

# Kenya: Dimesse Sisters, Dime Farm

## LOAN DETAILS

LOAN AMOUNT \$36,770

INITIAL INVESTMENT 03/2016

## INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

**ENTERPRISES**    **Crops** - Horticulture  
                          **Livestock** - Dairy cows

### USE OF LOAN

- Construction of a cow shed
- Construction of a greenhouse
- Purchase of dairy cows

### INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Value addition** through onsite **yogurt** processing facility, which sells to the congregation's retreat center as well as the local community
- **Drip irrigation** on 2.5 acres
- **Integrated, organic farming:** Integration of crop and livestock enterprises – use of livestock manure as organic fertilizer for crops, use of crop byproducts as feed for cows

## DIME FARM

Location:  
Nairobi, Kenya

Size: 20 acres



Project Leader -  
Sister Everlyne Atieno



Delegate Superior Sister Jane  
Mwangi in the milk processing space



Sister Everlyne in the new cow shed with dairy cows

## IMPACT



### SHARED PROSPERITY

- Farm provides jobs for **3 full-time employees** and **5 casual workers**
- Training in **agriculture** and **financial management** for **15 community members** annually



### RESILIENCE / LAUDATO SI'

- The Sisters practice **integrated** and **organic farming**
- **Drip irrigation system** for 2.5 acres
- **Solar power** used for lighting the farm
- Harvesting of **rooftop rainwater**



### FOOD SECURITY

- Farm provides **milk and vegetables to local community**
- Excess milk processed into **yogurt**, which has a longer shelf life than raw milk



### STRENGTHENED CHURCH ENTITIES

- Revenue from farm supports **4 healthcare facilities** and **3 schools**, serving a total of **650 patients** and **600 students** per year
- Farm supports an orphanage caring for **150 children**



### MISSIO INVEST ADVISORY & SUPPORT

- Provision of technical **agronomic advisory**
- **Financial management training** for the Project Leader