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Christine Ager is a passionate social entrepreneur and SDG advocate with expertise in Agricultural Economics. As the Head of Programs at the Vermi-Farm Initiative, she is driving impactful change in agriculture and sustainable development, focusing on empowering women and youth in underserved communities. The Vermi-Farm Initiative is a social enterprise transforming smallholder farming in Sub-Saharan Africa. Launched in Ntirititi, Kenya, where 99% of the population relies on subsistence farming, it aims to create reliable income streams for farmers, particularly women who often face significant socioeconomic barriers.

Vermi-Farm DigiShamba

Is an affordable, electro-cultured smart greenhouse powered by sensors, machine learning, and electro-culture. This technology provides farmers with climate-resilient crop control, significantly reducing the impact of unpredictable weather. Additionally, the initiative repurposes food waste into high-quality organic fertilizers, lowering production costs by 80% and increasing crop yields. Through the Vermi-Farm Adapt Finance Program, we offer affordable financing for greenhouses, empowering farmers with access to loans through community-based table banking. This innovative financial inclusion model has already impacted over 5,000 farmers, improving their livelihoods and providing a platform for sustainable growth. Vermi-Farm connects rural farmers with urban consumers through our food station model, ensuring accessible markets for surplus produce. This holistic approach drives economic growth, strengthens community resilience, and accelerates sustainable agriculture across Sub-Saharan Africa.



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