

Drones turn the tides for Meru farmers

Horticulture farmer Patrick Gikunda from Githongo Village, Meru County, like farmers elsewhere, has continued to grapple with water scarcity that has negated productivity. “For farmers in Meru, extreme weather conditions have been a notable hindrance; a condition that has driven growers to adapt small-scale irrigation techniques to boost production,” said Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) researcher, Simon Mogere who is stationed in the area in collaborative efforts between the university and SNV – Netherlands. But introduction of a unique farming technology by JKUAT’s Water Research and Resource Centre (Warrec) in partnership with SNV-Netherlands has enabled Gikunda to reap more benefits from his farming venture. <http://www.mediamaxnetwork.co.ke/business/drones-turn-the-tides-for-meru-farmers-523052/>