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PARTICIPATORY ECOLOGICAL LAND USE MANAGEMENT (PELUM) KENYA

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EDITORS' NOTE



Welcome to the second edition of PELUM Kenya quarterly newsletter.

Among the issues featured in this newsletter is the 2016 Annual General Meeting that took place in the month of June. This issue has also featured the progress made by Gacavari SHG– an ADS MKE farmer group in the Participatory Guarantee System for its organic indigenous chicken.

This publication is also glad to share about a visit by German Parliamentarian Assistants and Bread for the World . PELUM Kenya is grateful for the continued support from the Germany community.

Enjoy the reading!

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NB: PELUM Kenya is a registered network in Kenya and receives support from partners, well-wishers and friends directly.

ABOUT PELUM KENYA

Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM) Kenya is a national network which currently comprises of 49 member organizations

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

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

Our Core Values

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

Strategic Focus Areas

Capacity Enhancement and Networking
Campaign, Advocacy and Lobbying
Research, Information Management and Marketing
Results Based Management

PELUM KENYA HOLDS ITS 2016 AGM

PELUM Kenya held its 2016 AGM on the 24th June 2016 at the Waterbuck Hotel, Nakuru. A total of sixty six delegates attended the AGM with a representation of one staff from all the PELUM Kenya member organizations. During the AGM, three new member organizations namely; Garden of Eden, Seed Savers Network and Emaiyan CBO joined PELUM Kenya network raising PELUM Kenya membership to 49 Member Organizations. Two new board members were also voted in by the delegates namely Mr. Jack Juma and Mr. Karangathi Njoroge both representing Nairobi/Central zone and Central Rift Valley zone respectively. The AGM also ratified the co-option of Ms Anne Nashipae and Ms Karen Nekesa as a co-opted member.



2016 AGM delegates

NEW BOARD MEMBERS AS RATIFIED BY THE 2016 AGM



From Left to right: Ms. Anne Nashipae, Mr. Karangathi Njoronge, Mr. Jack Juma and Ms. Karen Nekesa

PGS MANUAL DEVELOPMENT FOR GACAVARI SHG



GACAVARI SHG and PELUM Kenya Zonal Networking Coordinator during the manual development

The process of Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) development for Gacavari SHG—an ADS MKE farmer group made a remarkable progress on the 28th and 29th June 2016. Gacavari SHG works group was started in 2013 with a membership of 20 people. The focus value chain in the PGS certification process is the indigenous chicken.

On these dates, the group was further trained on understanding and conceptualizing the organic farming process PGS development. The group specifically developed the group PGS rules and sanctions, developed an action plan and signed in to a PGS pledge form.

The PGS certification will enhance the group's engagement in the organic market sector.

The group is grateful for continued support by PELUM Kenya and ADS MKE.

PELUM Kenya is also working with three other farmer groups in the PGS certification process.



Gacavari SHG farmers in group sessions to develop internal PGS rules and sanction procedures

A VISIT BY GERMANY MPS ASSISTANTS' AND BROT VISITORS



The German MPs aides celebrating the work of the KDC's Executive Director, Ms Janet Mumo with farmers.

On May 25th 2016, PELUM Kenya received visitors from German comprised of 9 MPs' Assistants from different parties in German. The delegation was led by Ms. Monika Pepping, the Programme Officer Bread for the World and Ms. Esch Anja, the Programme officer in charge of advocacy at Bread for the world. The group visited the Ti-kwenda Kwitu Self-Help Group in Kavaini Village, Mwingi. This is a group of 11 members (7men and 4 women) who are working closely with Kitui Development Centre (KDC), one of the members in the Lower Eastern and Coast Zone. Ti Kwenda Kwitu SHG lauded the efforts made by KDC and PELUM Kenya in improving their livelihoods. The visiting team was happy to note the coping mechanisms employed by the farmers in adapting to climate change impacts. The visitors were also impressed by PELUM Kenya and KDC's success in working with the farmers.



From Left to Right: Community projects in one of the homesteads visited; Drought tolerant dairy goats, Water tank through SACDEP support and an indigenous wonder chicken with 30 chicks