

permEzone Newsletter – July 2016

We Did It!

We are delighted and thrilled to announce our most exciting news to date: We now have the funds we need to launch the pilot program!

UK-based non-profit *Garden Africa* has generously contributed £10,000 matching funds to our collaborator the *Permaculture Research Institute, Kenya* for the **permEzone** project. This means we've raised enough between us to cover PRI-K's entire budget for the two-year pilot with the *Drylands Natural Resources Center* in Makueni County, Kenya. We're now actively planning for the pilot to get started!

Great news from the Permaculture Research Institute in Kenya – they've been granted matching funds of gbp10,000 from the UK-based non-profit Garden Africa. This means we've raised enough between us to cover PRI-K's entire budget for the two-year pilot with the Drylands Natural Resources Center in Makueni County, Kenya.

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Garden Africa is doing great work across the continent "with the most vulnerable people to find plant-based solutions to their everyday challenges." They work with farmers, schools and institutions to teach them about plants for food, fuel and medicine in order to conserve local plants and their heritage, improve health, nutrition and livelihoods. To learn more you can visit their website: www.gardenafrica.org.uk

There is a lot to do! We enthusiastically roll up our sleeves as we begin to work with these collaborators to plot and execute the initial steps of the **permEzone** program, to train farmers to design their own regenerative food systems, and support them in creating model farms, empowering whole communities to achieve food security. We are also now actively looking for people to help us work on the cell phone platform that will continue to support farmers and multiply the impact of their training to develop and share local expertise.

We want to thank all of our supporters who have contributed, volunteered and shared this project with your communities.

We are so honored and humbled that you have chosen to support us and this cause.

*The **permEzone** Team*

All the funds raised through this campaign will go to people in East Africa training and supporting farmers, developing the mobile phone platform or collecting data to evaluate the impact of the program. This is a chance to make a real difference by empowering people in impoverished rural communities to work together to build resilience and improve the lives of current and future generations.

Any further help you can give to [spread the word](#) will be hugely appreciated.

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