Kenya: St. Augustine Mabanga Seminary Farm

LOAN DETAILS

**LOAN AMOUNT**  $35,334
**INITIAL INVESTMENT**  03/2016

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

**ENTERPRISES**

- **Crops** - Horticulture, maize, pasture
- **Livestock** - Dairy cows

**USE OF LOAN**

- Construction of a cattle dip
- Purchase of a feed mixer and chaff cutter
- Installation of a greenhouse
- Purchase of a water tank
- Working capital

**INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

- Opportunity to **improve margins** through storage and mechanization
- Use of **greenhouse technology** for year-round production, control of pests and proper utilization of water
- Opportunity to **reduce production costs** through onsite feed formulation and growing of animal pasture

ST AUGUSTINE SENIOR SEMINARY

Location: Bungoma, Kenya
Size: 52 acres

Project Leader - Father David Kiranga

Handwashing station in front of the Seminary

Farming staff member in the St. Augustine greenhouse

IMPACT

**SHARED PROSPERITY**

- The farm supports 6 full-time jobs
- The seminary provides agricultural training in the community

**RESILIENCE / LAUDATO SI’**

- Use of integrated farming and organic manure for crops and pasture
- Establishment of 16 acres of pasture for controlled grazing and soil conservation
- Greenhouse technology for year-round production
- Rooftop harvesting of rainwater, which is stored and used for vegetable production

**FOOD SECURITY**

- Provision of food to 179 seminarians and 25 staff
- The seminary provides milk, beef and vegetables to vulnerable community members year-round
- The seminary produces silage and sells excess at affordable price to local farmers for improved milk production

**STRENGTHENED CHURCH ENTITIES**

- Annual sales increased from $16,000 to $40,000
- Seminary will use excess profits to serve the local community, which has a high illiteracy, poverty and high mortality rate due to malaria, typhoid and HIV aids

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