

Counterfeit pesticides in Kenya threaten crop harvests and farmers' health

[Kenya] is losing [millions of dollars] in revenue to unregistered agro-chemicals dealers and counterfeit pesticides, according to [the] Agrochemicals Association of Kenya (AAK) chairperson Patrick Amayunzu. AAK said counterfeits account for 15 to 20 percent of agrochemicals being distributed in the country, posing a threat to farmers and the environment.

Some of the companies with the fake products are generating labels similar to the genuine ones, especially for the fast moving products, and employing poor marketing practices such as selling from trucks or cars.

Amayunzu said a lot of the pesticides are expired, adding that purchase of these products could cost farmers their entire harvest.

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AAK in collaboration with Crop Life Director International is conducting a risk mitigation workshop for stakeholders Agrochemicals dealers have [also] been pushing for self regulation to step up the fight against fake pesticides.

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AAK has also partnered with Pest Control Product (PCP) Board to inspect [the] efficacy of products before they are granted licensing in order to mitigate potential harmful effects and counter the losses [of] farmers.

"There is [a] need to collaborate with all stakeholders to train on effective use of pesticides to maximise benefits and minimise risks," Amayunzu said.

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