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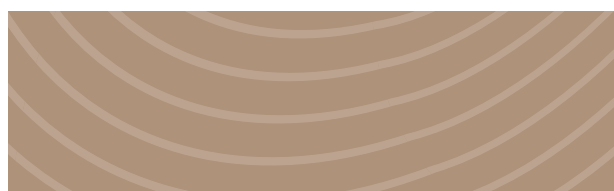
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aak-GROW marked 67 years of growth, stewardship and resilience as we hosted our 67th Annual General Meeting, 2026

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EPR Sensitization in Kisumu

22nd – 23rd January

Collaboration is key to sustainable waste management. On 22nd and 23rd January 2026, aak-GROW and HAPROK in partnership with NEMA Kenya and the Homa Bay and Kisumu County Departments of Environment and Agriculture, conducted stakeholder sensitization forums on the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulations and the Sustainable Waste Management Act.



Products Stewardship Manager, Mr. Benson Ngigi addressing stakeholders

The interactive sessions brought together county officials, community-based organizations, farmer service centres, public health officers, and farmer cooperatives to strengthen understanding and collaboration towards sustainable solutions for hazardous packaging waste management.

The forums fostered rich dialogue among key stakeholders in the implementation of EPR in Kenya at county level, laying the groundwork for coordinated, long-term solutions to hazardous packaging waste.



Stakeholders present for the sensitization forum on the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulations and the Sustainable Waste Management Act.

Oloitoktok and Taveta raids

30th – 31st January



Illegal pest control products, whether unregistered, counterfeit, smuggled, obsolete, or repackaged—pose serious risks to crops, people, the environment, and the economy.

Collaborating with PCPB, enforcement operations were conducted in Oloitoktok and Taveta Counties.

In Taveta County, specifically Madarasani, Challa, Maandakini, and Taveta Market, illegal products, including Dudu Acelamectin (not registered for use in Kenya), were seized from agro-dealer shops, farms, and general shops.

Several stockists were arrested and arraigned at the Taveta Principal Magistrates Court, charged with selling unregistered and illegal pest control and public health products.



Illegal products seized from general shops in Oloitokitok Sub-county

We furthered the enforcement operations in Oloitokitok Sub-County. The operation resulted in the arrest and arraignment of 23 farm workers and 2 agro-dealers found selling and using unregistered pest control products. Areas covered included Kimana, Illasit, Rombo (Ol-Mampinu area), Duka Moja, Entarara, Loitokitok, and Shokut (Kisanjani area).

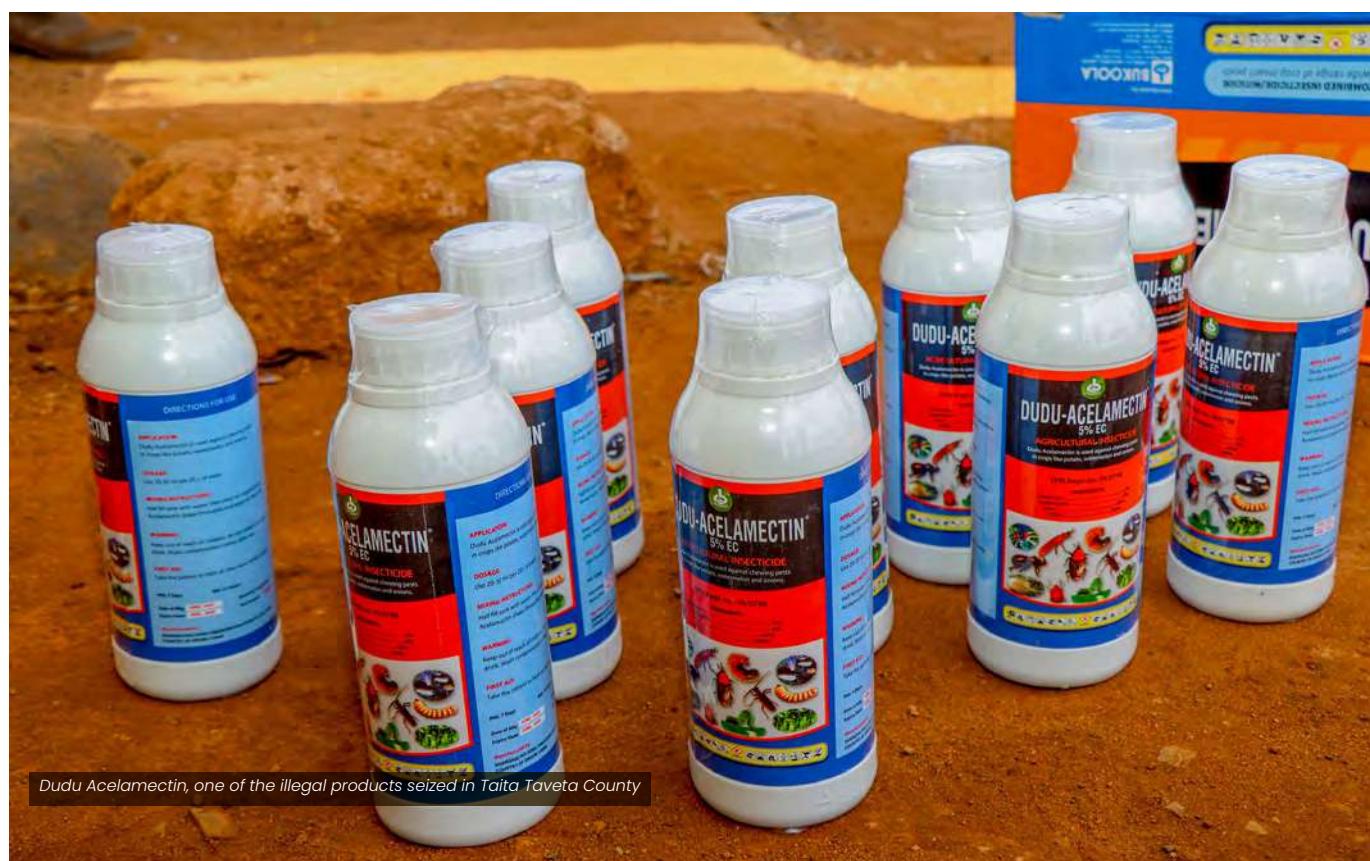
Illegal and unregistered pest control products pose serious risks — endangering human health, food safety, livestock, and the environment.

