers have developed a PGS manual and have received capacity building on organic certifications and standards.

Policy and Legislation Monitoring, Analysis and Sharing

PELUM Kenya monitored policies in terms of the development, implementation and budget allocations on a quarterly basis. Four updates on policy and legislation process were shared to the network. The updates included an analysis of policy and legislation process at County, national and regional levels. The objective was to increase policy engagement by the members in the network.

Engagement with policy makers

The six PELUM Kenya zones held sensitization/engagement meetings at different Counties. These meetings were held together with farmers on identified issues.

a. Lower Eastern and Coast Zone:

In the Lower Eastern and Coast zone, members held a one day sensitization meeting with duty bearers, legislators and farmers from Kithoni farmers self-help group, Kwakika community based organization, Makuta Mwea self-help group, Ikanga self-help group and Ndethye self-help group

in Makueni County. The meeting jointly identified issues affecting small holder farmers, developed a work plan and a memo.

On 8th November, 2016, members and farmer group representatives presented a memorandum to the county government of Makueni highlighting the key challenges affecting small holder farmers in the county such as climate change, access to market, budget allocation for agriculture, fund allocation for water harvesting infrastructure like sand dam (weir). The memo was received by the acting director of Agriculture Mr. Amos Ndunda.

Members and the farmers from the 5 CBO also held an advocacy evaluation session for process and strategy used to present the memorandum to the County government of Makueni. Members assessed the process, content, achievement and areas of improvement. The greatest achievement highlighted was the realization that farmers have a voice in matters that affect their livelihoods and more so agriculture related services.

b. Nairobi/Central zone

In Nairobi/Central Zone, members held a meeting with Murang'a County agriculture committee and discussed the need to promote ecological agriculture in the zone.



Rosinah and Edward (both of PELUM) and KDC staff during farmer follow up visits



Demonstrations on GMO Free Kenya in Nairobi

c. Central Rift valley zone

In the Central Rift valley zone, PELUM Kenya member organizations held a meeting on 22nd September, 2016 at Molo Sub County. The meeting brought together MOs from the zone, farmers from Molo, Kuresoi North and Gilgil sub Counties and sub County agriculture officers. The zone was engaged in advocating for potatoes market access and sustainable environmental conservation. The County government of Nakuru in partnership with the government of Ireland through the International Fertilizer Development Centre (IFDC) is now establishing potato storage facilities/warehouse in Nakuru County. The storage facilities have been established in Seguton, Kapsumbeiywo and Gorta in Keringet.

d. Western Zone

Members of Western held 3 advocacy meetings with policy makers

- » In Trans Nzoia County, Member Organizations held an engagement meeting with Kinyoro ward MCA Hon. George Boen. The meeting was held to discuss access to market for maize and poor infrastructure in the County.
- » In Busia County, Member Organizations advocated for operationalization of cassava processing plant.
- » In Lugulu ward, Member Organizations engaged in advocating for budget allocation for agriculture.

e. Nyanza Zone

In Nyanza Zone, members held a policy advocacy meeting that brought together policy makers, farmers and member organizations. The meeting objective was to create awareness on Ecological Organic Agriculture and seed sovereignty and seed laws.

Members from Nyanza zone also paid a courtesy call to Kisumu NEMA officers. Among the issues discussed were domestication of National laws in the County, green skills and information dissemination to the communities, waste management and Kisumu climate change draft policy among others.



Farmer to farmer exchange visit in Nyanza zone

f. Upper Eastern and Northern Kenya zone

Members held an engagement meeting with policy makers and farmers in Marimanti, Tharaka Nithi County. Members engaged in advocating for access to market for cereals and overcharging or double charging at the market entry points.



Presentation of a Memorandum to the Deputy Director of Agriculture - Makeni County

Media Engagement in the Zones

There was increased coverage of PELUM Kenya activities in national and local media houses. On average PELUM Kenya reached 10 million citizens as follows:

- » In Lower Eastern and Coast Zone was covered by Mbaitu FM and the County champion newspaper focusing on resources allocation for climate change adaptation, agriculture extension services and the voice of small holder farmer
- » Rift Valley Zone was covered by Radio Amani focusing of market access for potatoes
- » Nairobi/Central zone was covered by the star newspaper, Kameme FM and online articles <http://www.thika-towntoday.co.ke/2016/11/pelum-appeals-for-great-engo.html>
- » Western Zone was covered by Sahara FM and Anyole FM focused on market access for maize and ecological agriculture
- » Nyanza Zone was covered by Radio Lake Victoria and Radio Ramogi on ecological agriculture
- » Upper Eastern and Northern Kenya was covered by Mwariama TV and Meru TV on market access for cereals

Mass Awareness Through IEC Materials

There was increased awareness of *elum* practices as well as issues affecting small holder farmers through information education and communication advocacy materials. PELUM Kenya produced and disseminated posters, banners, fliers and brochures with messages on organic agriculture, increased natural resources degradation, participation of small holder farmers in policy development, budget allocation to agriculture and climate change adaptation, access to market and poor infrastructure among others.

Rapid Assessment

A rapid assessment for PENELI II programme was carried out by the Results based management office as part of regular data collection within the organization's M&E system. The exercise was conducted in all the six PELUM Kenya zones by the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning committee members in the month of February 2016.

The main objective of the exercise was to establish the progress (level) of achievement of intended outcomes by the end of the second project year. The specific

objective of the exercise was to assess the achievement of milestones as per the project binding document. Data was collected from a total number of 83 households. Household questionnaires, Key Informant Interviews and Focus Group Discussion were used in data collection.

