



Bomet-Milwaukee Sister City Relationship: Strengthening Global Bonds

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- Introduction
- Overview of Bomet-Milwaukee Sister City Relationship
- Significance of the Partnership
- Questions



Overview of Bomet-Milwaukee Sister City



Bomet City (County)

- Bomet is in Kenya, East Africa
- Population- 900,000 people.

Milwaukee-Bomet Sister City Relationship

- Memorandum of understanding- signed in 2005
- Major Tom Barret
- Gov. Isaac Ruto
- Aldermen Joe Davis & Russell W Stamper II

Non-Governmental sponsors

- Strategies for Peace, Education, Research and Development (SPERD) -Bomet
- The Milwaukee African Women's Association (MILAWA)

Key Initiatives & Collaborative Projects

Clean Drinking Water



- Collaborated with Rotary Club
- Drilled a borehole to provide clean drinking water-Sigowet Village
- Challenges
 - High fluoride-water not fit for human consumptions
 - Need filtration

Sister city relationships provide a platform for agricultural trade and collaboration between communities from different countries.

They facilitate market access and streamline trade processes for farmers looking to export agricultural products to the western world.

Collaborative efforts between sister cities offer insights into consumer preferences and market trends, enhancing the competitiveness of agricultural exports.

Exchange programs and cultural events foster mutual understanding and appreciation for each other's agricultural heritage.

Knowledge-sharing workshops, exchange visits, and collaborative research projects help enhance agricultural productivity, sustainability, and innovation.

Leveraging sister city relationships strengthens the bonds of friendship and cooperation between communities across borders.

It fosters a sense of global citizenship and collective responsibility towards addressing common challenges such as food security and environmental sustainability.

Integrating agricultural trade into sister city relationships enhances the socio-economic benefits for farmers and communities involved.

Role of Sister City Relationship

- ▶ Exporting agricultural products to the western world can offer both economical and social benefits to farmers:
- ▶ Increased income,
- ▶ Technological advancements,
- ▶ Rural development,
- ▶ Employment
- ▶ Improve their livelihoods
- ▶ Contribution to global food security and sustainable development.

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Key Initiatives & Collaborative Projects

➤ Kenya Tourism

- Leading tourist destination in East Africa
 - Over 2 million tourists-2019
 - Account for 9.6% in employment by 2026
- Major source of foreign exchange
 - \$1.6 billion in 2019



➤ Cultural and Student Exchange

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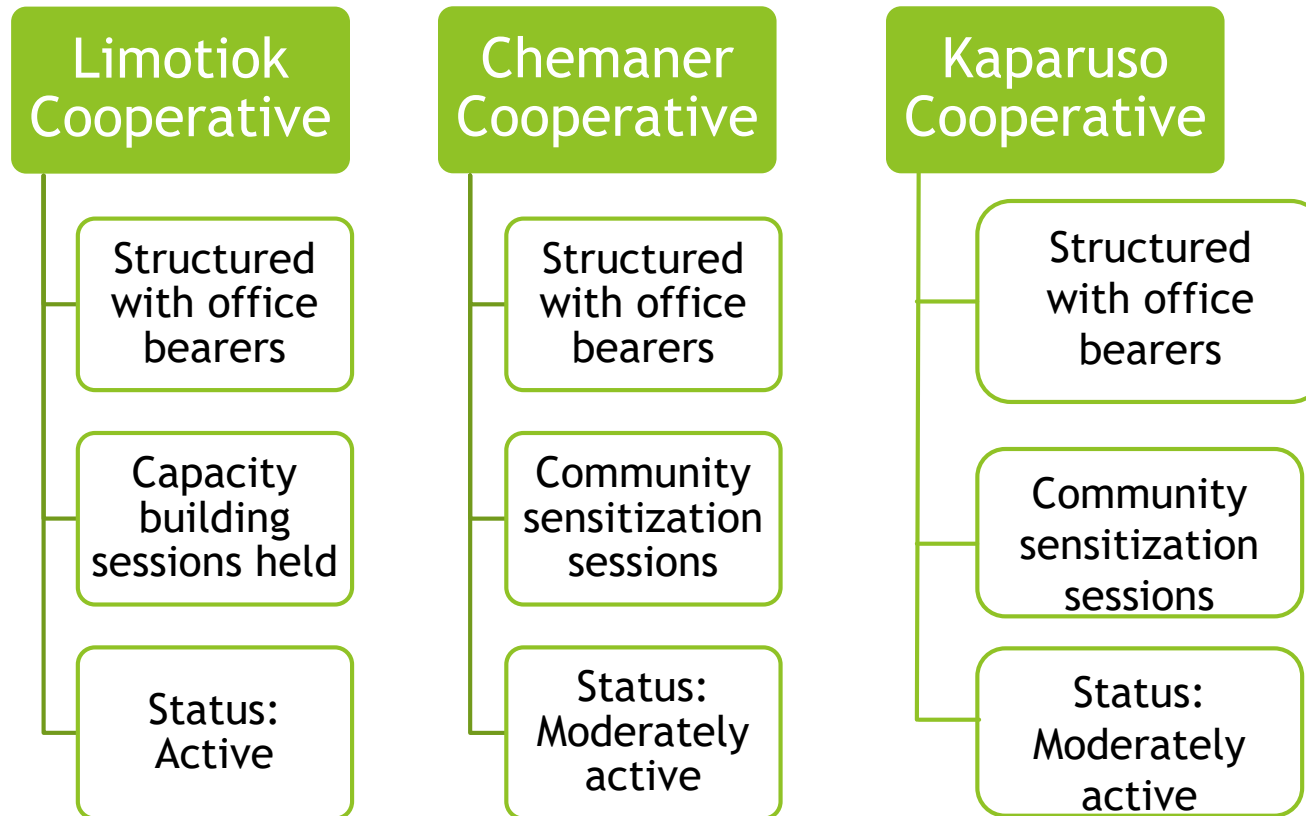
Avocado farming was started in 2016 with initial support of 40 seedlings, at Kshs.1000, to farmers by a white family

