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## COFFEE REFORMS IN NYERI COUNTY

Mr. Charles Mugo a Coffee Farmer in Nyeri County, Mathira East Iriani ward says that Coffee Reforms Bill by the Government has brought great hope to the coffee farmers in Nyeri County.

Mr. Mugo has two variety types of coffee (SL28) and Ruiru 11 which is only 2yrs old but in about 7yrs it will be about 8ft fully grown coffee tree.

The Farmer says he

harvests coffee in two seasons that is within the months of June and the main seasons on December.

Mr. Mugo was able to produce around 924 kilos of coffee but he targets to get 1200 kilos coffee this year. When asked how he will get to his goal.

Mr. Mugo says that now as a coffee farmer he is motivated to go back to the farm because the coffee reforms grant him good returns.

The Coffee farmer is optimistic that the coffee reforms will enable him



*CS Munya with Coffee Stakeholders in Nyeri County*

get reasonable loans with low interests.

## MR MUGO ADVICE TO FELLOW FARMERS

Mr. Mugo has a group of farmers who meet and set goals.

The group of farmers discuss on how to

increase coffee returns by practically drawing there vision on a piece of paper.

They then work on realizing this vision. The coffee bill reforms is now one of the things that motivates the farmers in Nyeri to work harder in there farms.

*Mr. Charles Mugo a Coffee Farmer in Nyeri County, Mathira East Iriani ward*



## GREEN HOUSE FARMING INNOVATION



*Tomatoes planted in a Greenhouse at St Teresa's Primary Boarding School Nyeri County*

Sister Ngava the Headmistress at ST. Teresa's Catholic Primary Girls Boarding School in Nyeri County and her staff decided to source for funds and build a greenhouse in the school compound.

Sister Ngava says the staff had some free

time during covid 19 when the school was closed and the learners were home.

The Headmistress said she does not regret on investing resources and time on the greenhouse. This is because she has harvested a number of onions for

consumption by her and the staff and also for sale to the nearby community. Currently the Headmistress and the staff have planted tomatoes and some of them are ready for harvest. The Tomatoes will be consumed by the staff, school children and some will be for sale since they will harvest several tones of tomatoes.



*Sister Ngava Headmistress at St Teresa Primary School in the Greenhouse Pruning Tomatoes*

### Ways of Growing Tomatoes in a Greenhouse

In the greenhouse the temperature should be conducive. Very High temperature is not preferred as the tomatoes will ripen prematurely and very low temperature will make the tomatoes take long time to mature.

The stems of the the quality of tomatoes are supported so that they do not lie on the floor. Pruning of tomato leaves is done daily to avoid bushy leaves which compromises



*Discolored Tomato Leaves attacked by Tutor Absoluter Pest*

### Challenges of Tomatoes Growing

In the greenhouse the Tomatoes are sometimes attacked by Tutor Absoluter Pest. In Nyeri this is an identified pest that attacks most farmers' tomatoes. The pest lowers the quality of

tomatoes and sometimes the crop is destroyed even before maturity hence the farmer does not get any returns from the crop but in the Green-

house at St Teresa's, the Headmistress and the staff are able to identify the pest tomato. Once the pest attack tomato leaves the color is no longer green therefore farm pest control experts are alerted.