PENELI II Review

PENELI II review meeting was held on 29th and 30th November 2016 at SACDEP training center, Thika. The review focused on all the components of PENELI II; Campaign Advocacy and Lobbying (CAL), Research Information and Marketing Management (RIMM) and Capacity enhancement and Networking (CEN). The review meeting was attended by 21 participants, drawn from 12 Member Organizations.

The main aim of the review was to assess effectiveness, efficiency, share lessons learnt, best practices, challenges and recommendation for the future. In a scale of 1 -10 , 10 being the best, participants rated PELUM Kenya at 8 with regard to achievement of the programme's development Goal.



Lower Eastern and Coastal Zone MOs during a visit to CSHEP demo Garden

PELUM Kenya and Jomo Kenyatta University Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) Partnership

A partnership with Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) was established through the signing of a three year's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). A Joint Management Committee (JMC) of 6 Senior Staff, 3 from each Institution was selected. The partnership will promote validation and scaling up of farmers' innovations by both Institutions.

Internship Programme for PELUM Kenya Members

Ten graduate students from Manorhouse Agriculture Center (MHAC), Kenya Institute of Organic Farming (KIOF) and Baraka Agricultural College (BAC) were attached among PELUM Kenya Member Organizations for a 2 months Internship programme November and December 2016 as follows, BIOG1 -1, BERMA -2, Seed savers network -2, CIFORD -1, ADS Mt Kenya East -1, RODI -1 CREPP -1 and RIDEP -1. During the Internship period, the members benefited from the Students hands on experience on *elum* principles and practices.

Video Documentation on Farmers' Innovative Practices

Twenty copies of a video documentation on successful and best farmers innovative practices were produced. The documentation covered farmer innovations undertaken

by Laikipia Permaculture Research Institute. The featured innovations were: high potential use of cactus in processed form including fruit juice, jam and wine; use of locally available material for development; value addition of aloe vera to produce soaps, medicinal products and natural cosmetics

Climate change workshop

A climate change: resilience and impact on food security workshop was held from 11th-13th May 2016 for 44 Participants. The purpose of the workshop was to create awareness on climate change in relation to resilience and food security.

Farmer Led Documentation skills Training

Seventeen farmers from Laikipia Permaculture Research Institute were trained on Farmer Led Documentation (FLD) skills. The workshop was held from 17th to 19th February 2016 at Laikipia Permaculture Research Institute. The purpose of the workshop was to empower farmers in identifying and documenting farmer innovations.

Farmer Led Documentation training at Laikipia Permaculture centre





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Geographic Information Systems Training and M&E Capacity Development

The Geographic Information System (GIS) training was held on 4th - 6th October 2017 at The Smith Hotel, Rongai, Kenya. The 3 days training was organized by Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM Kenya) Kenya through the RBM office, in collaboration with Biovision Africa Trust. The meeting was attended by 16 participants (mainly in charge of M and E) drawn from Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya. The main objective of the training was to help member organizations to integrate Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) systems.



The EOAI Continental Steering Committee Members in Zimbabwe

Establishment of an Online Monitoring and Evaluation Platform

In October 2016 an online platform was established. The aim of the online platform is to enhance monitoring and evaluation of EOAI implementing partners can use it to upload and read reports, documentaries, case studies and various documents. Follow this link to view the platform <http://ppms.pelum.net/>

Documentation of Success Stories and Best Practices

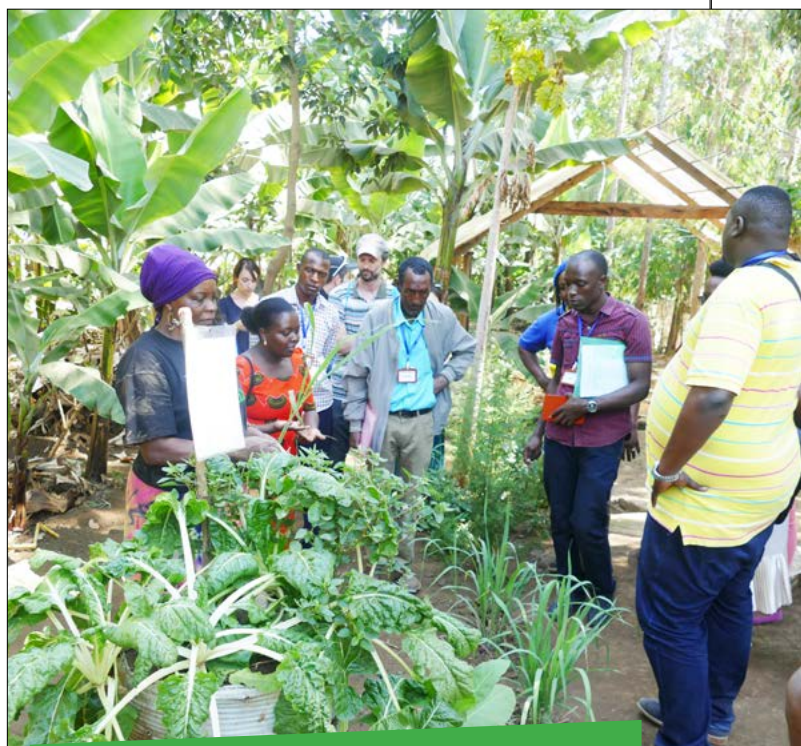
500 copies of a booklet featuring the best EOA practices and success stories in the period of Jan 2013 to 2015 was published. This publication entails a collection of the EOA best practices, success stories and key highlights of the implementation of the EOA initiative in Eastern Africa. Some of the featured articles include; Boosting nutrition

for school going children through school gardens in Busia County, Kenya; and Organic Farmers Markets in Uganda and Kenya.

