

# ANASI FARMERS ASSOCIATION



## Mission:

To work with grass-root women without discrimination for development of the target communities

## Vision:

Enhancement of the livelihood opportunities for women and create awareness on environment protection for development

## HISTORY

Anasi Farmers was started in the year 2010 as a community based women organization. It was started by a group of rural women who realized that they are economically marginalized and thought of organizing themselves into a group in order to emerge out of poverty. This led to the formation of Anasi farmers with the aim of giving knowledge to poor rural women to enable them fight illiteracy and start income generating activities to earn a living. To date the membership of Anasi Farmers has increased from 3 people to 20 active women members and still growing. The organization is managed and led by women in its key positions and supported by men in other areas of operations. This aimed at enabling women to control decision making and reduce on male dominance and suppression in leadership opportunities in both families and the community. Anasi Farmers aims to address the major problem of poverty that is mainly due to low agricultural production in Kisinga Sub-County. Majority of families in Kisinga Sub-County are located along the gazzeted boundaries of Queen Elizabeth National Game Parks which experiences frequent crops destruction by wild animals. As such families have limited access to foods often culminating into food insecurity and famine in the area. It is the focus of Anai Farmers Association to increase on agricultural production through improved and environmentally friendly agricultural practices in Kisinga Sub-County.

## PROGRAMS

**MODERN AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES:** Under this program the organization establishes demonstration gardens for skills transfer to farmers in the community. It educates and creates awareness among women farmers on new agricultural practices that increase quality and quantity of food in households and community.

**ENVIROMENT CONSERVATION:** Here the organization promotes environmentally friendly agricultural practices, educates and sensitizes the community on the need for environmental conservation. It establishes tree nursery beds for multiplication of both fruit trees and wood. It provides training on environmentally friendly cooking practices in households.

**HEALTH / HIV/AIDS AWARENESS:** Under this program the organization educates and sensitizes women and families on basic hygiene and sanitation practices, HIV/AIDS prevention, nutritional and better feeding practices in order to address the problem of HIV/AIDS, malnutrition and other sanitation related diseases



**HUMAN RIGHTS:** The organization conducts community education and awareness creation on the rights of women, children and right to food in the communities.

## CHALLENGES

Staffs and volunteers lack skills in institutions development and management

The board of governors lack skills in leadership and organization management

Limited computer skills among staffs, volunteers and board members

Limited knowledge on proposals and grants making

Lack of knowledge on financial management/ accountabilities, monitoring, evaluation of organizations activities and programs

Lacks the knowledge and skills in networking, fundraising and capacity building especially trainings and awareness creation.

Lack of knowledge in strategic planning

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Purchased the organizations piece of land (50"x50") for office space

Constructed the organizations (01 roomed) office on its plot

Established the organizations BOG

Consistently holding planning meetings and general assembly meetings for its members

Grown the number of members from 3 at time of formation to 20 members to date

Conducted trainings for farmers in vegetable growing and tree nursery bed making (01 cotton farmer has become a model commercial tomatoes farmer in the whole of Kisinga sub-county)

Encouraging rural farmers to use renewable energy – solar lighting

Partnered with national and international organizations

Training rural farmers in the conservation of the environment through planting trees.

Implementing the campaign for the 16 days of activism 2015

