

Sharing Know-how Helps Consolidating Organic Farming in Eastern Africa



Danish know-how and methodology helps developing and consolidating organic farming in thousands of farming families. Knowledge sharing is the key.

Using a knowledge sharing method adapted from a Danish dairy farm context, Danish organic association, Organic Denmark, supports and strengthens organic farming in East Africa. The concept is known as Farmer Family Learning Groups (FFLG) and has been implemented and developed with thousands of participants over a span of years in various projects led by the association through partnerships with local farming associations.

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Learning by sharing and doing

The FFLGs are professional communities in which farmers share and solve their challenges through knowledge sharing. The interaction and co-working of the farmers is initially facilitated by specially trained staff. Once implemented, the farmer/advisor relationship changes and continues as a sustained everyday multi-stakeholder interaction between the farmers.

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By January 2019 Organic Denmark is running three projects centred around the FFLG method, reaching a total of more than 10.000 farmers and family members in Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.