Women and Youth Visit on Ecological Organic Agriculture in Arusha, Tanzania

An organic Agriculture learning, exposure and exchange visit for women and youth was held on the 26th and 27th October 2016 in Arusha, Tanzania. The activity was hosted by Tanzania Organic Agriculture Movement (TOAM) and entailed 16 participants from 6 Eastern Africa Countries. The team visited Floresta NGO, MESULA Company and four farmer groups practicing organic agriculture. The aim of the visit was to sensitize and expose the youth and women entrepreneurs and innovators in Ecological Organic Agriculture in order to expose them to opportunities that will help them improve their livelihoods. The visit was featured in the Tanzanian national TV (Star). See the link below;

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwIKySNW3oRTU5CTXA4NlIdUSWM/view?usp=drive_web



Regional EOAI exchange visit in Arusha

Directory of Organic Actors in Eastern Africa

1500 copies of an EOAI regional directory of actors covering six Eastern Africa Countries namely Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Burundi was documented. The directory has documented the different value chain actors for Ecological Organic Agriculture in Eastern Africa.

Regional Monitoring Visit to EOA Partners in the Region

A Regional Monitoring Visit to EOA implementing partners in the region was conducted in October 2016. The monitoring and Evaluation exercise was conducted between 25th October 2016 and 10th November 2016 by PELUM Kenya under its capacity as the Eastern Africa Regional Secretariat and as an organization coordinating the SSNC EOA supported programmes in East Africa. The objective of the monitoring visit was to review the efficiency and effectiveness in implementation including resource utilization, timeliness, intermediary results and outputs, Participation by partners, Governments, Communities and stakeholders, Review the extent to which the project has realised stated objectives and goals, to discuss the EOA, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) online platform that PELUM Kenya developed for the purposes of sharing information (Reports, case studies, videos etc) within the region, Regional reporting to the Regional Steering Committee (RSC); in order to discuss the Project Sustainability efforts put in place and the emerging issues and Recommendations.

Governance, Leadership and Management Training

A governance, leadership and management training workshop was organized at Sports View Hotel, Kasarani, Nairobi from 26th to 28th January 2016. The 3 days' workshop was organized by PELUM Kenya with support from Swedish Society for Nature Conservation. The meeting was attended by 22 participants, drawn from Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya. The main objective of the workshop was to strengthen the capacity and skills of the Eastern Africa Regional Steering Committee (RSC) and other EOA members in the areas of governance, leadership and management.

Regional Steering Committee Meetings

A total of 3 Regional Steering Committee (RSC) meetings were held in 2016 as follows:

- » The first meeting was held in April 2016 at the Luke Hotel, Nairobi. The aim was to undertake planning and budget preparation for the Eastern Africa cluster. It also served as a special continental steering committee; and Eastern Africa Regional Cluster Planning and budgeting meeting, and incorporated the West African cluster team members. The work plan and budgets were endorsed in readiness for presentation to the CSC. The operationalization of the Eastern and West African regional clusters was also discussed extensively, and a provisional framework of operation proposed.
- » The second meeting was held in Nairobi at the Sportsview Hotel in Nairobi on 5th August. The purpose of the meeting was mainly to review progress made against the planned cluster action plans. It was felt necessary to have inter-pillar engagements in the 4 countries for synergy and problem solving as well as support in profiling the EOA Initiative in Africa.
- » A planning meeting was held on 9th December at Emeli Hotel in Nairobi for sharing the 2017 work plans. CLOs made presentations on what was planned and anticipated to be undertaken, which was endorsed for presentation during the Continental Steering Committee (CSC) meeting.



Participants during EOA Regional Steering Committee (RSC) meeting held in Nairobi

Participation in Continental Steering Committee Meetings

There were two Continental Steering Committee (CSC) meetings held in May and December 2016 at Windhoek Namibia, and Harare Zimbabwe respectively. The CSC meetings deliberated on continental matters of the EOA Initiative, reviewed reports from the implementing organizations in the 2 regions, and ratified work plans for 2017.

During the meeting in May 2016, PELUM Kenya was ratified as the interim coordinating secretariat for the Eastern Africa Cluster for 5 years. This was in readiness for the Cluster to establish itself with personnel in the proposed operational framework of the region.

The Southern Africa cluster shared updates in both of these meetings in the progress and achievements in establishment as a cluster.





GREEN ACTION WEEK PROJECT

World Food Day “Climate is Changing; Food and Agriculture Must Too”

One zonal level World Food Day celebrations event was held at Mutituni market, Machakos County on 16th October 2016. 502 members of the public were reached directly and over 5 million indirectly reached through the various channels of communication. Mass awareness creation and coverage by national media channels such as the national TV stations (KBC and Ebru TV), national newspapers (Nation newspaper) and local radio (Mbaitu FM) on organic food and farming messages enhanced the mass consumer reach. There was strong Collaboration with decision makers (county government departments of agriculture and livestock) and partnership towards promotion of organic food and farming beyond the project period. The event was covered in two national TV stations and also in local radio FM stations. See the links below: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7i7y5bt_D9U/ ; <http://www.ebru.co.ke/farmers-urged-to-avoid-chemicals-in-crop-production/>



Exhibitions during World Food Day

Indigenous Food Preparation Competition

An indigenous food preparation competition in one PELUM Kenya zone was held and hosted by CSHEP Kenya. Farmers engaged in food preparation competition so as to enlighten the public that organic food is tasty. The activity directly reached 239 households and indirectly reached over 1 million people through various media channels. After this initial day, CSHEP continued with the same awareness creation for another three days (Fridays of the following 3 weeks). During this activity, CSHEP launched its organic market which is usually held on every Friday since then. There were organic exhibitions that were held.

