

## BEACON

CATEGORY:	Non -Governmental Organization (NGO)
CSA PROJECT TITLE:	Promoting sustainable food systems for enhanced food and nutrition security in Nakuru
SCALE:	County
LOCATION:	Nakuru, Kisumu , Kakamega, Uasin Gichu and Trans Nzoia
PERIOD OF THE PROJECT:	November 2018 to June 2020
GRANT SIZE OF THE PROJECT:	10 million



## SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

BEACON promotes sustainable food systems that enhance food and nutrition security through the promotion of climate change adaptation and mitigation practices to ensure there is sustainable transformation of vulnerable individuals and communities. The organisation engages in activities like policy formulation, knowledge dissemination, coordination and networking of CSA actions, use of drought tolerant crops, soil management practices, agroforestry/afforestation, and advocacy

## CONTEXT

Climate change poses a huge challenge on all sectors of the economy. Past records indicate that Kenya has been experiencing increase in temperature while future projections indicate temperature will continue to increase to 1°C by 2020 and 2.3°C by 2050. Such variations in climatic conditions exposes the population in arid and semi-arid regions to climate change and agriculture risks and vulnerabilities which pose serious implication on food security and poverty eradication.

## OBJECTIVE

To promote sustainable food systems that enhance food and nutrition security

## KEY INTERVENTIONS

FARM LEVEL	TARGET (NO OF FARMERS)	INDICATORS MONITORED
Soil management	85 farmers	Resilience to flood and drought
Use of drought tolerant crops		Number by type of drought tolerant crops promoted
Agroforestry	Six (6) farmer groups	Number of tree nurseries established and number of tree seedlings established
Others		Number of biogas units established
BEYOND FARM LEVEL	TARGET BENEFICIARIES	INDICATORS MONITORED
Knowledge dissemination	73 farmers 15 media personnel	Level of awareness
Policy formulation	County stakeholders (Kilifi and Taita)	Number of policies

Lobbying for integration of nutrition in agricultural policies at national and county levels	Nakuru County stakeholders	Level of integration of nutrition in agriculture policies and programmes
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### PARTICIPATION IN KEY CSA NETWORKS

The organisation is a member of the Climate Smart Agriculture Multi Stakeholder Platform.

### LESSONS LEARNED/CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF CSA PROJECT

Working through groups saves on resources and time that would have been spent on trying to reach out to individual households. Group approach also enhances cohesiveness and team work among the community members. Participation by the community members in planning for the project activities is useful in project management and brings a sense of project ownership; Farmers learn more through tangible activities. For the case of BEACON, the project impact was more visible in seven (7) months than the previous twenty three (23) months due to the fact that the project supported practical activities such as building of biogas units, distribution of DTC planting materials and tree seeds and working with the government ensures integration of program initiatives in government programmes and policies.

#### INVOLVEMENT IN CSA

- Policy formulation
- Knowledge dissemination

#### RELEVANCE OF CSA MSP TO WORK

- Information about CSA
- Networking
- Learning and exchange
- Influence policy environment

### RECOMMENDATION ON WAYS TO SUPPORT MSP

- Capacity building of CSA actors
- Developing CSA policies, legislations, strategies and plans
- Mobilizing actors and facilitation of dialogues on CSA actions

### RELEVANT LINKS & REFERENCES

<http://www.mediaterre.org/docactu,cGV4aW5lZy9kb2NzL2tlnhLWNsaW1hdGUtc21hcnQtYWdyaWN1bHR1cmU=,11.pdf>

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