

Kenyan farmers urge government to allow GMOs

Farmers in Kilifi county want the government to allow them access genetically modified (GM) planting materials to boost agricultural production.

In a communiqué developed at the end of a biotechnology and biosafety awareness seminar last week, they said embracing biotechnology would go a long way in solving food insecurity in the county, adding that the ban on GM foods impedes their economic acceleration, in a county where majority depend on agriculture.

More than 350,000 people, mainly women and children, are said to suffer from food shortages in the county.

“We want to embrace biotechnology because we understand its potential benefits,” County agriculture executive Mwalimu Menza said.

Menza said the forum offered farmers an opportunity to understand the various technological interventions that can be applied in agriculture.

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