Mass awareness through IEC materials

The campaign directly reached 235 members of the public through the use of IEC materials (180 polo t-shirts, 35 safari hats and 20 aprons). The IEC materials had messages for promoting organic food and farming



PELUM Kenya's Programme Operations Manager, Ms. Maryleen Micheni pay a courtesy call to the Minister of Agriculture, Machakos County

Media Engagement

Both print and electronic media was used to create mass awareness on organic food and farming. Twitter followers increased from 275 to 383, facebook likes increased from 357 to 445 and facebook friends increased from 276 to 370. There was also media coverage on national TV stations namely; KBC and Ebru TV; National wide newspaper (nation) covered the World Food Event nation newspapers while Mbaitu FM, a local FM station held radio mentions. See the links below KBC news at 9 pm and 7 am https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7i7y5bt_D9U/ ; Ebru TV <http://www.ebru.co.ke/farmers-urged-to-avoid-chemicals-in-crop-production/>



World Food Day mass awareness demonstrations



**COLLABORATIONS,
PARTNERSHIPS
AND NETWORKING**

Small Scale Farmer's Forum on Agro-ecology

A Small scale farmers' forum on Agro Ecology forum was organized by Alliance for food Sovereignty in Africa (AFSA) in partnership with PELUM Kenya from 8th to 9th Sept 2016. The Participants were drawn from PELUM Kenya network, ABN, BvAT, KESSFF, KBIOC and KOAN. Over 130 participated. The event also comprised of food exhibition, traditional folk dances and poems with agro ecological messages. The best in food exhibition, dances and poems performance were awarded. The event was graced on the last day by the County Executive of Environment, Water, Natural Resources and Energy, Nakuru County who was the Chief

Guest. Also present was the Secretary General of AFSA Mr. Faustin Vuninguoma also the Secretary General PELUM Kenya. The Farmers issued a press statement on "No to GMOs".

Food Agriculture Organization (UN FAO)

PELUM Kenya activated its partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (UN) into a working relationship. This was after several engagements in mutual areas of Agroecology, resulting from contacts during participation in the FAO Agroecology Regional Symposium in Sub-Saharan Africa that had been established in 2015.

Biovision Africa Trust (BvAT)

A working MoU was entered into with BvAT in June 2016 aimed at engagement in the coordination of EOA Initiative for the Eastern Africa Regional Cluster. PELUM Kenya implements the Networking and Partnerships (N&P); Policy & Programme Development (PPD); and Institutional Capacity Development (ICD) pillars. The aim is to establish a fully functional regional platform for the implementing countries as well as bringing others in the region, on board which include Rwanda and Burundi.

A Growing Culture Collaboration (AGC)

PELUM Kenya entered in to collaboration with A Growing Culture (AGC) organization with the aim of supporting the establishment of farmers' innovation's library. PELUM Kenya also participated in the stakeholder's gathering that was held in September at Kikandwa, Uganda.

Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT)

In the quest to access and disseminate credible research findings, a formal working agreement between PELUM Kenya and JKUAT was entered into. This offers an opportunity to validate farmer innovation in agriculture and natural resource, with the much needed science to provide confidence of uptake and replication to the public; as well as offering a research dissemination platform for the university among PELUM Kenya members.

Mr. Zachary Makanya, PELUM Kenya's Country Coordinator accompanied by the County Environment Commissioner Nakuru and PELUM Association's Secretary General during farmers' agroecology forum



Ms. Maryleen Micheni, Programme Operations Manager of PELUM Kenya and Mr. Joshua Aijjuka of PELUM Uganda during a visit to an organic coffee shop in Torres, Brazil

Bread for the World visit (BROT)

On 12th August 2016, Ms Monica Redecker and Reinhard Palm visited PELUM Kenya for introductions, discussions on ecological agriculture programmes and an understanding of how networks function in programmes in the context in Africa. Mr Palm is the head of Africa Department at Bread for the World. On 1st November 2016, Ms Monica Pepping visited PELUM Kenya to interact with the programmes as well as offer support for the application on SEWOH.



Ms. Monica Pepping of BROT during a visit to PELUM Kenya

Visit by German Parliamentarian assistants

PELUM Kenya hosted a visit by the German Members of Parliament Assistants on behalf of Bread for the World. The team visited KDC's Ti Kwenda Kwitu community group in Kavaini, Kitui on 25th May 2016. Ms Monica Pepping of Bread for the World accompanied the MP assistants.



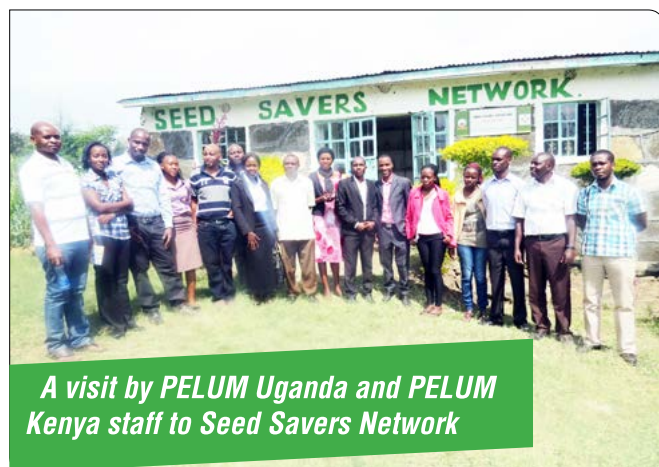
Mr. Petter Jern of SSNC with Farmers in Embu

Visit by Swedish Society for Nature Conservation (SSNC)

Peter Jern of SSNC visited PELUM Kenya on 30th November and 1st December 2016. The visit entailed field visits to Macadamia Fans – working with KOAN and Tharaka Poultry Rearing Group working with RIDEP.

