

RESULTS SUMMARY

Hydroponics Farming In Eldoret-Kenya

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PROJECT	<i>Title</i>	Leave No Youth Behind Project
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	<i>Country</i>	Kenya
	<i>Period</i>	Jan 2022 – December 2026.

CHANGE: Young people are stepping up, not just in agriculture, but in climate-smart practices that protect our environment for the future. Together, they're making real changes, not only improving their own lives but also uplifting their communities. By forming and registering groups, they're preparing to scale up their impact, showing how powerful a united effort can be. This journey reflects their dedication to a cause that brings lasting benefits to their communities and proves that, through agriculture, they can be agents of meaningful change

CONTEXT: Twenty young care leavers who received training in hydroponics have organized themselves into two autonomous groups of ten members each. Both groups are officially registered, have opened bank accounts, and operate under their own set of rules, as outlined in their constitutions. With additional support to scale their operations, they are now successfully managing four greenhouses, two for each group

CONTRIBUTION: SOS Children's Village, through the Leave No Youth Behind Project in partnership with Miramar International, trained 45 young care leavers in hydroponics. After completing the training, they received certification from the National Industrial Training Authority (NITA). Additionally, they received training on group dynamics and were supported in formally registering their groups, empowering them for greater collaboration and sustainability

IMAGES:



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ACTIVITY: The group members are actively involved in setting up and maintaining the greenhouses, marketing their produce, and even sharing their knowledge by training other care leavers in hydroponics

LESSON LEARNED: Involving youth in climate-smart agriculture does more than create job opportunities, it empowers young people to take the lead in sustainable, climate-friendly practices. Their engagement not only supports their livelihoods but also drives positive environmental change, inspiring others in their communities to follow suit.

Evidence: *I used to spend my days at home with nothing to do, but now I come here to care for the farm. It gives me purpose. Samwel Muchiri "The skills I've learned in hydroponics have even helped me improve my work on traditional farms." Felix Ochieng "Coming to the farm has allowed me to connect with others. I don't feel so alone anymore. Dorcas*

DOMAINS: Development strategy priorities:

Changes in the lives of people facing poverty, marginalisation or vulnerability, **X**
Changes in laws, policies and practices that affect people's rights,
Changes in the capacity of organisations and communities to support rights,
Changes in partnerships and collaborations that support people's rights,
Changes in participation of groups facing poverty, marginalisation or vulnerability,
Changes in local leadership of development and humanitarian work, **X**