

SHEP PLUS visited Kisumu East Sub County the other day. There, we met two very vibrant groups. As a project, it is our utmost pleasure to find out that the farmers trained by the project are now mentoring and empowering others.



Bala Kienyeji Vegetable SHG,
Kisumu East Sub County

During the visit, many of young follower farmers of the group were excited to talk. This is one of their stories.

"Everyday, I used to pass by one of our members' farm on my way to university. I got interested in his farm."

"If you looked at the farm, you could tell how well they were doing. Then I met Roy (Vice Chairperson of the group. Far right back in the photo). I told him I was interested in farming, he was kind and shared with me about markets, about farming skills and much more! After my graduation, I joined the group. I'm now better off as a farmer. He (Roy) is my mentor."

Mayenya Horticulture SHG, Kisumu East Sub County

You may remember this group, introduced in Raha ya Kilimo Vol. 10. That Mr. Owino (second from right) was telling his former colleagues to join him. Here's what a young farmer who joined the group told us.....

"I used to work as a boda boda rider together with Mr. Owino. We once met and he told me how he was doing after going into farming."

"I was surprised to find out how much he was making. Then I thought, he stays at home and makes much more than I do.... I decided to join his group. He taught me all that I needed to know so that I could be independent as a farmer. He is my 'SHEP'.. Now I'm thinking how I can utilize my diploma in communication for the group...."