Visit by PELUM Uganda

A team of 6 people; 2 from PELUM Uganda and 4 from PELUM member organizations made a visit to PELUM Kenya on the 18th to 22nd July 2016. The Team visited Seed Savers network, Egerton University and NECOFA for exposure on seed savings technologies



A visit by PELUM Uganda and PELUM Kenya staff to Seed Savers Network

Exchange Visit by PELUM Swaziland

PELUM Swaziland is one of the newest country Chapters of the PELUM Association. A team of 9 member organization representatives and board members, led by Ms Tsakasile Dlamini, the Country Coordinator paid a visit to PELUM Kenya on 18th August 2016. The team also visited OACK in the tea zone, and had dinner with the Executive Director of SACDEP, Mr. Ngugi Mutura. The group visited is a model for other farmers in changing lifestyle by engaging in Organic farming and Village Saving Schemes.

The President of Africa Japan Forum Visit

The President of Africa Japan Forum Ms. Naoko Tsuyama visited PELUM Kenya at their Country Secretariat offices on the 30th August 2016. The aim of the visit was to learn more about PELUM Kenya work as a network and explore areas of collaboration. After the office visit, the visitors visited farmers working with PELUM Kenya through its Member Organization Grow Bio-Intensive Agriculture Kenya (GBIACK)



Africa Japan Forum President During a visit to PELUM Kenya

FiBL and the ProEcoAfrica Team

Ms Beate Huber, Head of the Department of International Cooperation at FiBL, was accompanied by Dr. Anne Muriuki of KARLO, Noah Adamtey, Komi Fiaboe; Edward Karanja, Martha Musyoka, among other representatives from the National Advisory committee and members of the research team on 4th November 2016 during a visit to PELUM Kenya to learn more about PELUM Kenya and its activities, particularly the EOA linkages.

Culinary Art Skills Exchange

PELUM Kenya is a member of the Agricultural Biodiversity Community (abc) that aims at exchanging information

and sharing knowledge products. In addition to serving as committee representative for Africa, a co-creation engagement with FACHIG Trust of Zimbabwe. Ms. Peris Nderitu of GBIACK carried out a training in the Food and Seed Technical Conference from 14th – 16th December 2016 in Bindura, Zimbabwe for FACHIG extension staff. Having previously undertaken a six-month course on cooking and value addition by Multinational Exchange for Sustainable Agriculture (MESA) in the US, who are also members of abc the skills exchange training which was held to share experience between Eastern and Southern Africa (Kenya and Zimbabwe) was done based on the need for community knowledge to be shared and generated to provide new perspectives on the role of agricultural biodiversity based resilient food production systems. Though Eastern Africa cuisine and meals have suffered a bit of nutritional erosion, the Southern region of Africa has seen its diet left to highly processed foods that has been embraced from the fast paced lifestyle. It is against this backdrop that Farmers Association of Community self-Help Investment Groups (FACHIG Trust), came across cookbook by PELUM Kenya “Eat Healthy” and requested PELUM Kenya for a training on how to connect sustainable production and consumption for their members. The training was therefore offered through co-creation in a skills exchange to entail introduction to Bio-intensive principles of production, diet design, nutrition and enriching using Eastern Africa and Southern Africa Foods and value addition and cooking demonstrations.



Ms. Peris Nderitu training FACHIG Members in Zimbabwe on Culinary Art

Managers without Borders in Nyanza zone

Nyanza zone members were trained on business models by a consultant from “Managers Without Borders” by the name Mr. Kurt. During the time that Mr. Kurt engaged with the PELUM Kenya Nyanza zone and took time to interact with the individual organizations within the zone and equip the staff with skills on managing various aspects of their work. The staff gained a lot of skills and knowledge around the current technologies on how they can approach the social business enterprises in order to release good returns.



Kenya sugar research farmers' open day at Nyanza zone

Operation-Relief food- Out Exposure visit at Lower Eastern and Coast Zone

25 farmers from the Lower Eastern and Coast Zone (LECZ) participated in an exposure visit to Christian Impact Mission (CIM). This visit marked a turning point in their perception of small scale farming in the wake of a rapidly changing climate. The farmers visited the Christian Impact Mission (CIM) project as ordinary farmer champions but in their own confession, they left Yatta not just transformed champions but also as Christian Impact Mission (CIM) Ambassadors to the various CBOs they represented.

A farmer's open day was held on 18th February 2016 at Opapo Center in Migori County. The farmers open

day that was organized by KALRO Organization (Kenya Agricultural Livestock Organization) as a major stakeholder and the Sugar research institute SRI in collaboration with other development partners/stakeholders. The objective was to showcase the range of products and services offered by different stake holders. The theme was “Enhancing research and technology for increased Sugarcane productivity and wealth creation”. Farmers from ACEP and C-MAD organizations interacted with other likeminded farmers and partners to learn and improve on their farming practices.

