

APPENDIX GOTGOF THIRD YEAR REPORT AUGUST 2023. Greenhouse Photos.

These photos were taken by GOT Trustees visiting the project in March 2023.



This is the first soil sterilizer. It was damaged by wind, but the farmers realised it used far too much wood to be economic or ecological. A new sterilisation process in the pots is now being experimented with. In the background is the intact greenhouse. Oscar Shamalla, GOF Board member and the key liaison person for the project, features in the photograph.



This is the first greenhouse, shortly after crop harvesting. The finished plants have been removed, but remains of old plants are visible on the strings.



New tomatoes had recently been planted when we visited. They are growing in individual compostable 'uhuru' bags.



Picture shows the full length of the greenhouses. The hanging down section of the roof has been drawn back so that damage caused in a recent storm can be repaired.



This photo illustrates how the framework for the greenhouses is constructed using local wood.



Greenhouse Farmers meeting UK trustees.



This shows the damaged greenhouse from the outside. It is evident how poor and dry the soil is outside the greenhouse, the contrast with produce grown inside in the uhuru bags is striking.



Prior to the borehole being dug, once it was realised that the local piped water supply was both too unreliable and too heavily treated with chemicals to be effective for the tomato plants, water for their irrigation was collected from the local river. At the time we visited after months of drought the river was reduced to a trickle. The riverbank is steep and several minutes' walk away from the nearest road access. Local people fill their water cans and wash themselves and their clothes at this point, so it was often necessary to wait to fill the farmers' plastic water containers.



The back of this pick-up truck was filled by the farmers up to 3 times a day with their 40 litre containers. This was exhausting and time consuming work and limited the quantity of crops that could be grown.



The jubilation when the borehole diggers struck water during our visit after several vain attempts was tremendous. GOT trustees felt privileged to be able to share in this moment which is transformative for the project.