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The Women's Economic Empowerment Project (WEEP) is based in rural northern Tanzania and is supported by Hemel Hempstead Quakers.

Maasai pastoralist communities have been among the most severely affected by climate change and environmental degradation, experiencing increased levels of poverty and hunger and a threat to the whole Maasai culture and way of life.

The project will work with Maasai women to build sustainable futures for themselves and their children – helping mitigate the impact of climate change and reduce child poverty, while in turn improving children's health and educational opportunities.

The project is scheduled to start in October, providing training in sustainable agriculture and livelihood support to at least 120 Maasai women in villages of Longido district in Arusha to help build their resilience to climate change.

WEEP will work with Maasai women to establish Women's Groups in each focus village through which to provide start-up capital and training to establish viable agriculture through vegetable gardens and tree nurseries, diversify and develop income generating activities (in non-agriculture related fields), promote business skills, peer learning, market linkages and develop sustainable community-led support networks.

