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Follow-up report to the management response

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Follow-up report of the Management response to the Evaluation of the Growing Connection			Date 27 September 2011
Evaluation Recommendation	Action Agreed	Comments on actions taken, including reasons for actions not taken	Impact (changes) of actions taken in terms of programme, policies and/or procedures
<b>Recommendation 1a</b> FAO needs to offer a wide range of documented micro garden technologies adapted to local situations.	Promotion of technologies by FAO will follow this guideline in TGC activities	This recommendation has been acted by LOW in collaboration with AGP with regard to existing TGC activities. In addition, LOW expanded its networking and outreach to include a larger number of groups working on a variety of urban and school garden techniques.	Revamped TGC activities incorporated a range of technologies. More importantly, the recommendation to emphasise different technologies provided the impetus to expand networking by LOW to groups working on urban and school gardens, and to merge, where possible, the TGC activities with others.
<b>Recommendation 1b</b> Consider integrating lessons from TGC in mainstream programmes	LOW to contact concerned divisions and FAORs	LOW has discussed this with AGP and with a few FAORs.	The main impact was in more mainstreaming of the TGC experience in plans and actions of the LOW office, with regard to networking and interaction with civil society groups. There was, in the end, little opportunity to mainstream TGC experience in the work of AGP or by the FAORs, beyond what had already happened.
<b>Recommendation 2</b> FAO to consider alternative or modified use of LOW resources, especially targeting decision-making levels, academia and media.	LOW in consultation with OSD, OSP and CSH.	Completed	The post of P-5 Senior Liaison Officer was ultimately eliminated all together and the workplans of the G-5 assistant were modified to reflect the recommendations of the evaluation.
<b>Recommendation 3</b> Direct work in developing countries to wind-down, may become an element of US Committee programme.	LOW to wind-down direct TGC work in developing countries, handing off to partners and possibly US Committee	Completed	The thrust of the TGC-related work by the Washington office changed substantially and new activities in this area now focus on information dissemination and networking.
<b>Recommendation 4a</b> US Committee should be reconstituted with broader membership, including some TGC supporters	US Committee to include new members.	Completed.	Two new members were added, representing a much different interest and experience profile, reflecting a broader range of FAO's strategic objectives. Likewise, the composition of the US Committee's board of directors changed to reflect these interests.
<b>Recommendation 4b</b> US Committee should develop a time-bound strategy and business plan for becoming a free-standing, self-financed body.	US Committee develops a strategic plan for becoming free-standing, self-financed body.	The Committee is a free-standing corporation and discussions are underway to secure funding for new projects.	The Committee held a one-day strategic planning workshop that initiated a process of reorientation and revitalization. There are issues remaining whose evolution will take

			more time but the Committee is now on much more secure footing.
<b>Recommendation 4c</b> FAO should kick start this effort (4b) by making a two-year grant to the Committee		A two-year grant is not possible at this time.	It did not prove possible for LOW to provide funds for this, which was accepted by the US Committee.