



CGA
«Together we grow»



Strengthening farm advisory for lucrative and sustainable farms

Context

Agricultural sector is a pillar of Kenyan economy facing climate change and economic constraints

Kenya is seen as an economic power in East Africa. However, in terms of agriculture, the country shows great disparities between productive counties in the west of the country and more arid or marshy areas in the north and on the coast.

Kenya is widely affected by climate change with the rains being unpredictable and/or very scarce. Maize production (the staple food) is severely impacted. In many counties, farmers' vulnerability is aggravated by dependence on maize production for food and income, low-fertility soils and increase in cost of production.

Created in 1996, CGA, a national umbrella organization of Kenyan cereal farmers, has embarked in 2015 on a new strategic phase aiming at meeting these challenges in a sustainable manner.

Objectives

Improving CGA's services offer and sustainability in its long-term strategy

Producing
in quantity and in a sustainable manner

Storing and marketing
under favorable conditions for food security and income

Enhancing
sustainable management of family farms



KENYA

- CGA-Fert dissemination area of action
- Capital : Nairobi



1
national FO

90
local and regional FOs

5
counties

8 900
family farmers concerned



Actions

A new strategy to offer CGA services to its members, developed in 5 counties

The action aims at intensifying the services to farmers and their impact, while supporting CGA structuration towards a greater farmer-led approach/action

- Actions and services in the counties for farmers
- Technico-economic advisory to farmer groups through trainings, demonstration plots and exchange visits
- Trials and agroecology learning sites
- Building of technico-economic references for advisory and advocacy via a digital tool
- Linkages for input supply, marketing and financial services
- Empowerment and support of farmer advisors to provide proximity services

Supporting CGA structuration and sustainability

- Advocacy at county and national level
- Training and support of farmer leaders and strengthening of regional representation
- Review of membership policy and value proposition (services offer)
- Mentoring of farmer groups to implement sustainable collective services

News

Focus on agroecology, a necessary direction in the current context



In 2021, in a context of consecutive droughts affecting the two counties of Meru and Laikipia, CGA and Fert initiated in these counties a pilot-action with 8 farmer groups to support them towards more sustainable farming systems, through 3 pillars : soil fertility restoration (conservation agriculture, tree planting...), water harvesting and preservation, farm diversification for food security and income. Also, to provide some reliable answer to farmers' questions and test new technologies, 4 farmer-led trial sites, 2 learning sites and 8 demonstration-plots have been put in place.

They aim at :

- Exploring organic fertilizers such as Tithonia and different types of compost
- Studying the impact of different mulching materials and strategies
- Testing the effect of biopesticides recipes
- Comparing traditional and improved varieties of cereals and pulses

BUDGET :

424 450 €

Average annual budget
(including Fert support)
of which €40, 000€ financed
directly by CGA

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