



The Peri Urban Horticulture Project

A success story in DRC



The project

- 10,4 billions USD (Belgium)
- 5 cities (Kinshasa, Lubumbashi, Kisangani, Likasi, Mbanza-Ngungu)
- First phase 2000 (Kinshasa + Lubumbashi):
“diversifying vegetable consumption and create jobs”
- Second phase 2004: “3S method” (integration SENA HUP)
- Third phase 2008: “consolidating”, “5 S method”



Stakeholders

- Ministry of Rural Development (SENAHUP)
- Municipal Offices of SENAHUP
- Municipal Consultation Committees (land management)
- FAO Office in Kinshasa
- FAO Headquarters in Rome



Activities

- SENA HUP opened 24 offices around Kinshasa
- Partnerships with NGOs for Income Generative Activities (IGA) to Horticultural Associations (in order to buy materials / agricultural inputs)
- Authorizations for 600 ha in Kinshasa + 150 ha in Lubumbashi
- Water management / irrigation / drainage / management of floods

Activities

- Great innovation: Construction of covered nurseries (pépinières) allowing production of young plants during rainy season and protecting them during dry season
- Improved the cultivated surface (250 ha)
- 60 farmer field schools implemented (FFS) / 720 producers (K / L) by SENAHUP
- Demonstrating fields

A “success story” (1)



- > 16,000 small producers supported (10000 women) on 2000 ha
- 150 000 tons / year vegetables produced in the 5 cities
- 60 000 jobs created
- Livelihoods and incomes improvement (from 160 to 600 USD / year)
- Authorizations for 3500 land exploitations facilitated
- SENAHP strengthened

A “success story” (2)



- Urban Fresh vegetables and jobs
- > 80% producers have money reserves (vs 20%)
- > 150 000 tons of vegetables produced in 2010 (vs 32 250 in 2000)
- Improved irrigation / drainage on more than 50% of the horticultural lands
- Improved water supply: 8 months a year (vs 4)
- Best agricultural techniques improved (doubled the cultivated varieties of crops)

A “success story” (3)



- Horticultural associations strengthened
- Horticultural sector stabilized / supply chain strengthened
- Rents of lands lowered because of land tenure security
- **Greener lands attract economic actors**
- **National / international synergies strengthened**
- **“Platform of diffusion” for urban horticulture in Central Africa**

Role in enhancing Food Security and Nutrition (1)



- Reduce the double burden of malnutrition (improving F/V consumption)
- Urban consumers have the key role in driving a more sustainable food and agriculture system
 - affordable foods on the market at all seasons
 - appropriate information
 - the means to access the food
 - time and energy to prepare it and distribute it

Role in enhancing Food Security and Nutrition (2)



- Towards more rational and resilient food systems
- Contributes to greener and more healthy cities, as long as
 - good practices are adopted for both production and waste management
 - it is incorporated in urban planning
 - reliable access to natural resources

Thank you

