

SCRIPT FARMERS G8

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PRESENTATION

Financial support for farmers worl wide. It's one of the subjects the leaders of the 8 richest countries will be discussing today in Italy.
Regarding the food shortages for 1 billion people it should be big business for them, but it's not.
Especially farmers in Third World countries cannot benefit from this huge demand.
For example the small wheat farmers in Kenya in Africa.
The countries produces 350,000 metric tons per year, but according to its own figures it could easily be double.
Ruud Elmendorp paid a visit to two small scale farmers in central Kenya, which is a very fertile area.

BETA LENGTH 3'12"

Pauline Kosgei and Andrew Kiprono grow wheat on 10 acres of land.
But barely make profit.
Since it involves a lot of money.
It starts with paying the land lease, and ploughing it earlier on.
That's 800 Dollars, on a Kenyan budget.
And you still didn't make anything.

PAULINE KOSGEI - walking through wheat field

- How much do you pay for seeds?

90 kg costs 3,000.

- How much do you need?

10

- 10 bags.

Yes.

This field ready for harvesting took a lot of fertilizer.

ANDREW KIPRONO - holding a bag of fertilizer

- Can you tell us something about it?

This is NPK fertilizer 23 23 0.

A bag like this costs 4,500.

PAULINE KOSGEI

One acre needs 75 kg.

Because of lack of money we only use 50 kg per acre.

ANDREW KIPRONO - grabbing some fertilizer

- It looks very chemical.

Yeah.

- It is harmful?

Yes, for people.

PAULINE KOSGEI - lopend door graanveld

- How long has it been here?

Four months.

So let's say at the end of October the wheat will be ready.

- Is it good?

Yes, it's good.

I'm going to use combine harvester.

And the prize is 2,000 per acre.

- 200 Euros for harvesting.

Yes.

Last year it was 80,000.

Because of the fuel.

They have increased the fuel.

All together it adds up to 2,500 Dollars.
Eventhough you won't make much profit.

ANDREW KIPRONO

If the yield is good you can harvest up to 100 bags.

- How much do you get per bag?

If I sell per bag.

Per bag I get 2,600.

With a bit of luck the farmers could make 800 Dollars.
Little to invest on, when also the children have to eat.
There are 300,000 small scale farmers in Kenya.
The government tries to help with workshops on farming.

QUOTE AMOS NYAKEYO, ministerie van landbouw Kenia

- What would be the solution?

The solution would be maybe access to credit.

For them to be able to purchase inputs to be able to carry out farming operations.

And also support in marketing.

ANDREW KIPRONO

- If all these problems were not there. What could be the result?

All Kenyan farmers could be rich.

This is Ruud Elmendorp, from Nakuru - Kenia.