



COMMUNITY ACTION EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING ON ENHANCING ACCESS TO QUALITY SEED POTATO IN NAKURU COUNTY

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Introduction

In 2017, Egerton University launched a seed potato value chain (SPVC) Community Action Research Project (CARP+) in Nakuru County. This project is aimed at enhancing production and access to high quality seed potato for improved productivity and income of smallholder farmers. The four year project is being implemented in partnerships with National Potato Council of Kenya, Agricultural Development Cooperation (ADC), Baraka Agricultural college (BAC) & the Nakuru County Government . Farmers, students and staff will gain skills through experiential learning.

Activities of the project

1. Train students farmers & staff in clean and certified seed potato production.
2. Train farmers in Seed potato production at Egerton University and Baraka College.
3. Experiential learning on good agronomic practices by farmers, student and staff;
4. Help farmers in collective production and marketing of potato

Certified seed potato

High yielding, Tolerate to harsh weather conditions,
Free from pests and diseases.

Clean seed potato

Seed not certified by KEPHIS
Affordable, accessible.

Farmer saved seed potato

Seed not certified by KEPHIS
Possibility of disease & pest infestation leading to low yields

Clean seed potato production at
Egerton University

Certified seed potato

Farmers potato
exhibiting at potato
trade fare

Students & farmers
experiential learning

Conclusion

The seed potato CARP+ project is set to transform the potato sector in Nakuru county through increased production and use of Quality seed potato

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