

### **Box 1: Statement of consensus on UPA in Accra**

*We call for the promotion of a shared vision on UPA that takes into account the specific needs and conditions in the country and urge Policy makers, in partnership with Development Partners, to develop gender sensitive policies and appropriate instruments that will create an enabling environment for integrating and supporting UPA into our economies.*

*Endorsed by the participants in the presence of:*

*Honourable Clement Eledi  
Deputy Minister of Food and  
Agriculture*

A strategic Action Plan on these issues has been developed by the working group. Stakeholders are invited to join in the implementation of this action plan.

### **Innovative Livestock Rearing in the Heart of the City: The Example of Mr. Nicholas Anang Charway**

Mr. Nicholas Anang Charway is a livestock farmer at La Community in Accra. He worked at different places for a while before going into full time livestock keeping in 1986. Presently, Mr Charway owns 275 rabbits, 72 grasscutter, and 12 cattle (seven cows, one bull, three heifers and one young bull). The cows produce fresh milk, which he sells to the community. Some of the milk is processed into yoghurt for sale.



Mr. Nicholas Anang Charway - livestock farmer

Mr Charway's livestock farm is located on a spacious land in the heart of the city. Land tenure security is not a problem to him. The farm is the only source of income and livelihood to him. He is the general manager of the farm. He lives in a suburb, which is about 15 km from the farm. The farm assistants cart feed with a vehicle from the community and beyond. This means that he practices zero grazing which is ecologically friendly. Zero grazing helps him to fulfill the city bye-laws, which prohibit grazing of livestock.

Mr. Charway has a good working relationship with extension officers of MoFA and it has helped him handle animal diseases. He is a member of La Grasscutter Farmers Association. He has participated in the activities of some NGOs. He was trained in multi-stakeholder processes in urban agriculture by RUAF. He is presently a member of the AWGUPA.



From stable to table: urban livestock production under zero grazing.

He does not regret his decision to go into livestock farming because it is profitable. He has only one car and sees it as a challenge in case of a major break down. In the light of this he seeks support to buy a second one.

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### **Twenty Years of Urban Farming Experience in Accra Mr. Bukari Fuseini says it all**

Mr Fuseini is 40 years old and is married with two children. He holds an ordinary level certificate of the General Certificate Examination. His interest in farming dates back to the

early 1980s. This was during the period when he worked as farm assistant on school vacation. Upon the encouragement of a farmer friend, he began full time farming in 1990 when he completed secondary school.



Mr Bukari Fuseini on his farm at Dzorwulu in Accra

Farming is his only occupation and he enjoys cultivating crops. The family feeds on some of the crops and most importantly he is happy with his annual income of about twelve million cedis or \$1,304.

Mr Fuseini cultivates mainly exotic vegetables (lettuce, cabbage, spring onions, and cucumber). The land, which he cultivates, is within a green belt, that protects the Onyinasia stream and the high-tension power cables of the Electricity Company of Ghana at Dzorwulu. He was happy the farming activity has offered him the opportunity to meet with many stakeholders including researchers, students, and opinion leaders.

These interactions served as opportunity for him to share his view on urban agriculture. Mr. Fuseini is presently a member of the AWGUPA and is glad he took farming as an occupation.

The main challenges, which he sees, are the fact that: the general public frowns on their effort to contribute to the food needs of the city. This is due to the use of low quality water, lack of subsidised inputs and access to credit, lack of recognition by city authorities, and the destruction of crops during the desilting of drains. Mr. Fuseini would like the government to provide farmers with accessible, affordable, good quality water, enhance farmers' access to credit and allocate land protected by