Launch of the Kiptororo farmers' cooperative union at Central Rift Valley Zone

During the month of July 2016, Kiptororo farmers' cooperative which was officially registered in March 2016 bringing together a total of 48 farmer groups together from Kuresoi-North sub-county was launched on 29th July 2016, Kiptororo farmers' cooperative came about as a result of the PELUM Kenya Rift-Valley zone advocacy work that was done in 2015 focusing on marketing of farm produce by small scale farmers in Molo and Kuresoi sub counties. It is through this initiative that the farmers from Kuresoi North were empowered to join hands and their efforts through forming a cooperative union through which they address the issue of marketing their farm produce as well as advocate and lobby for other issues affecting them. The formation and the launch of the cooperative union was a major achievement that will allow the small-scale farmers bulk their farm produce and do joint marketing of the same. This initiative also attracted the duty bearers and the top officials in the County government of Nakuru including the governor, Hon. Kinuthia Mbugua, deputy governor, Hon Charles Ruto, the MP, Hon Moses Cheboi, the CEC agriculture, Hon. Charles Chepkwony among others. They were impressed by the organization of the farmer groups in an effort to improve their livelihoods. They congratulated PELUM Kenya and the member organizations the organizations that have worked with the farmers and enlightened them to walk towards that direction.

Advocacy Experiential Learning Visit to Burkina Faso

PELUM Kenya participated in the advocacy experiential learning visit to Burkina Faso in November, 2016 organized by Africa Biodiversity Network (ABN). The visit provided participants with evidence for campaign against GMOs in Africa. Burkina Faso effectively stopped cultivating Bt. Cotton after cotton companies complained that the Bt. cotton variety was producing lint of inferior quality resulting to loss of millions of dollars. Farmers said that the GM cotton had fewer seeds in the lint hence lower weight than that the conventional variety. This reduced the income of farmers since the payments are based on weight. Cotton farmers also claimed that the cost of inputs had escalated with the GM seeds costing sh.4500 compared to sh.132 for conventional seeds. In other words the Bt. Cotton was 36 times more expensive. Farmers also informed the team that they had lost livestock as a result of feeding on Bt. cotton straws. PELUM Kenya in partnership with coalitions like KBioC, ABN and others has strategized to campaign and raise awareness on GM.

Pre COP meetings

PELUM Kenya participated in Pre COP stakeholders meeting organized by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resource, Transparency International, Care International and PACJA on 14th November, 2016. The Kenya UNFCCC-COP 22 agenda was validated

UNFCC COP 22 in Marrakech, Morocco

PELUM Kenya participated in Conference of Parties (COP) 22nd climate change discussions in Marrakech, Morocco. PELUM Kenya followed various tracks of the Marrakech climate change conference, including agriculture which has emerged as an important subject of negotiations. The Paris Agreement has underscored the importance of agriculture and food security and various decisions prior and after the COP will no doubt affect the agricultural Sector. As a member of the broader civil society both in Africa and at global level, PELUM Kenya will actively engage in discussions that ensures adaptation in Agriculture is given significant attention in the implementation of the Paris Agreement, and particularly the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC). Morocco, the COP Presidency, announced the establishment of the African Agriculture Adaptation (AAA) Initiative, which has received tremendous support from various African countries. A great opportunity exists for PELUM Kenya and CSOs across Africa as the initiative seeks to support community initiatives such as ecological land management. PELUM Kenya will explore possible ways of linking with the initiative to ensure that its innovative approaches to ecological land management draw support from the initiative.



Irene of PELUM Kenya presents an award to KIOF Director During their 10th Anniversary celebrations

Non Violence Direct Action (NVDA) campaign training

PELUM Kenya participated in the Non Violence Direct Action (NVDA) campaign training organized by Green Peace on 26th -28th September, 2016. The main aim of the training was to equip participants with Knowledge and skills to carry out peaceful actions even when seen proactive. The NVDA campaign involves creative confrontation, independence and uses inspiring actions.

Agriculture Policies and Legislation consultative meeting

PELUM Kenya participated in Policy consultation meetings on Agriculture Policies and Legislation with BEACON, Action Aid, and Partners for Growth, GBLACK and Seed Growers Network among others on 19th February and 3rd February 2016.

Project management and financial management training

A project management and financial management training workshop was organized by BvAT for EOA Implementing partners in the East Africa Region where 25 Participants from Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda skill were sharpened on project management, and finance concepts. PELUM Kenya Senior Accountant and Senior Programme Officer-CEN participated.

Capacity Building in resilience meeting

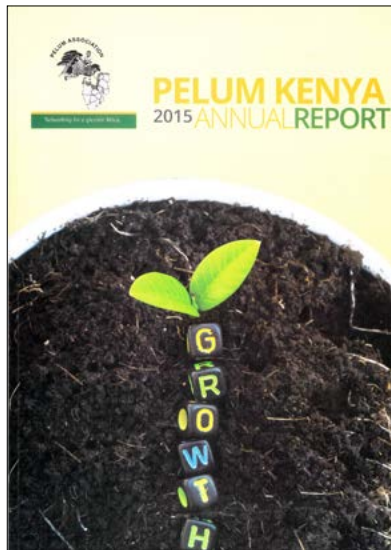
PELUM Kenya participated in a capacity building in resilience meeting in Stockholm Sweden in February 2016. The meeting was aimed at mainstreaming the concept of resilience among SSNC partner organizations as an imperative to design agricultural systems in the context of Climate uncertainties. The results of an assessment of organic agricultural systems that had been carried out in Kenya, Uganda and Brazil to demonstrate and evaluate some characteristics of these systems that make them more resilient was shared and discussed. In Kenya the study featured GBIACK's work with Tumaini women group as a case study. During the meeting, PELUM Kenya also presented a case study from UDO on sand dams in resilience building with drylands in Kenya.

