

Success Story 2.

High Crop Yields and Increased Income, Embu County

Ms. Felister Nyaga Wangari

Ms. Felister Nyaga Wangari is a small scale farmer who is a youth. She comes from Embu County, Mbeere North Sub County, Evurore Ward, Ciangombe location. She used to farm Sorghum using the local recycled variety without use of improved inputs resulting in low yields hence low income for her household.

KCEP-CRAL Intervention

The programme issued the farmer with e-voucher inputs including certified seeds (sorghum and green gram), fertilizer, insecticide, Hermatic bags and tarpaulins. The programme also trained the farmer on Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) and basic financial literacy. She was also linked to buyers to market her produce.

Before Intervention

Ms. Nyaga used to get low yields of sorghum (less than three bags per acre) before programme intervention. She did not use fertilizer and had little knowledge on its use.

After Intervention

With the programme intervention, the farmer's yield increased from less than three bags per acre to eight bags due to use of improved inputs given by the programme under the e-voucher scheme. With marketing intervention, the farmer has increased her income by selling her sorghum at Kshs 33 per Kg as opposed to before where it used to be Kshs 23-25 per kg.

Unique Attributes of Beneficiary

The farmer is an early adopter of new technologies given out by the programme.

Beneficiary testimony

"KCEP is great".

Challenges

- Frequent drought condition
- Challenges of group cohesion

