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The Green Olive Trust/Green Olive foundation project is based in Kakamega county in western Kenya.

Green Olive Trust is a Quaker Recognised Body.

The project will train small-scale local farmers in agri-business skill and construct self-build wood and mesh greenhouses to protect the crops from damage by pests and heavy rainfall, conserve water and reduce soil degradation. Farmers will learn how to build the greenhouses from locally-available materials and manage the crops so as to increase their yields and supply local hotels and other outlets.

The first greenhouse has now been built, 15 farmers have been trained and the first tomato crop harvested, despite the challenges posed by the pandemic. The heavy rains that fell during year would have destroyed the crop had it not been protected by the greenhouse.

In the next phase the project will scale up and grow a larger variety of crops, including cash crops. The aim is to become self-sufficient in two years, with profits from the crops funding further greenhouse projects.