aak-GROW reiterates that:

Only PCPB-registered and approved pest control products are allowed for sale and use in Kenya.

Agro-dealers must hold valid licenses and stock only approved products.

Offenders will be arrested, prosecuted, and penalized in accordance with the law.



Dudu Acelamectin, one of the illegal products seized in Taita Taveta County



Farmers learning on the importance of responsibly using pest control products



Principal Secretary, State Department of Agriculture, Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh, and Laikipia Woman Representative, Hon. Jane Kagiri at the aak-GROW booth

Large Scale Farmer Field Day – Rumuruti

5th February

At Sasumua Farm in Rumuruti, Laikipia County, we participated in a Large-Scale Farmers' Field Day focused on farm mechanization, conservation agriculture, and crop rotation, practical approaches to improving productivity, food security, and food safety.

Organized by our partner Cereal Growers Association (CGA) and the Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA), the event attracted farmers from Laikipia and neighbouring counties, including Nakuru, Meru, Narok, Uasin Gishu, and Nyandarua, representing the maize, wheat, sorghum, chickpea, barley, and sunflower value chains. Farmers were keen to learn how to increase yields while meeting market quality standards. We sensitized participants on the responsible use of pest control products throughout their life cycle.

Gracing our booth was the Principal Secretary, State Department of Agriculture, Dr. Kipronoh Ronoh, and Laikipia Woman Representative, Hon. Jane Kagiri. Dr. Ronoh emphasized the adoption of conservation agriculture, mechanization through cooperatives, and proper pest control application to manage pests and enhance yields.

9th Africa Agri Expo

11th – 13th February

This year's expo was nothing short of groundbreaking. Centred around Agricultural Technology, it drew trailblazers and thinkers from across the region—each pushing the boundaries of modern farming. The exhibition gave us a vibrant platform to engage farmers and champion safer, more sustainable pest control methods.



Farmers being guided on how to properly read and understand product labels

From boosting productivity to strengthening food security and food safety, we were excited to share solutions in responsible use of pest control products including the adoption of ISO 27065 certified PPE designed for the comfort and safety of farmers and Spray Service Providers (SSPs) during application of pest control products.

The CEO aak-GROW, Mr. Joel Mutai joined a panel discussion exploring Africa's readiness for sustainable agrochemical and biological farm inputs. A key takeaway was the varying levels of regulatory maturity across African countries, underscoring the urgent need to accelerate regional harmonization. The discussion also emphasized the importance of balancing responsible farming practices with commercial viability.

Encouragingly, we were inspired by the growing number of young people entering agriculture and building successful ventures. The future of agriculture in Africa is promising.



CEO aak-GROW, Mr. Joel Mutai in a panel discussion exploring Africa's readiness for sustainable agrochemical and biological farm inputs



Young agripreneurs at the Africa Agri Expo looking to enhance their knowledge on sustainable farming

Herbicide Campaign 2026



Farmers learning on the importance of using the correct nozzle when spraying herbicides

Weed control remains one of the biggest challenges for Kenyan farmers, especially during the long rains. To address this, the Third Edition of the Herbicide Campaign was rolled out in 2026 with a focus to promote the responsible use of herbicides and equip farmers with practical knowledge for better results in the field.



A demonstration on the correct PPE to wear when applying herbicides

The Campaign ran successfully from late February to early May, reaching farmers across eight counties—Uasin Gishu, Trans Nzoia, Nakuru, Migori, Nyandarua, Narok, Kakamega and Bungoma. The campaign delivered key messages through mass media, agro-dealer trainings, social media and farmer field days. The goal was to empower farmers and agro-dealers with the right skills and information on:



Various types of herbicides and their classification



Correct nozzles to use for herbicide application

The use and access of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The importance of using SSPs -establishing linkages with them in their areas



How to read and understand product labels



Identifying and reporting counterfeit pest control products among others



Safe disposal practices of empty pesticide containers in line with national disposal regulations.