As a follow up, a 10-day International Course on Ecological Agriculture and Resilience building was organized by Centro Ecológico in Torres Brazil, where PELUM Kenya took part. The emphasis was on identifying and applying the seven principles for building resilience in socio-ecological systems. Resilience thinking embraces learning, diversity and above all the belief that humans and nature are strongly coupled to the point that they should be conceived as one social-ecological system.

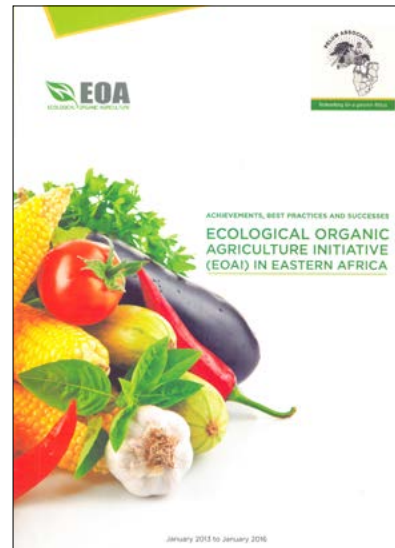


Participants of the International Course on Resilience Thinking in Agricultural Systems

DOCUMENTATION & PUBLICATIONS



2015 Annual Report



Documentation of EOAI success stories, achievements and best practices



Video Documentation on successful case study for marketing of organic enterprises



Video documentation on farmers' innovative practices



FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Financial Performance

The year began with a balance of Kshs 12,264,191, the total income received during the period was Kshs 72,688,102 and the total expenditure was Kshs 71,084,879 leaving a balance of Kshs 12,950,768. This amount included an advance of Ksh 6,360,000 by bread for the world for the year 2017.

The following is a summary financial report of funds received and expenditure.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2016

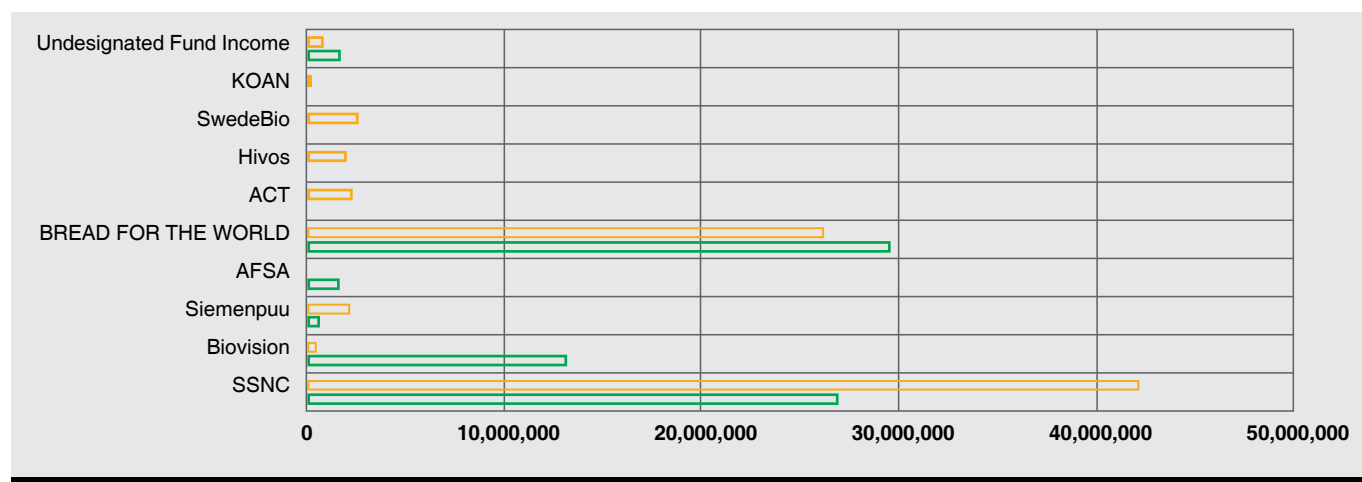
	2016 KSHS	2015 KSHS
INCOME		
Grants	71,185,374	77,194,742
Other Incomes	1,502,728	700,703
TOTAL INCOME	72,688,102	77,895,445
EXPENDITURE		
Direct Project Expenditure	57,214,263	76,127,161
Indirect Project Expenditure	7,849,582	8,006,329
Administration Costs	6,021,035	6,463,479
	71,084,879	90,596,968.29
Deficit/surplus	1,601,421	(12,701,523)
Deficit Funded by		
Funds brought forward	12,264,191	24,965,714
Less: Adjustment for Partner Refund	(916,645)	-
(Deficit for the year)/Surplus	1,601,421	(12,701,523)
Fund Balance carried down	12,950,768	12,264,191

PELUM Kenya Income

Funding Partner	2016		2015	
	Kshs	Percentage	Kshs	Percentage
SSNC	26,730,578	36.77	42,048,897	53.80
Biovision	13,040,000	17.94	374,768	0.48
Siemenpuu	451,696	0.62	2,073,060	2.65
AFSA	1,504,500	2.07		
Bread For The World	29,458,600	40.53	26,084,461	33.37
ACT	0	-	2,161,578	2.77
Hivos	0	-	1,853,000	2.37
Swede Bio	0	-	2,454,966	3.14
KOAN	0	-	50,000	0.06
PELUM Kenya Income	1,502,728	2.07	700,703	0.90
Total Income	72,688,102		77,806,433	

