

# SOCIETY EMPOWERMENT PROJECT

## EMPOWERMENT THROUGH AGRICULTURE



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Society Empowerment Project (SEP), is a community-based organization focusing on empowering youth and promoting community development in the rural town of Oyugis and in Homa Bay County of Kenya. This region has been hit hard by the HIV/AIDS pandemic and faces high rates of poverty, tenuous food security, and limited educational opportunities. SEP is addressing these critical issues through two unique approaches: youth developmental football and youth self-help agriculture. However, in this edition we focus on Agriculture and how our activities have impacted on the community in ensuring sustainable livelihoods.

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# Poultry farming



At the heart of every community development strategy is promoting employment among the youth. Poultry rearing is one of the best ways to increase revenues streams among the youth who rank high when it comes to unemployment in Africa. We have incorporated our U14 soccer teams in the project through delegating tasks to train them on responsibility and other life skills. We are in the process of implementing training sessions with professionals to learn about improving survival rates, use of technology and generating more income through the venture.

## Horticulture Programs.



Passion Fruit Plantation

SEP is currently carrying out fruits planting as a way of boosting immune system among the local folks. Malnutrition is deeply rooted in poverty and inequality that is why we value Fruit Nutrition. Despite efforts from several sectors to address malnutrition, it still remains a threat to the health and lives of children, the youth and even adults. Our agricultural activities for this program are centered around Fruit Plantation such as Pawpaw, Bananas, Strawberry, mangoes and Pass



## Tree Planting Projects



International Tree Planting Day 2020

Experts warn that we only plant half the trees we cut down, and that is why Tree Planting programs are dear to our hearts. Top on our list was creating a tree nursery which has a variety of species.



Part of our Trees Seedbed

Every year we have successfully transplanted 1000 seedlings throughout the community and assigned volunteers to care for them. April 21 is the National Tree Planting day in Kenya. As it draws closer, we are working to transplant even more seedlings.

## Drought resistance crops

Society Empowerment projects is in 2021 focusing on growing low perennial crops such Arrowroots and sweet potato. The crops can grow anywhere as long as the soil has moisture, are resistance to pests and need minimal care. From the harvests the community can be sure of stable food throughout the year. This goes a long way in terms of sustainable agriculture.



Arrow Root Farm