Our partners, including the Pest Control Products Board (PCPB), the Cereal Growers Association (CGA), and National Government Administration Officers (NGAO) as well as the respective County governments through the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, played a key role. Their presence created a supportive platform where farmers could openly express concerns about herbicide use and access to agricultural services. The campaign reminded everyone involved of the importance of continuous farmer education. Most rewarding of all was the farmers' enthusiasm—eager to learn, eager to improve, and committed to farming the right way. Onto Edition 4.

Refresher Training on **Risk Assessment**

5th March

Leveraging on the support from CropLife International, CropLife Africa Middle East, and our member Corteva Agriscience, the Pest Control Industry regulatory team participated in a refresher training on Risk Assessment for Pest Control Products.

The sessions focused on re-entry interval calculations, exposure assessment, and the application of internationally recognized risk assessment models, including EFSA tools, across various use scenarios. Participants were also briefed on the forthcoming harmonized East African Community (EAC) Human Health Risk Assessment Guidance, which will standardize risk assessment approaches and dossier requirements across Partner States.

The training, facilitated by Edward Chikwana of Corteva Agriscience focused on strengthening approaches to safeguard human health and the environment.

As an industry, we remain committed to advocating for safety throughout the entire product lifecycle, from rigorous risk assessment before market entry to responsible use by farmers.



Training facilitator Edward Chikwana of Corteva Agriscience



Industry representatives present for the training

Eldoret ASK SHOW

4th to 8th March

This year's Eldoret ASK Show was a vibrant celebration of innovation in agriculture, a testament to how far farming has come and where it's headed. At aak-GROW, we embraced the opportunity to engage with the agricultural community, sharing insights on the responsible use of pest control products and highlighting the importance of safety in every step of the production process.



Young learners at the aak-GROW booth learning on the importance of PPE

Our team seized the moment to champion the importance of using ISO Certified Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during pest control applications. We linked them to various outlets in their region that would enable easier access.

We were honoured by the visit from the Uasin Gishu County Governor H.E. Dr. Jonathan Bii Chelilim who commended the good work in empowering our farmers with knowledge. In a great turn of events, aak-GROW/CropLife Kenya received first prize for the Branch Chairman Commendation Trophy 2026 at the Eldoret ASK Show presented by the Branch Manager, Ms. Jennifer Wanzau, a recognition of we are deeply honoured by. We remain steadfast in our commitment to advancing innovation, promoting safety, and supporting the future of agriculture in Kenya.



Uasin Gishu County Governor H.E. Dr. Jonathan Bii Chelilim being given a walk-through of our booth



Branch Manager, Ms. Jennifer Wanzau awarding aak-GROW the Branch Chairman Commendation Trophy 2026 at the Eldoret ASK Show

Mazao na Afya MoU

6th March

It was a memorable event as we joined our member and now partner, Mazao Grand Holdings Limited, as they marked their 30th anniversary and the opening of their new offices at Makutano in Kirinyaga County. During the occasion, we officially signed an MoU with the Mazao Group to support responsible use and strengthen farmer outreach within their areas of operation.

Promoting the responsible use of pest control products remains a key industry priority, and we will continue working together to advance better farming, better food, and better health. Congratulations to the Mazao Group on this important milestone—we wish you continued success.



Dr. Peter Karanja, CEO Mazao Grand Holdings Ltd (left) and Mr. Wachira Mureithi, Chairperson Board of Directors aak-GROW (right) holding the newly signed MoU



Members of aak-GROW and Mazao Grand Holdings Ltd during the official MoU signing ceremony

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NPCK – KALRO Field Day

7th March

Good agricultural practices are what guarantee food security and food safety in Kenya while protecting farmers' health.

The team landed in KALRO Oljororok for the NPCK/KALRO Field Day, continuing our message on the responsible use of herbicides to farmers in the potato value chain, from purchase to safe disposal practices.



An SSP demonstrating the importance of full coverage during spray application



Stewardship Mashinani Officer, Ms. Velma Wekesa teaching students on proper label reading



Governor Nyandarua County H.E. Governor Dr. Moses Kiarie Badilisha sensitizing farmers on Good Agricultural Practices.

We linked farmers to Spray Service Providers in their area and empty pesticide collection centres, accessible through the SSPs and select farmer cooperatives. Gracing the event was the Governor of Nyandarua County H.E. Governor Dr. Moses Kiarie Badilisha.

Fahari Aviation MoU

24th March



A major milestone was achieved for innovative agriculture in Kenya with the signing of the MoU between aak-GROW/CropLife Kenya and Fahari Aviation.

Together with Fahari Aviation, aak-GROW/CropLife Kenya came together to mark a major milestone for innovative agriculture in Kenya with the signing of an MoU.

