

The Department of Agricultural Economics is holding enumerator training sessions for 3 PhD students from the University of Goettingen, Germany. The PhD students include Kathrin Demmler, Dennis Ochieng and Lutz Depenbush. This is part of the research collaboration between the Departments of Agricultural Economics, in both the Universities; That is university of Nairobi and University of Goettingen.

Kathrin Demmler's Research focuses on supermarket purchase, nutrition transition and the burden of non-communicable diseases in peri-urban Central Kenya. The survey will be conducted in Njambini, Olkarau and Mwea. The research of Dennis Ochieng and Lutz Depenbusch focuses around smallholder commercialization in the vegetable sector. The survey is conducted in Kiambu county.

The three students are part of the Global Food research training group at the University of Göttingen and are supervised by Prof. Martin Qaim and Prof. Stephan Klasen respectively with Dr. Jonathan Nzuma as the local partner. The University of Nairobi has recently won a research grant from the same fund to train three PhD students on Agriculture and Diet Diversity in Africa. The enumerator training session began on Monday, April 20, 2015 and will continue until Wednesday, April 29, 2015.