

Kenya: Helping farmers at the touch of a button

NAIROBI: The ability to correctly diagnose and treat crop diseases such as banana wilt via mobile phone is just one of endless possibilities for smallholder farmers if location-specific (geospatial) information were available, according to researchers.

Such a project would, for example, make use of mobile devices equipped with global positioning systems and cameras.

"A trained community worker can input the location co-ordinates, take a photo of the diseased crop, send it to our database, from which we would forward the image for expert review and feedback," Whitney Gantt, project officer with the Grameen Foundation, told IRIN. "In addition to being able to identify a disease, people will know what to do."

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