In collaboration with the Pest Control Products Board and with support from CropLife Africa Middle East and IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre, this partnership is a significant step towards promoting farmer safety through enhanced responsible agricultural practices by minimizing exposure to pesticides during application.

The partnership seeks to foster the development and implementation of guidelines of pesticide application using on agricultural drones. Further, the guidelines will inform Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) pesticide application regulations.

Pesticide application using agricultural drones is set to revolutionize our approach to pest management by promoting precision agriculture and reducing the risk of exposure to the farmer. We are honoured to be part of the movement advancing sustainable farming in Kenya.



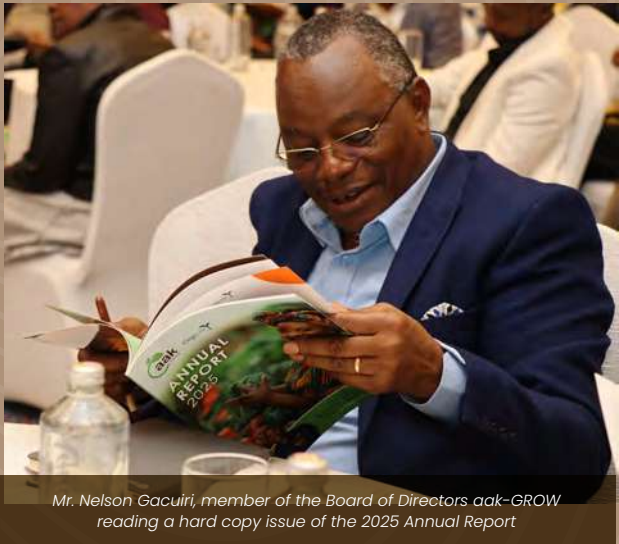
General Manager Fahari Aviation Mr. Hawkins Musili and CEO aak-GROW Mr. Joel Mutai officially signing the MoU

67th Annual General Meeting

27th March



Finance Manager aak-GROW, Ms. Mary Karanja, guiding the voting session for the new board member



Mr. Nelson Gacuri, member of the Board of Directors aak-GROW reading a hard copy issue of the 2025 Annual Report

aak-GROW marked 67 years of growth, stewardship and resilience as we hosted our 67th Annual General Meeting, 2026.

Members came unified with a singular purpose, to reflect on the challenges, breakthroughs and impact we have had in the year 2025 as we chart our path forward in 2026.

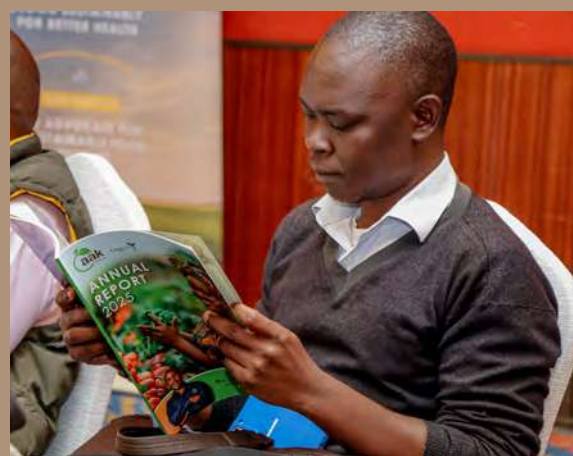
We reviewed accomplishments, exchanged updates and set strategic priorities for 2026 and the future.



Mr. Patrick Kanyingi from BAYER EA, the newest addition to the board of directors at aak-GROW

In a great turn of events, members officially voted in the Managing Director of Bayer East Africa, Mr. John Kanyingi, into the aak-GROW board of directors representing multinational companies. He brings in a wealth of expertise and experience that we believe will further enhance the association.

The gathering underscored the association's commitment to collaboration, transparency, and continuous development. Energized by the insights and shared purpose from the AGM, aak-GROW is poised to advance its mission with renewed momentum. Here is to continued progress, unity, and impactful action in the year ahead.



Regulatory Framework for Biopesticides in Kenya

30th March

Partnering with the Pest Control Products Board and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Pest Control Industry convened at the PCPB Headquarters in Nairobi to review the current data requirements for biopesticide registration in Kenya.



The meeting served as a critical intervention in the transformation of Kenya's agricultural sector by promoting a science-driven regulatory framework for biopesticides—facilitating the shift to low-risk solutions and sustainable Integrated Pest Management (IPM) systems. A streamlined approval process will fast-track the registration by manufacturers and adoption of biopesticides by farmers as a sustainable alternative to pest management in Kenya.



Industry representatives during an engaging session on biopesticide registration in Kenya



General Manager Registration, Pest Control Products Board, Mr. Barasa Wanyonyi officially opening the meeting

Biological Crop Protect Access (BioCOPPA) Index

29th April



Participants engaged in a group discussion breaking down the BioCOPPA Index

The BioCOPPA Index is a first-of-its-kind tool in Kenya and across the African region, designed to assess whether a country's regulatory, institutional, and policy environment is ready to support the development, registration, and adoption of biologicals and biopesticides

The BioCOPPA Index was piloted in Kenya on Tuesday, 29th April 2026, in Nairobi through a national stakeholder validation workshop hosted at the Pest Control Products Board (PCPB). The pilot workshop brought together a cross-section of stakeholders from government agencies, research institutions, and the pest control and crop protection industry.