PELUM KENYA INCOME

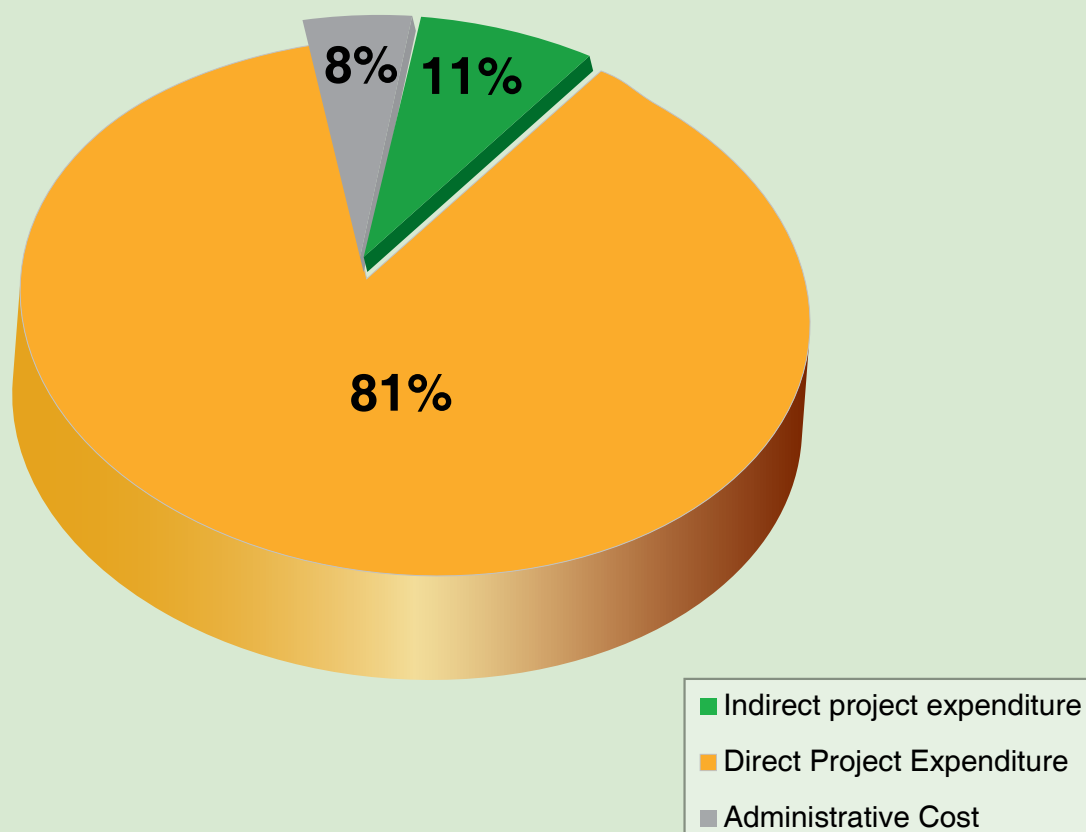
2015 Ksh 2016 Ksh



PELUM Kenya Expenditure

	2016		2015	
Expenditure	Kshs	Percentage	Kshs	Percentage
Indirect project expenditure	7,849,582	11.04	8,006,329	8.84
Direct Project Expenditure	57,214,263	80.49	76,127,161	84.03
Administrative Cost	6,021,035	8.47	6,463,479	7.13
Total Income	71,084,879		90,596,969	

PELUM KENYA 2016 EXPENDITURE



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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Participatory Ecological Land Use Management Association (PELUM) Kenya set out on pages 6 to 14 which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31st December 2016, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in fund balances and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

National Board's responsibility for the financial statements

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

Auditor's responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as of 31st December 2016 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and Kenyan Companies Act.

Report on other legal requirements

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

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

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

Nairobi, Kenya

20 June 2017



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Certified Public Accountants



Challenges and Lessons Learnt

1. PELUM Kenya zonation process is still at early stages and some of the member organizations may still be grappling with its understanding. The zonation is a new initiative adopted recently (2015) by PELUM Kenya and it is in line with devolution as per the Kenyan constitution, 2010.
2. Three staff left PELUM Kenya during the year, within short periods of each other from both the Programme and Finance and Administrative Departments. This coupled with the already overstretched human resource at the country secretariat, added more strain on the Country Secretariat workload.
3. Frequent data collection is very crucial in projects managements and implementation to ensure efficient and effective running of projects/ programs. Data collection and management aims to maximize efficiency of staff and resources, ensure the collection of accurate and reliable data, and focus on careful management of data once they have been collected.
4. Joint zonal activities are important in improving horizontal networking and also increasing PELUM Kenya visibility in different Counties. MOs and farmers within and outside the zones are able to enhance cross learning enhances results in the fields of agroecology.
5. Use of the network thematic committee is necessary for strengthening impact results for the network. Through the various committee in the year namely; marketing, advocacy and MEAL committees, the involvement of the network has been increased. This has contributed to capacity development of the network members and also enhanced the governance of various programs. The committees have enhanced relevance and program implementation based on the needs of a growing network.

PELUM Kenya Member Organizations

Central and Nairobi Zone

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

B. Upper Eastern/North Eastern Zone

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

C. Central Rift Valley Zone

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

D. Nyanza Zone

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

E. Lower Eastern and Coast Zone

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

F. Western Zone

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

Our Member Organisations



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