

Name of group:
Amani Mama (Maize) Growers Group
 County: Kilifi
 Subcounty: Malindi
 Ward: Kakuyuni
 Village: Baguo
 Number of Members: 17
 Male: 4
 Female: 13
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Strengthening Competitiveness of the cassava value chain in Kenya

Amani Mama (Maize) Growers Group

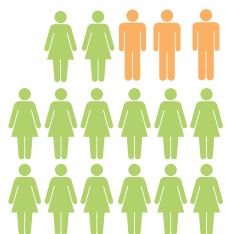
Women’s group ventures into cassava production to improve food security.

Amani Mama (Maize) Growers Group group based in Baguo village, Kakuyuni ward in Malindi was formed in 2016 is engaged in cassava production supported by the KF1 Project. The group has 17 members, 4 men and 13 women.

Background

The group as its name suggests was formed to promote maize farming among its members. However with the dwindling rainfall resulting from global warming and increasing pest infestation affecting the maize crop maize leading to a drop in production in Kilifi county, farmers groups such as Amani Mama (Maize) Growers Group are now

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The group currently has **17 members. 5 men and 13 women**

turning to cassava farming to boost food production and improve food security.

Context

Cassava is known to produce about 10 times more carbohydrates than most cereals per unit area, and is ideal for production in marginal and drought prone areas, which comprise over 80% of Kenya’s land mass. A cassava



Lead Farmer of Amani Mama Growers Group at the learning site of Amani Mama – Baguo doing general monitoring of the crops grown such as cassava, green grams and cowpeas.



Lead Farmer of Amani Mama Growers checking leaves of the cassava grown for any infection or infestation.

plant possesses several growth parameters and physiological processes which can be used to measure its ability to produce adequate yield under various abiotic and biotic stresses.

The climatic conditions in Kilifi county like in most parts of the Coast region favor the growing of cassava. Besides it is the second most important food crop in the region hence it has a potential ready market among the population. It is used to make fried cassava chips, crisps and pure flour among others.

Implementation

The group was trained on good agricultural practices on cassava growing, management, harvesting and market strategies. It was also trained on group dynamics



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“I am looking forward to earnings from selling the cassava once its ready to cater for my family's daily needs , says Saumu Peshe, a member of the group

The group meets on every Monday of the week. They meet to work on their joint farm and save as a group for a common group fund that they can borrow to meet their daily needs.



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