Key participating institutions included the Pest Control Products Board (PCPB), Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS), the Ministry of Agriculture, the National Museums of Kenya, research institutions, academia, and representatives from the biologicals and pest control industry. The broad participation ensured that regulatory, scientific, policy, and industry perspectives were adequately represented.

The objective of the piloting workshop was to gather expert input and practical insights from national stakeholders to validate the applicability, relevance, and robustness of the BioCOPPA Index within the Kenyan regulatory and institutional context. Stakeholder feedback was intended to support the operationalization of the BioCOPPA Index and inform refinement of the framework for use in Kenya.

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Members present for the national stakeholder validation workshop at the PCPB headquarters

Subject Matter Specialist Training

5th May

In our efforts to enhance farmer empowerment, we undertook the Subject Matter Specialist training on responsible use in Murang'a County enters its second day.

In partnership with PCPB and Murang'a county, we are undertaking a 5-day training educating agricultural and livestock extension officers in the county on the importance of adopting Integrated Pest Management; the various classification of pesticides; the safe purchase, transport and storage of pest control products; accurate mixing and calibration of the products as stated on the label.

The knowledge acquired from such trainings will be used to increase awareness on responsible use and empower their respective farming communities, fostering sustainable farming practices in Kenya.



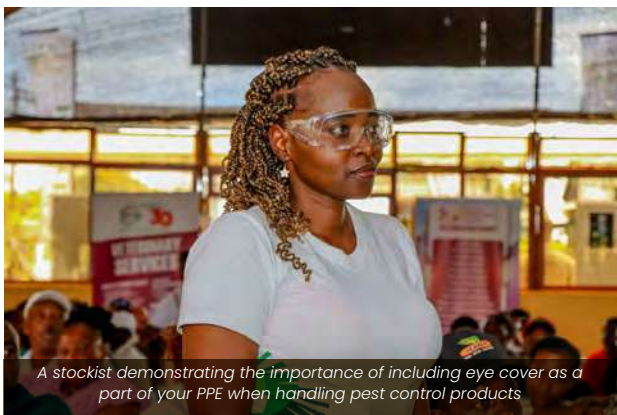
Ag. General Manager Research, Strategy, Planning & Performance Management, PCPB Dr. Paul Ngaruiya addressing participants during the training



Stakeholders present for the Subject Matter Specialist training in Murang'a County

Stockists Training – Mazao na Afya

7th May



A stockist demonstrating the importance of including eye cover as a part of your PPE when handling pest control products



Field operative aak-GROW, Mr. James Nyoro sensitizing stockists on the importance of wearing PPE when handling pest control products



Mazao na Afya stockists engaged in a session on responsible handling of pest control products

Stockists are a critical first point of contact and information for farmers in matters pest control solutions. Capacity building for stockists provides a good foundation for the correct dissemination of information on proper and safe use of pest control solutions.

In collaboration with the Pest Control Products Board and partnering with Mazao na Afya Limited, we undertook a Stockists training at Agitech Seedlings in Mwea.

The sensitization focused on critical topics including updated pest control products regulations, correct label interpretation, responsible handling of pest control products at stockists/distribution premises, correct information dissemination on pest control products to farmers at the selling point, the identification and reporting of counterfeit and illegal pesticides, and empty pesticide container disposal access points in Mwea region.

Operation Jaza Miti

8th May

On 8th May, the aak-GROW Secretariat visited our adopted forest block in Mau Likia Forest in Nakuru as part of our ongoing commitment to environmental restoration. The objective being to ensure that our efforts toward forest rehabilitation continue to thrive — and they are.

We were proud to witness the remarkable progress, with previously planted trees now standing tall. In collaboration with the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) and the Likia Community Forest Association, we planted an additional 1,000.



aak-GROW secretariat, Kenya Forest Service rangers and members of the Likia Community Forest association planting the first ceremonial tree

Beyond planting, our efforts extended to protecting the forest. Reinforced fencing placed earlier in the year around the planted sections were proving successful in preventing damage caused by livestock grazing in the area. Mau Likia Forest stands as a growing testament to our continued dedication to environmental conservation and the preservation of biodiversity.



Members of the Likia Community Forest association planting trees on a section of the forest block in Mau Likia Forest

Expert Working Group **Induction**

14th May

An organization is only as good as the people working to make it so. aak-GROW held an Expert Working Groups Induction meeting that brought together our Board Committees and Expert Working Groups in a shared commitment to strengthening the association through collaboration, expertise, and strategic alignment.

The session served as an important platform to enhance coordination across our various functions, and reaffirm our collective responsibility in advancing the association's objectives.



