

## Present Activities of FUPAP

The project implementers are collating the exploratory study reports for submission to RUAF. Further details will be provided in the next volume of issue one.

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## Ibadan

Ibadan is the third pilot city for RUAF activities in Anglophone West Africa. Project implementation began in 2007 with a comprehensive stakeholders' analysis, still under way, and is lead by Dr. Oladele Idowu of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. Preliminary responses indicate high interest.

Several stakeholders have been contacted at this preliminary stage. The essence is to be able to identify the key ones relevant for the implementation of the CFF programme. Whereas implementation of the CFF programme will follow the same MPAP process, lessons and learnings from the first two pilot cities, Accra and Freetown will inform adaptations and modifications to be made in the programme implementation.

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## Partner City

### URBANET implements pilot project in Tamale

The pilot project being run by the Urban Agriculture Network (URBANET), in Tamale Ghana, started in August 2006, and seeks to enhance food and nutrition security through sustainable urban vegetable production. In this vein, a study, "Assessing the Prospects for Improving Food Security in Urban and Peri-Urban Tamale: An Analysis of the Constraints and Alternatives for Food Production", was commissioned by URBANET to assess the food security situation of

the Tamale Metropolitan Assembly. The research has generated information for discussions among stakeholders for the integration of urban agriculture into urban and peri-urban livelihood. The study has been validated at a workshop organized in November 2006 for stakeholders. This has broadened the scope of the discussions and initiated debate on the key findings.

As part of the project implementation, some farmer associations and their leadership have also been trained in group leadership and group dynamics. A total of 43 different livelihoods groups have been animated and facilitated to working in group settings during the year 2006. Sixty-five (40 men and 25 women) group leaders representing 13 vegetable farmers groups were also trained.

Working relationships among group members have improved. Farmer field schools have also been held, during which farmers were trained in organic vegetable production, quality seed production, management, post harvest handling, processing and marketing. Farmer knowledge of the production cycle has improved. Key challenges to the project so far included:

- inadequate capacity to monitor the activities of all the groups
- high illiteracy level among the poor urban farmers which poses a challenge to easy adoption of technology and
- poor levels of collaboration among key stakeholders.

Appropriate strategies are being adopted to overcome these challenges. The pilot project is funded by RUAF with counterpart contributions from URBANET.



Farmer Field School, Tamale

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## Related projects in urban and peri-urban agriculture

### University of Ghana, Legon Launches UPA project, 2006

The FAO-IDRC funded project, titled "UPA: towards a better understanding of low income producer organization in Accra" is part of a global ten-city case study in which College of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences (CACS), University of Ghana, represents the focal centre for Accra, Ghana. The expected result of this project is to come up with recommended interventions to strengthen low-income producer organizations in UPA in Accra.

The principal researcher on the Project, Dr. Irene Egyir, is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Agriculture Economics and Agribusiness in CACS and also a member of AWGUPA. She is implementing this project together with a specially constituted task force of some AWGUPA members and other key UPA stakeholders in Accra. To facilitate the project implementation CACS has created an office for UPA.



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