


Kitambaa Vegetable Growers, Kitui County (Project Intervention: 2016-2017)

Mr. Mutua Nzembu, a member of the group, proudly shown us a newly built permanent house and a motorbike purchased by his earning from his farm. He has also educated his wife to diploma level in Teaching and also has managed to retain his two children in school. Mutua used to burn charcoal for living before getting into vegetable production.



Mr. Mutua with his bike in front of his house.

Initially, he was not the member of the group, his family members were. However, as he observed how they had improved their livelihood through market-oriented farming, he decided to join the group. He used to work for weeks to get 2,000ksh, but now he is earning 2,000ksh daily from his horticulture produce.



Before the SHEP Approach, members of the group used to raise many crops on one plot which was not profitable. After market survey, the farmers understood the idea of linking with specific buyers for their produce and decided to focus on selected crops by themselves. This led to reduced post harvest losses, increased output and income thus improved livelihoods. ---Ms. Rebecca, Group Facilitator of the group

Horticulture farming in ASAL areas is possible. Today the farmers in Kitui South smile all the way to the bank. They have been empowered to the extent of providing for their needs. They say they are now independent.

Florence Wambua, SHEP PLUS