Newly inducted members of the Expert Working Groups during the session



Chairperson of the Board of Directors aak-GROW, Mr. Wachira Mureithi officially opening the ceremony

The committees play a vital role in building a stronger, more effective, and more impactful association geared towards a more sustainable future in agriculture. By working in sync and leveraging diverse expertise, we continue to strengthen our capacity to serve our members and the wider industry for the advancement of **#betterfarming #betterfood #betterhealth**

World Bee Day Forum



18th – 20th May

This World Bee Day, we celebrated some of nature's smallest workers with one of the biggest responsibilities, pollinators. Bees play a critical role in global food production, pollinating nearly 75% of the world's food crops and helping sustain millions of people every day. Their work not only supports biodiversity but also strengthens food security, farmer livelihoods, and healthy ecosystems.

Acknowledging this we joined the World Bee Day forum organized by the Food Agriculture Organization and The State Department for Livestock Development and Apiculture Platform of Kenya. Its theme focused on the critical role bees play in food security.

One of the key highlights from the event were the panel discussions surrounding pollinator health that emphasized the need for the adoption of risk mitigation approaches in bee stewardship practices by bee keepers.

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A farmer being educated the on good agricultural practices that protect pollinator health



Stewardship Mashinani Officer, Ms. Velma Nasinimyu in a panel discussion on risk mitigation approaches in bee stewardship practices

Acknowledging the fact that pests and diseases form one of the leading causes of global bee colony decline, the platform allowed for the showcasing of new technologies that help curb pests and diseases affecting bees.

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of our pollinators, collaborative efforts from key stakeholders—regulators, county governments, researchers, the pest control industry, bee keepers, and the community—is a necessary course of action.

Medics Training in Migori County

28th May

Medical professionals play a vital role in the prevention, management, and mitigation of poisoning incidences. It is therefore important for healthcare providers to remain aware of the free, timely, and life-saving medical information and advisory services offered by the Poison Information Centre (PIC).

The workshop brought together medical professionals across different cadres representing several health facilities across Migori County. The session was graced by presence of the CECM for Medical services, Migori County, Hon. Isaac Okeyo whose support and commitment towards public health is highly appreciated



Product Stewardship Manager, Mr. Benson Ngigi giving the participants a brief overview of the aak-GROW Stewardship Mandate



Dr. Dorothy Aywak from the Kenyatta National Hospital addressing fellow medical professionals

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Migori County medical professionals for their active participation, commitment to promoting the responsible use of pest control products, and continued support in the prevention and mitigation of poison cases. Together, we continue to strengthen safer and healthier communities.



Medical professionals present for the Poison prevention and response training in Migori County



International Day of Potato

29th May

This year we ushered in the International Day of Potato at the Kevian Farm in Timau. The event, organized by the National Potato Council of Kenya, was a staggering success.



Farmers in the potato value chain came up in droves. Ready to learn and equip themselves with the necessary knowledge and skills needed to increase the quality and quantity of their yields.

We had an interactive session with farmers from Timau, Meru region and the neighbouring counties, educating them on safe and responsible handling of pest control products for safe and improved yields as well as the adoption of Integrated Pest Management Practices.

The day's celebrations marked a stepping stone for Kenya to become one of the world's leading potato producers, setting the tone for the upcoming World Potato Congress later this year. Technologies and innovations in potato seed production were showcased which will provide sustainable solutions to meet the current seed potato demand.



Farmers being encouraged to adopt the services of Spray Service Providers for their farm for professional application of pest control products



Farmers flocking the aak-GROW booth to learn on the responsible handling of pest control products on their farms

Kiremba Farmer Cooperative Society

3rd June

Building on partnerships, the team from Mazao na Afya Group joined our team to engage with farmers along the coffee value chain from the Kiremba Farmer Cooperative Society coffee value chain in Subukia Sub-county, Nakuru county.

We were encouraged to see that the farmers are well informed on responsible use practices when handling pest control products, including product label reading.



Throughout the session, we emphasized the importance of adopting Spray Service Providers for spray application as it reduces the risk of exposure to the farmer. Further, the platform provided an opportunity for our team to introduce drone technology for spray application, emphasizing on safe pesticide applications and precision agriculture. Also, issues and myths on counterfeits and illegal pesticides were demystified and clarifications made on commonly asked questions.

Finally, farmers were taken through the importance of safe disposal of Empty Pesticide Containers practices. Our team was able to establish an Empty Pesticide Collection point anchored to the farmer cooperative.

We applaud Kiremba Farmer Cooperative Society members for leading the way in good agricultural practices.



Members of the Kiremba Farmer Cooperative Society present for the workshop



Farmers learning on the importance of wearing PPE when handling pest control products

4K Club Farmer Field Day

5th June



CEO aak-GROW Mr. Joel Mutai and 4K Club National Coordinator Mr. Charles Lusweti planting fruit trees with 4K Club Students.

Since its launch, Stewardship Mashinani has been instrumental in creating a lasting behaviour change in communities at the grassroots level, raising awareness on the importance of good agricultural practices. An approach of this initiative has leveraged on educational institutions through 4K Clubs.

At Egerton University, aak-GROW with support from our partners and members, established a demonstration farm and hosted a 4K Club Farmer Field Day.

