

Three other pilot projects, besides those in the pilot cities (Accra, Freetown and Ibadan) are being implemented in collaboration with other institutions in these cities in the dissemination cities.

In Tamale, Ghana, the pilot project is being implemented with the support of the Urban Agricultural Network (URBANET), an NGO based in Tamale. Project activities include enhancing urban food security through sustainable urban vegetable production and farmer group development. The pilot project was necessitated by the inadequate recognition, by policy makers, of the importance of urban agriculture in urban land policy planning and therefore the dwindling land holdings of urban farmers especially women farmers.



*Urban farmers in Tamale learning the use of drip irrigation on their farm (Photo by IWMI)*

In Akure, Nigeria, the project is being coordinated by the Department of Agricultural Economics, The Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA) Ondo State, Nigeria. The project focuses attention on the promotion of Urban Homestead Fish culture through a participatory approach and mainly seeks to reduce urban poverty and enhance nutritional security of poor households in the city.

Finally, in Cape Coast, Ghana, the project is being implemented with the support of the Cape Coast Municipal Agriculture Development Unit. Project



*A pilot project site at Akure, Nigeria. (Photo by IWMI-Ghana)*

activities are designed to promote the participation of unemployed youths in vegetable production in the Cape Coast municipality. The project mainly seeks to contribute to wealth creation and poverty reduction especially amongst the vulnerable groups in society such as women, youth, the elderly, ex-convicts and the physically challenged.

All three pilot projects seek to contribute to the availability of food and clean environment for urban dwellers in the respective cities. This objective fits into the overall objective of the RUAF-CFF programme, which is to contribute to urban food security and sustainable environmental management through the development of urban agriculture in our cities.



*Urban farmers in Cape Coast preparing a piece of land at the Ankafu Psychiatric Hospital*

## Next Issue:

*The next issue of Urban AgricInfo Newsletter will feature stories on activities of FST (From Seed to Table) the next phase of RUAF-CFF*

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