About 200 famers - men and women received seedlings. The women participants included widows and single mothers.

54 farmers are currently harvesting avocados. The number is expected to increase to 100 by 2025.



Cooperative Societies (SACCO)



Harvest & Export

Harvesting

- Twice a year:
- **Peak**-Apr-Jun; 38 tons
- **Off season** - Dec - Feb; 20 tons

Export

- MOU signed with exporters
- Some ask farmers to keep harvest for them.
- Google to know current rates
- Cost is KES 100 - KES 180 1Kg



Benefits and challenges



Improved economic status hence more children go to school

Regional collaboration and networking with partners

Expansion of avocado farming & increased number of farmers

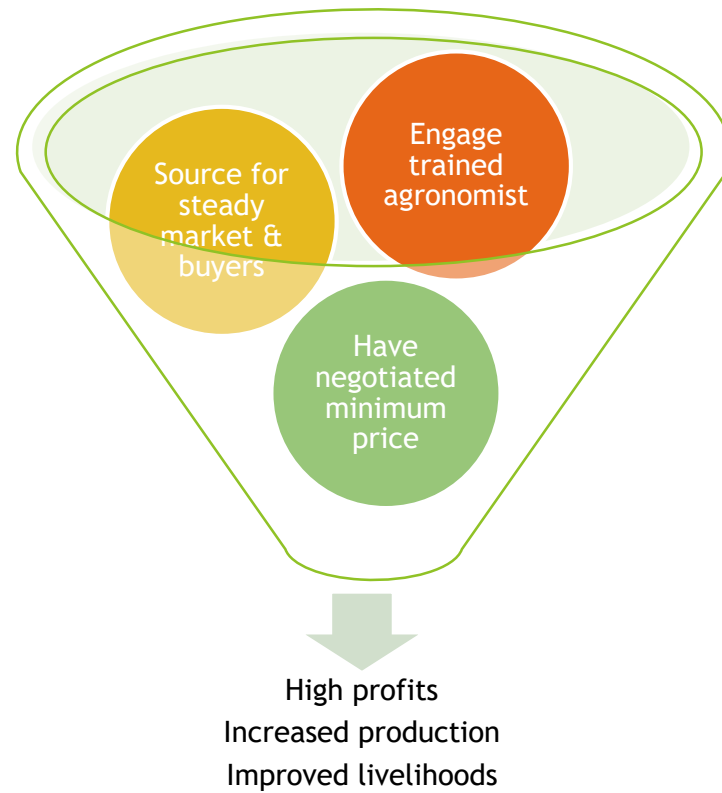


Effects of climate change, pests, & predators affect production

Unreliable exporters & market fluctuation

Few experts , thus limited knowledge on avocado farming

Call for Action





Questions?

Thank you