The event brought together various stakeholders in agriculture ready to witness the future of sustainable farming through the lens of young farmers. From drone demonstrations, farming machinery, Spray Service Providers (SSPs), Empty Pesticide Containers collection model to Integrated Pest Management technologies. These were among the many innovations that learners and farmers in the region got to interact with.

The event also included a tree planting session, after which all the students were provided with tree seedlings; a showcasing of the students' talents through thought-provoking poems and skits themed around the responsible use of pest control products; the distribution of farm tools to the schools to sustain the select 4K Clubs.



Farmers and students walking through the demonstration plots as they learn on good farming practices



Students from Utafiti - Njoro Comprehensive School receiving an award for their presentation on Good Agricultural Practices



Students from Kilimo Comprehensive School receiving their harvest from their demonstration plot at the 4K Club Farmer Field Day



Felix Juma from Kilimo School at their demonstration plot during the 4K Club Farmer Field Day educating fellow students

The 4K Club initiative plays a vital role in equipping young learners with practical agricultural knowledge and promoting responsible farming practices within their communities. It is upon us to empower them and ensure that the next generation of farmers become ambassadors for sustainable agricultural practices. We owe big thank you to all who made this event a great success.



Farmers and students witnessing and agricultural drone demonstration

World Farmers Organization

9th June

The World Farmers' Organisation (WFO) held their annual meeting in Kenya hosted by the Kenya National Farmers' Federation (KENAFF). The organisation represents and gives voice to the diverse community of farmers globally.



Chief Executive Officer, CropLife Africa Middle East, Ms. Stella Simiyu speaking on the Sustainable Pesticide Management Framework (SPMF) in Kenya



CEO aak-GROW, Mr. Joel Mutai highlighting the impact of SPMF in Kenya since its inception



Various stakeholders present for the panel discussion on their contribution to the success of SPMF in Kenya

Joined by CropLife Africa Middle East, PCPB, the Cereal Growers Association and Farmer and youth representation we engaged in a panel discussion highlighting the impact of the Sustainable Pesticide Management Framework, a global initiative first spearheaded in Africa through Kenya. The program has been pivotal in strengthening environmental stewardship, advancing socio-economic development and reducing inequalities in the agriculture sector through stakeholder engagement and innovative solutions.

The conversation highlighted the need for stronger public-private partnerships, farmer-centred policies, and increased investment in innovation to build resilient food systems capable of feeding Africa's ever-growing population while improving the livelihoods of its farmers.

Board Retreat

12th - 13th June

The board of directors warmly welcomed Mr. John Kanyingi from Bayer EA, whose expertise will be invaluable in strengthening our leadership bench

Effective leadership is fundamental to the success of any organization. It shapes the direction, sharpens the focus, and influences the culture—three pillars essential to achieving strategic objectives.

At aak-GROW, we recognize the need to continuously build leadership capacity to ensure optimal performance and governance.



In this regard, our Board of Directors, Expert Working Group Heads, and Departmental Heads participated in a comprehensive Corporate Governance and Board Induction training.



Mr. John Kanyingi receiving his board governance training certificate from the Chairperson Board of Directors aak-GROW, Mr Wachira Mureithi



Members of the aak-GROW board of directors, chairpersons of the expert working groups and secretariat

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As we look ahead, the leadership at aak-GROW is energized, united, and equipped to steer the organization forward with integrity, clarity, and a renewed sense of purpose.

12th Agritec Africa Expo

17th – 19th June



aak-GROW receiving a recognition award at the 12th Agritec Africa Expo

We linked them to Spray Service Providers in their areas; sensitized them on the importance of wearing PPE while spraying pest control products; emphasized on reading and understanding label instructions; enlightened them on the proper disposal of empty pesticide containers after use. The expo was instrumental in creating a viable platform for farmer empowerment and national agricultural growth and we are proud to have been part of this.

This year's expo was nothing short of groundbreaking. Centred around Agricultural Technology, it drew trailblazers and thinkers from across the region—each pushing the boundaries of modern farming. The exhibition gave us a vibrant platform to engage farmers and champion safer, more sustainable pest control methods.

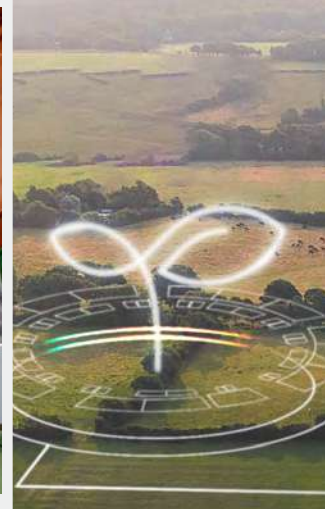


Farmers being sensitized on good agricultural practices

Food safety is our collective responsibility and requires us to bridge the gap between research, regulation and the industry, focusing on key areas for collaboration, innovation and policy alignment to strengthen food safety systems in Kenya.

The Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) held its 2nd Scientific Conference and Innovation Expo at their headquarters in Nairobi. The week-long event ending on the 19th of June brought together various stakeholders in agriculture including researchers, regulators, industry actors and consumers to address the emerging food safety challenges in the country and the needed efforts to counter them.

aak-GROW's Stewardship Manager, Mr. Benson Ngigi, during a panel discussion highlighted the progress made in ensuring food safety particularly in the pest control sector. This has been achieved through stakeholder awareness on good agricultural practices and continuous testing of food produce to ensure they are within the required Maximum Residue Limit (MRL). Through this we play our part in ensuring farmers know the importance of safeguarding the food we eat.



Product Stewardship Manager, Mr. Benson Ngigi in a panel discussion highlighting the progress made in ensuring food safety

Agronomists Capacity Building – Mazao na Afya

20th June

Agronomists play a vital role in creating a stable, profitable, and environmentally responsible agricultural industry. Partnering with Mazao na Afya, aak-GROW took part in a 3-day training for their agronomists at Agitech Mutithi.

The session focused on delivering updated information on the safe and responsible handling of pesticides. In addition, participants were briefed on key developments and emerging regulations within the pesticide sector. The primary objective of the session was to equip agronomists with the knowledge and skills required to serve effectively as Trainers of Trainers (ToTs) in promoting the safe and responsible use of pest control products.



Agronomists receive training on how to properly calibrate knapsack sprayers for effective and accurate application



Members present for the agronomists training at Agitech Mutithi

Agronomists remain a trusted source of viable information for farmers and are instrumental in advancing food safety and food security in Kenya. We remain committed to creating a more empowered agricultural environment.

AFFILIATE SECTION

Pest Management Association of Kenya (PEMAK)

The Pest Management Association of Kenya (PEMAK) has been at the forefront, championing for the improvement of pest control measures — providing high quality standards of professional services all while minimizing risks to users, consumers, and the environment.

Their commitment resulted in the completion of two successful trainings the first being the Structural Pest Management Training Programme on March 18th, 2026, held at the Agricultural Training Centre in Mtwapa. Participants were lectured on various topics the various inspection and monitoring techniques; IPM strategies; responsible handling of pest control products; architectural considerations and regulatory compliance. The programme also focused on the Global Harmonized System (GHS), that governs the classification and labelling of pest control products registered for use.

On the 13th of May, 2026, they facilitated yet another important training on Public Health Pest Management, aimed at providing participants with the correct knowledge needed to curb the rising cases of rodent complaints in urban areas



PEMAK Chairperson, Mr Evans Mutuva giving a lesson on the various types of structural pests.



Stewardship Officer, Mr. Benson Ngigi engaging with Pest Control Operators from at the ATC Mtwapa

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CEO aak-GROW, Mr Joel Mutai offering his closing remarks after the last session



Pest Control operators keenly learning about Public Health Pest Management at the AIRC-KALRO, Kabete

Veterinary Input Suppliers Association of Kenya (**VISAK**)

28th May



Vice Chairperson of the VISAK Board of Directors, Dr. Maurice Ogutu giving his Thank you speech after his reinstatement as Vice Chairperson



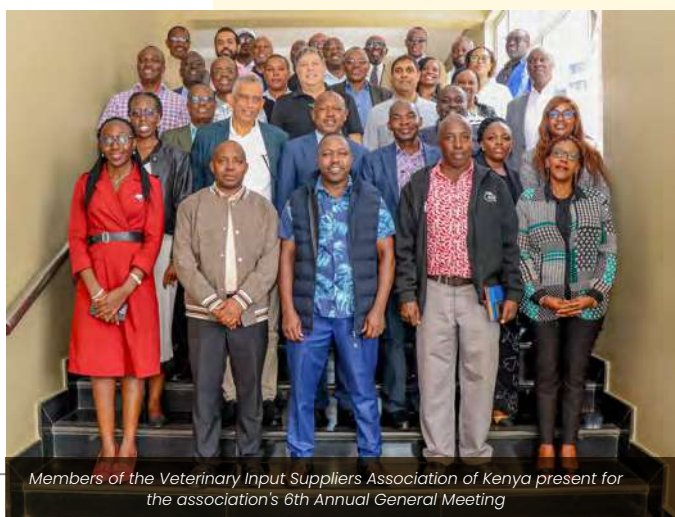
Chairperson of the VISAK Board of Directors, Dr. Karim Shamshudin, delivering the keynote speech at the 6th Annual General Meeting

The Veterinary Input Suppliers Association of Kenya (VISAK) held their 6th Annual General Meeting at Eka Hotel, Nairobi.

The day saw various stakeholders within the industry come together to not only recognise the milestones achieved but also join together to forge new paths and discuss resolutions that will shape the future of the association.

A great highlight of the occasion was the reinstatement of the Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Dr. Karim Shamshudin and the Vice Chairperson Dr. Maurice Ogutu. With their leadership, VISAK is set to make measurable impact.

VISAK plays a crucial role in shaping and supporting the animal health sector through promotion of fair practices within the industry.



Members of the Veterinary Input Suppliers Association of Kenya present for the association's 6th Annual General Meeting



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