



Knowledge Management

In this activity, great emphasis will be put on the preparation of materials that are of direct use for specific stakeholders in urban agriculture. Dissemination will target

stakeholders at different levels of awareness creation, sensitization, and education on pertinent innovations which border on urban agriculture in line with the focus of the FStT. Knowledge gathered in the project and other relevant information will be disseminated through RUAF global and regional websites.

Focus Cities and Partners

The FStT programme is being implemented in three cities in Anglophone West Africa; Accra (Ghana), Ibadan (Nigeria) and Freetown (Sierra Leone). It is coordinated by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) at the regional level. In each city, local partners are responsible for project implementation.

Accra:

- Multi-stakeholder coordination is by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Accra Metropolitan Assembly (MoFA-AMA);
- Innovation project coordination is by Enterprise Works-Vita (NGO).

Ibadan: Local coordination is by the Justice, Development and Peace Commission (JDPC) an NGO, Nigeria.

Freetown: Local coordination is by Cooperation International (COOPI) an NGO, Sierra Leone.

Several other stakeholders participate in project activities especially through the multi-stakeholder forum (MSF)

The FStT project in each focus city involves key urban and peri-urban agriculture stakeholders such as:

- Government departments and agencies on food and Agriculture, Urban Planning, Public Health, Environment, etc.
- Non-Governmental organizations (NGOs)
- Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)
- Farmer Organizations
- Research and Training Institutes
- Marketing Organizations
- Development Agencies



Dialogue through the multi stakeholder platform is key in the development of urban and peri-urban agriculture

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FROM SEED to TABLE

Promoting Policy Support and Strategic Innovation in Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture in West Africa



Background

Between 2005-2008, through the “Cities Farming for the Future” (CFF) programme, the international network of Resource Centres on Urban Agriculture and Food Security (RUAF) developed capacities of local stakeholders in urban agriculture and on skills required for engaging in multi-stakeholder action planning on urban agriculture. Furthermore the regional office initiated and supported the Multi-stakeholder platform on urban and peri-urban agriculture in 3 pilot cities and also co-funded pilot projects in 3 other cities. These processes improved the local policy and public environment for urban agriculture.

RUAF-From Seed to Table (FStT) programme (2009-2010) is initiated to consolidate the processes set in motion by RUAF-CFF in the pilot cities, giving attention to:

strengthening of urban farmer organizations
farmer led technology development and innovation in urban agriculture
micro-enterprise development and marketing
local financing of urban agriculture

RUAF-FStT

The RUAF-FStT is a global programme, which aims at facilitating the development of sustainable urban farming systems and to contribute to urban poverty alleviation and enhanced urban food security, social inclusion and empowerment of urban disadvantaged groups in 21 partner cities around the world. It is funded by DGIS (the Netherlands) and IDRC, with substantial contributions from the regional and Local RUAF partners.

The specific objectives of the FStT programme are to:

1. support establishment of multi-stakeholder fora and development of strategic planning processes for UA at the national level
2. enhance the capacities of local stakeholders (researchers, NGO's,



Learning about farming innovations

farmer organisations, a/o) in the RUAF partner cities to engage in joint situation analysis and policy advocacy regarding urban agriculture and the design, implementation and monitoring of sustainable urban agriculture farming and marketing projects

3. design, implement and monitor farmer based/led FStT projects, leading to improvement in their knowledge, skills, income and nutrition
4. strengthen the organisation of urban farmers groups and organisations and their capacities to innovate their farming systems and market chains
5. enhance the access of urban producers to innovative forms of credit and financing of urban agriculture activities
6. document experiences gained in FStT pilot projects as a basis for information



Fresh urban agriculture produce is readily available on the Market

exchange, distance learning and planning of future activities

Activities

All activities being implemented in the FStT programme are structured around two pillars; the Multi-stakeholder Forum and FStT innovation project.

? **Multi-stakeholder Forum (MSF)** is a platform, which aims at moving the city strategic agenda document prepared during the CFF phase (CFF) to implementation by various stakeholder institutions;

? **FStT Innovation project**, a farmer-led initiative aims at developing the capacity of the farmer to be innovative in the production and marketing of UA produce to ensure sustainable agriculture in and around our cities.

Capacity development

Capacity building activities are focused on support organizations (NGOs) and farmer groups. The aim is to strengthen farmer organizations and facilitate the development of their farming enterprise into more viable entities by an NGO towards sustainable urban and peri-urban agriculture production, marketing and micro-enterprise development. This is done through Urban Producer Field School (UPFS), participatory experimentation and exchange visits.

Enhancing access to credit and local funding

This activity involves implementation of credit and financing study of local opportunities for financing urban agriculture activities in each partner city. The study result will be shared through the local multi-stakeholder fora and regional workshops.

Consolidating multi-stakeholder platforms

The local multi-stakeholder policy making and action planning on urban and peri-



Strategic innovation can make a difference in yield

urban agriculture (UPA) will be continuously supported and strengthened. This is to ensure that the Multi-Stakeholder Forum activities in the various pilot cities will result in formally approved policies on urban agriculture and the integration of urban agriculture in budgets and programmes of stakeholder institutions, leading to a better legal status, and more funding and technical support for urban farmers.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The process, progress, results, outcomes and impact of all project activities will be closely monitored and lessons drawn from



M&E offers opportunities for Learning and improvement

the experiences gained. The lessons learnt will be used by all project partners to improve project implementation guide in future project plans.