

# Innovative organic vegetable production to strengthen traditional varieties in East Africa

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In East Africa, **the cultivation and sale of vegetables** plays a vital role for the population. However, vegetable production is severely **affected by infestations of plant pests and diseases**. To meet this challenge **without chemical pesticides**, a gentle, ecological solution is being applied. Together with experts from partner organisations, vegetable farmers develop and validate **biological, integrated pest controls**. The most important vegetable pests are **controlled with push-pull systems, beneficial insects**, parasitic fungi, biopesticides and the use of resistant, indigenous vegetable varieties.

## Project Goals

- Validation of **integrated pest management** methods
- Strengthening **agro-ecological farming systems** such as push-pull
- Capacity building for the **application of agro-ecological farming methods**

## Specifics of the Project

The project activities contribute to **improving food and environmental security**, reducing the use of harmful pesticides and **increasing income opportunities** for smallholder vegetable producers.

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## Country and Region

Kenia (Kiambu und Muranga)  
and Tanzania (Arusha and  
Kilimanjaro)

## Project Duration

01.01.2023 – 31.12.2024

## Total Budet

CHF 750'000

## Partner Organisation



## Additional Partners



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## Further Information

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